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Dear Sachs Scholars:

You will all have received the welcome news that Olivia Waring '12 is joining your ranks as the 44th Scholar. Olivia has two seemingly disparate passions, science, in particular biochemistry, and languages. She knows German, Italian, and

Mandarin, and is concerned about the many languages that are in danger of disappearing. She intends to curb this tendency by bringing scientific method to bear on their preservation, and will start with Tibetan-Burman dialects. At Oxford she will pursue an MPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology, with an emphasis on Mandarin and modern Tibetan, under the supervision of the Department of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, one of the few such that exist.

Ronnie writes an enthusiastic note from Oxford, where she is looking forward to welcoming Olivia as Alex and Josh did her. By coincidence Liz Butterworth, whom we would have interviewed, got a Rhodes and will also be at Worcester. There seems to be something about the College that turns Sachs Scholars into Oars-people. Ronnie has taken up rowing, and returns from Christmas holiday to take part in rowing training camp. I remember going down to the river in the rain of a typical English spring day to watch Anne-Marie stroke off.

Josh Goldsmith is living in Venice, Italy not California nor Florida, where his partner, Ca' Foscari, is teaching Catalan at the University. He keeps busy pursuing his interest in languages in two different fields at once. He is translating a variety of works from Catalan, French, Spanish and Italian to English. He recently completed the first, a coffee table book for tourists and Catalans alike called Barcelona Souvenirs. He is also working for the Open University of Catalonia (UOC). This is an online university with about 60,000 students. Josh is an instructor in English, teaching an online course and investigating the subject of online teaching, a rapidly developing field requiring constant innovations in language pedagogy. He has also been hired to revamp the materials used in the classes of the English Department, the equivalent of writing online textbooks. He and his co-author are teaching nearly 6,000 students a term. (He doesn't say how he examines them.) Finally, Josh has set himself a new linguistic challenge. He is learning Polish, his first Slavic language. It is very different from other languages he knows, with a complicated set of cases and grammar rules. Needless to say, he says he is keeping busy.

Emily and her husband, Matt Shapiro '05, are in their last year at Yale Law School. Both enjoy the law and their work for the Yale Law Journal. Next year they move to Charlottesville,

Va., where Matt will be a law clerk for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The following year They will be in New York City, where Emily will serve as a law clerk for Judge Robert D. Sack of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Speaking of the Law, the Atlantic of December 12 runs a brief article, with her smiling picture, about Elena. Like Scalia on the right, Elena on the liberal side of most issues, has the gift of writing simple and elegant prose directly for the American public unlike the legal language in which other Justices of the Supreme Court, past and present, phrase their opinions. In this case, she is writing for the four dissenting Justices on a church-state issue. Her opinions are likely to be recalled in the future, because they are literature.

Michele is enjoying her new position as Associate Register for Policy and International Affairs at the U.S. Copyright Office. The copyright and emerging technology issues are fascinating, and she takes pleasure in the international travel involved. Managing a division of the federal government during a period of budget cutting is less fun, but no doubt it is good experience. We are getting very experienced at shutdown planning, although she hopes never to draw on that experience.

David sends a cryptic note to the effect that he has left the law and is working for a tech startup called ThinkNear: <http://www.thinknear.com>. He also is living in a Venice, this one in California.

Rush directed a production of Michael Frayn's Copenhagen the weekend of the interviews. He continues to run the Stanford Summer Theater, a professional company associated with Stanford. That keeps him theatrically alive, albeit sometimes exhausted. SST will mount its 14th summer festival June-August 2012 focusing on the work of Sam Shepard. The Shepard festival includes a production of The Curse of the Starving Class, a film series exploring Shepard's work as a screen writer and actor, a Continuing Studies Symposium on "Shepard and the American West", and a CSP course "Shepard and American Realism." For more information, visit the SST website: <http://www.Stanford.edu./group/summertheater/cgi/bin/sst/>.

Rush is to be teaching in Berlin this winter, and taking "Wanderings of Odysseus, a version of the first half of the Odyssey, to play in Greece next summer. He is still occasionally arrested at Lockheed-Martin (war machine), but so far has not turned the tide. Maybe in the next life, he says.

Kyle writes from Beijing, where he is affiliated with the University. He is in China for the academic year, doing research for his dissertation topic at Harvard. The general subject is the politics of regional development in inland China. By now he will have moved to the West, in Xi'an and either Chengdu or Changsa for interviews and archival research. He intends a cross-provincial study of why some inland regions have opened up their economies more rapidly than others. He is finding some decent research materials and meeting some very interesting people. And life in China rarely fails to be exciting, mostly in good ways.

Alex is enrolled in the Sociology Department at Berkely. As he looks back at Oxford, he feels that the experience got better and better and that it's hard to hear of all his Oxford friends returning and to realize that he will not be joining them. Getting a Distinction on his thesis and in his course was rewarding, but he found rowing with Josh in Summer Eights and Torpids to be the the high point.

Alex is at the end of the first semester at Berkeley and has never worked so hard. But the constant intellectual stimulation suits him. He is currently training for the Philly marathon. He has also become involved in activism. He's an organizer with the campaign for public education, which is fighting the budget cuts and has thrown himself into the graduate teacher's union, which does essential work for all the students.

Matthew had a great year on his fellowship at the New York Public Library. Kathy and he have moved from Santa Barbara back to New York. He hopes to finish his book on the philosophical origins of the American Revolution this academic year, for release on an unsuspecting public in 2013. Kathy is publishing a book this month. Title: The Good News Club: the Christian Right's Stealth Assault on America's Children. It may require an increase in their personal security budget. Their kids are happy in school, protected no doubt from the Christian Right.

Keefe and Jana, his wife, have also moved to New York, from Cambridge if I recall correctly. He is now the Northeast Regional Counsel for Verizon and is responsible for providing counsel on legal and regulatory issues for the New England states. The last year or so has been a period of great change and challenge for the company as it competes with cable television and other providers to offer telephone, broadband, and video services.

Doug is working hard on various projects, including analysis of a very interesting 13th-century history of physicians that Ibn Abi Usaibia, a scholar in Damascus, wrote. Here's some still relevant medical wisdom:  
<http://purplemotes.net/2011/11/06/practical-problems-in-medical-practice/>. Executive summary: Don't take medicine unless you really need it.

Joel continues doing well as Deputy Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Executive Director of the Commonwealth Seminar. Most importantly this year, Mari has recovered from the concussion that she suffered last year. We belatedly celebrated her 50th birthday in December as the invitation said: "Mari is back and ready to party."

Justin had a delightful year as a Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan. He is back at work covering higher education for the AP. After years of moving here and there, they like Ann Arbor, have decided to stay there, and bought a new house. He has also enjoyed getting to know Steve, who teaches at the Law School. Maria is working in psychiatry -- half time in student health at the University and half time at the University Cancer Center. She also has a regular project in a women's prison. Finally, and most important, Maria is expecting in January. They are thrilled, terrified, and aware that life is about to change -- A LOT (Justin's caps).

Natalie continues her, I must say extraordinary, service to the International Red Cross. Last December she was posted to Kisangi, DR Congo, and was reposted in February to Dungu, a small town near the Sudanese border. Her mission was to expand the ICRC's Protection presence with people affected by the Lord's Resistance Army. Through regular field trips to remote areas,

mostly by air as the roads are not very secure, she met very resilient people who have been forgotten for too long and began working with them to help them back on their feet. Highlights include reunifying children with their parents, whom they hadn't seen in years; teaching Red Cross volunteers how to use a phone so that they can call out in an emergency; and discussing International Humanitarian Law with arms carriers in the region.

The highlight of her year was her marriage in April to Dany Merny, also an ICRC delegate. They had a marvelous three weeks together before separating to their respective mission stations--Dany in Kirkuk, Iraq. Natalie is at the end of her year in Congo, and is joining Dany in Lebanon for Christmas. Several months of unpaid leave, probably in Beirut, will allow her to be closer to her new husband. Anyone traveling in the Levant is warmly invited to stop for a visit.

Finally, Dan-el sends his news, of which there is plenty. He has been flying from Stanford back East several times. first to give a talk at the Collegiate School in New York, from which he graduated on immigration reform, again to serve on a panel for the Fifth annual Dominican-American Student Conference at Yale, and finally to attend his brother's graduation from Bowdoin, which purpose was thwarted by a dense Maine fog and his flight, which landed in Washington, D.C.

At Stanford he passed his qualifying exams and has embarked on a dissertation topic. The topic is institution building in the early Roman Republic by dint of religious beliefs and practices as embodied in temples, cults, and festivals in the period of Rome's rise to prominence. He is particularly interested in the virtuous cycle set in motion by the Roman decision to re-invest the proceeds of their military campaigns in temple building. As a result, Rome became a magnet for skilled and unskilled labor and the temples soon took on the infrastructural function of nodes for the activity of firefighters and other civic enterprises. All of that, he thinks, explains why and how the city of Rome and the Roman Republic rose to power and influence as rapidly as they did.

On a personal note, Dan-el's memoir of his early life, not that all his life isn't still early, has been through two editings at Penguin books and presumably will soon be published

All of you will be deeply saddened to learn that Daniel, one of Christine's twins, who were born on 30 June, died about a week

ago. You will join in our sorrow and profound sympathy to Christine and Peter.

Those of you who are Old Members of Worcester College will recall that 2010-2011 was Dick Smethurst's final year as Provost. In his twenty years as Provost, and before that as Tutor, he was a tremendous support for the Sachs Scholarship, as indeed Harry Pitt as Senior Tutor was before him. We will miss him. Josh and Ronnie, come to think about it, will in effect be our emissaries with the new Provost, Jonathan Bate. There are memoirs of Dick's twenty years as Provost, several by him and several tributes by others, in the current Worcester College Record.

Emily and I continue to be well, and I still have a couple of scholarly projects in hand. Finally, you will all wish to join in appreciation of the inspired leadership that David gives the scholarship, and in his and Cathy's hospitality at the time of the interviews and at the Baccalaureate Sunday party. We hope as many of you as possible will be here to see Olivia off and to wish her well.

Yours, Charles