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ALUMNI UPDATES | FALL 2022



WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI UPDATES!

From Semester 1 to Semester 47, our Fall Semester alumni are up to some pretty cool things! Don't forget to flip to the end to find out what former HMI faculty members have been up to, too. As always, updates from spring semesters and former apprentices will appear in the spring. Happy reading!

SEMESTER 1

Semester 1, we'd love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 3

ELIOT ESTRIN reports there is nothing too new going on. He still lives in Topanga, CA with their three year old daughter. Eliot works in the social justice field, as a psychotherapist, and is starting to do some film work on the side around the topic of Near Death Experiences. He looks forward to seeing everyone at some point! **EMILY GARAI** has exciting news! She was promoted to the Lead Behavioral Health Specialist in Georgia for One Medical-Senior Health. She manages a team of behavioral health specialists working within primary care for seniors. Her two children, Caleb and

Nathanial, started first grade and preschool and continue to love learning and making mischief. Their new puppy Molly just turned one, and is as sweet as can be, despite using every trick in the book to steal human food. **CAITY JOHNSON** has great news too! She is still living in the Bay Area, loving being a mama to their sweet and funny little Liva Sivan. This weekend, she is performing in the final Royal Frog Ballet Surrealist Cabaret on the East coast. It is the poignant end to a rather defining era of her life (artistic and otherwise), and she is thrilled that she can share it with her husband and baby this year. **SAM WILSON HARLOW** is still living in Vermont with her husband and two wonderful kids, Emmy Lou (4) and Archie (2.5). She is glad to hear that RMS III folks are doing well!

—Sam Wilson Harlow (Samantha.W.Harlow@gmail.com)



Caity Johnson (Semester 3) and her daughter.



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SEMESTER 5

Semester 5, we'd love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 7

MEEYA HILL is still living outside Augusta, GA with her husband Adrian. The two oldest boys are grownups now (23 & 20) so it's just Jayden (15), Caycee (8) and their two rescue puppies at home. Meeya works as a healthcare recruiter during the day and moonlights as an "Uber" driver for teenage boys in the evenings. If anyone is ever lucky enough to score Master's tickets she and her family would love visitors! **JAMIE VAN PELT** started a new job this year at Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chase Chase, MD, where she supports the technology and reporting needs of the investments team. When she is not busy with that, she is off with her husband, Mike, chasing around their two daughters, Finley and Olive. They enjoy swimming, hiking, running, baking, and watching movies together. **REBECCA**

(FLINT) D'ELIA is excited to have gotten back to leading kids in the woods through an organization she is helping to start. The organization is a nature-connection and social-emotional mentoring program called Wayfinders on the Hudson. Outside of Wayfinders work, Rebecca has been enjoying playing with her family and training for a trail running race. She will definitely be at the HMI reunion in 2023 and hopes to see many of you there! In another installment of RMS 7 is the best semester news, one of our own, **WHITNEY LEONARD**, was selected to run the search for the new head of school. Additionally, Whitney is looking forward to formally starting her term as Board Chair this fall. Oh, and she is also still enjoying her day job as an attorney in Anchorage, Alaska. She had a blast getting to see Erik Levy and other alumni who were on campus in May for Danny O'Brien's send-off, and she is looking forward to hopefully seeing lots more RMS 7 folks at the 25-Ye

ar reunion next June! **ERIK LEVY** continues to learn all sorts of new things from his daughter, such as every possible variation of Baby Shark, as well as whatever a "Pinkfong" is. He's still in Minnesota but seems to travel around the country more than ever, and he's looking forward to seeing people at the 25-Year reunion! There's that reunion thread again! **SAM TIMBERG** lives in Brooklyn with his girlfriend and they recently had a major kitty foster fail and within 24 hours of bringing two foster kittens into their home decided that adopting was more their speed. After kitty proofing the apartment, Sesame and Taro (brother and sister from the same litter) have settled in perfectly. He still plays ice hockey once a week, but the Advil doesn't seem to go as far anymore! He also is thrilled for the upcoming reunion and thinks everyone should find time for a little RMS 7 gathering while in PBville.

—Sam Timberg (samtimberg@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 9

It's been exactly 20 years since RMS 9 (!!!), and we're trying to get some sort of reunion going. I (**CHARLIE EICHACKER**) got married last fall and have been living with my wife Courtney in the mountains of western Maine for the last year. It's no Leadville, but I've enjoyed reacquainting to the high altitude lifestyle. **CAROLYN LOEB** and her husband bought a home outside Waterbury, VT, where they live with an entertaining flock of chickens. **ZACK REDLITZ** welcomed a son into the world in September and is enjoying the time off he now has to spend with little John. **PHIL QUINN** is enjoying watching his two kids get older from his home on the Rhode Island coast. **EMILY TROYAN** is still working for a logistics company and raising her son in Pittsburgh. **HARRISON BUCK** lives with his own two kids in coastal New Hampshire. He has been recovering from a traumatic brain injury and appreciates that he finally has a better roadmap to recovery.

—Charlie Eichacker (ceichacker@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 11

PARKER HEINEMAN is currently living in San Francisco as the Food Program Manager for Pinterest's North American offices. He is still exploring the outdoors when he can and recently went on a camping trip with his girlfriend to Sonoma Lake. He was in Steamboat Springs earlier this year with his family rafting and fly fishing. **MADELINE O'BRIEN** lives outside of Portland, Oregon with her husband, son (Parker, age 2) and one on the way. She recently reconnected with a visit from fellow HMI-er, Della Williams, in the Pacific Northwest. **CHASE WALLING** and his wife moved to the Asheville area in western North Carolina in 2020 and enjoy hiking and whitewater rafting. Chase and his wife both work from home in the medical research field. They are expecting



Madeline O'Brien (Semester 11) With Son, Parker.

their first child (a boy) in November, and he is already hoping he will want to spend a semester in Leadville in 2038. **ALISON KELMAN** recently moved back to San Francisco for a job at a start-up working on wildfire prevention technology. She was lucky enough to spend the summer in Aspen, and was grateful to be back in the mountains of Colorado for an extended visit. After five years of working in emergency departments, **HARDEN WISEBRAM** took a job as a nurse at Chewonki in Maine. They run a semester program similar to RMS and she is already enjoying being on dish crew and participating in other community activities.

—Madeline O'Brien (mwallace1488@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 13

ELIZABETH SINCLAIRE is still living in San Francisco, working as a Labor and Delivery nurse, luckily working the day shift now. She just went on maternity leave as she is due with her first baby in a few weeks! Elizabeth and her partner have been preparing for this big life change and enjoying some precious moments of sleep. Other than that, Elizabeth traveled to Mexico City this spring and back to the East



Parker Heineman (Semester 11) in Steamboat Springs.

Coast and has been soaking up time with family. **SAMSON FINKELSTEIN** is still living at Midland School, where his wife teaches Math. Christopher Barnes is the headmaster at the school, so they see him and Molly Barnes almost every day. The school is on a 3,000-acre ranch and is an amazing place to raise their two kids, Freya (5) and Tomas (3). Tomas just started preschool. As far as work goes, Samson does several different things. He's tasked with producing 40 cords of firewood each year to heat the classrooms and faculty homes at the school and has started a furniture and custom fabrications business that is going well so far. Samson still has one foot in the circus world, and this week is doing a job rigging a circus show in Las Vegas. Next week he's setting up a circus tent for Cirque du Soleil in Guadalajara. Over the summer, Samson and his family took a trip to Europe. They visited Samson's brother-in-law who lives in Italy, visited friends in Sweden, and spent a couple weeks in Brussels. Charlotte, Samson's wife, is Belgian and chooses to speak only French to the kids. So, while they were in Brussels, they put the kids in summer day camp, which was a great way for the kids to improve their French. Samson has also been doing a fair bit of backpacking and trail work over the last

year. Samson and another faculty at the school have adopted a historic backcountry trail near the ranch and, with help of the students, are slowly bringing it back to functionality. It takes a day or two to hike to the trail, so the work requires a lot of commitment. There is a mile long section that requires army crawling on your belly, and they cleared it to 10' across. **NATHAN BRAND** is still in the middle of surgery residency (it's seven years long). For this year, Nathan and his wife are living in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Nathan is working with the department of surgery at Muhimbili University for Health and Allied Sciences. Living in Dar is awesome—it is hot and tropical, and they live right on the water which is amazing. The work is fascinating and is a combination of surgical capacity research and clinical care. They plan to be here for a year, and then will return to San Francisco so Nathan can finish his remaining two years of residency. This year Nathan has loved being able to see **ERIC BERNSTEIN** a few times now that Eric is in Minnesota. Nathan can assure you that Eric is still as boisterous as ever, and it is good to be able to get out into the woods with fellow HMIs. Speaking of Eric, he is still in Minnesota trying his best to help create a more caring and equitable society. The process of learning



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how the whole state government apparatus functions has been challenging and frustrating at times, but the two years of learning were a worthwhile down payment to get where he's at now, with some influential leaders in the labor and community organizing world. Now, with their support, Eric is hoping to start a new organization in the next year or so and he is very excited about it. A bonus is that Eric now has more travel flexibility. Last December Eric drove the Alaska-Canada Highway with a friend who was moving to Kodiak Island, and recently he returned to visit Kodiak and do some backpacking with his brother and cousins before flying to NYC for three weeks of friends and family on the east coast. It was wonderful. Outside of work and adventure, Minnesota has provided the perfect mix of tender and tough love that Eric desires always. In addition to ample bike trails, Eric loves the intense winters and has taken up cross country skiing on the lakes and park trails in his neighborhood. Living here has also given Eric the welcomed opportunity to see **NATHAN BRAND** regularly. Just before Nathan moved to Tanzania, they had an incredible three days at Nathan's family's cabin up north! Eric has also seen **BEN WILKOFSKY** and his

daughter Isabel a few times since and they are both doing well—Isabel (now almost six) has been gifted her father's superhuman strength and can already lift a 24kg kettlebell, much to Ben's delight. Last summer they spent a weekend together including bike lessons, zoo trip, and beach time. It was precious. Eric also saw **ERICA COREN** when she was in town visiting a friend! It was a lovely surprise, and they had a lot of laughs. **LOUIS EISNER** is living in Manhattan with his fiancé. They hope to get married at the end of the year. Not much has changed for Louis, he is still making paintings and sculptures. Louis had his first solo show in Paris last June, which was a milestone. Louis keeps an art studio in Long Island City, Queens and his apartment, which he recently moved into, is in Midtown near the Jewelry District where Louis also has a small desk where he messes around. Jewelry has become a hobby. Last spring Louis went up to Yellowstone with his family and got a touch of nature, which was nice. Also, during the summer, after his show in Paris, Louis was up in Washington state and got to spend some time there on a goat farm, which was very inspiring. **TAYLOR VERDERAME** marked a year in North Carolina (Chapel Hill)

over the summer and just celebrated her son's first birthday at the end of August. To say this past year has flown by is an understatement! Taylor has been stay-at-home mom-ing and it's been a joy, but she plans to return to interior design work in the next few months. Otherwise, lots of small East Coast trips and time spent hanging with family.

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SEMESTER 15

Semester 15, we'd love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 17

RMS XVII continues to live adventurous lives, greatly inspired by their time in the mountains at HMI. Continued personal and professional growth is abundant (but no surprise!) in this year's update, filled with new cities, developing careers, and expanding families. After living in Germany and Boston, **ERICA (WINELAND THOMSON) LANDERSON** and her family have decided to settle in Hailey, Idaho, where they enjoy fantastic access to nature, beautiful mountains-the



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Sawtooth Mountains, and a wonderful community. They are homeschooling their two sons this year and spending as much time outside with them as possible. Erica is still doing some project work with AdventureWomen and starting a trail running and yoga retreat based in Flagstaff. She has been getting back into trail running, a reminder of the days running in Leadville! **HENRY STANISLAW** is living with his girlfriend, Katharina, in Berlin. After two years of working remotely during COVID, they moved in March. He still works in country expansion and business development for Engie Energy Access which sells and distributes off-grid solar across Africa. It's taken him to Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, Zambia, and Tanzania over the years! Henry continues his passion as a DJ, now and again, and takes every opportunity to get into the mountains.

EMILY COHEN and her husband moved out of Boston at the end of August and are still fixing up the old house they bought last summer. It's a 1700's barn converted into a home. She got her independent social work license this past spring. **MOLLY (DOUGHERTY) KHUN** and her husband are expecting their first child in early December. They reside in DC, while Molly is still working at the same middle school in Maryland. **SUSANNA (MCMILLAN) ALTER** and her husband, Ben, are expecting a baby in October! Susanna and her husband live in Carbondale, CO working in their naturopathic practice while enjoying the outdoors and Colorado hikes. **ALLI (REID) BUTTACAVOLI** and her husband welcomed their son, Winston, in September. She works for a concierge medical practice in Miami Beach, Florida, where she lives with her family. **LEAH (HEAL) GRAVES** and her husband had a baby girl in February. She still works in primary care and lives with her family in Mount Olive, North Carolina. **AMIE SALTER** and her husband had their third baby in February, Henrietta Lou, but they call her Henry. She and her family finally moved back into their home after three and a half years of rebuilding and are so happy to be home! **NOAH STROUSE** got married this past summer! He and his wife continue to caretake their forest/farm property in the Santa Cruz mountains. **ANNA RAMSEY** married her husband, Taylor, over the summer in Vermont. She is working as a bilingual fourth grade teacher in NYC and completing a master's degree at Bank Street Graduate School of education. **AURI EAST** lives in Seattle and still enjoys their work as a multi-day river guide on the Middle Fork and Main Salmon in Idaho and the Colorado in the Grand Canyon. When not on the river, Auri is a substitute teacher and has a small business as a Sex Ed workshop educator and consultant. **CLAY CONTEE** has been working in Philadelphia as a medical sales assistant. **REID PIERCE** is living with his girlfriend in Brooklyn, NY. He continues to work in advertising, currently at Saatchi & Saatchi, as a producer for television commercials. Maybe you've seen some of his spots on TV! While geographically spread across the globe,

RMX XVII maintains a close bond, at least through the yearly updates and check-ins. They are proud of the continued strong connection as a group and the accomplishments of each individual. Together they believe they are making **CASEY BEAUPRE** and **JACK FIELDS** proud with their collective love of life and adventurous spirit.

—Alli Guzy Buttacavoli (allisonguz@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 19

TUCKER PFORZHEIMER is moving the mushroom farm to Amenia, NY, expanding, and reopening in 2024. **REED SNYDERMAN** is loving life in Salt Lake City. He is running ultramarathons while working for a Swiss ski company, Faction skis. He got married in June near Telluride, CO, and his beautiful wife Julia is a labor and delivery nurse here in Salt Lake. He and his wife have a great Australian cattle dog that they love to go biking and hiking with. Life is good and Reed is pumped for ski season! **JOHN "STRONGARMS" MARINO** hit two big milestones this year: five years at the same job (June) and four years in the same apartment (September), which are the longest he's ever had a single

job and the longest he's lived in one place since before XIX. He spent 2022 traveling, working, and reliving the solo expedition (but on his couch). **SAM MCBRIDE** is still living it up in Maine with her husband, two year old daughter, and the pups. She successfully grew two squash and a single serving of beans this year after an intense battle with the local groundhog population, and is now looking into fencing. After six years living in a co-op house in Somerville MA, **COBY UNGER** moved to an adorable cabin on a farm outside the city this summer. He was asked to remove the water slide from the back yard upon moving. So, with help from his partner Sadie, John Marino (Coby's other partner) and a bunch of other crazy friends, the slide was temporarily installed on an island in a state park. Transported there on a flotilla of air mattresses. Holler if you are in the Boston Area and need some garlic, he grew upwards of 3,000 heads last year. After getting married and finishing her PhD this summer, **CHARLOTTE AMBROZEK** started at the University of Minnesota as an Assistant Professor in the Applied Economics department. **LIZ KELMAN** is still living in Somerville, MA with her partner Brendan (RMS 21) and working as the Public Health Nurse Manager for the City of

Somerville. She is hoping to visit Leadville soon to check up on two friends who just joined the HMI faculty! **LIBBY CHAMBERLIN** hasn't moved far from where you left her last. She now resides in Denver and works as a policy analyst, serving the Colorado House Democratic Caucus. Her primary responsibilities include learning more about Colorado taxes than she ever desired to, learning more about Colorado counties and districts than she ever thought possible, and helping fund the state. When she's not running around under the capitol dome, she's begrudgingly building up her trail running strength. She's been enjoying hanging out with **EMILY FAXON** and **CAROLINE STEPHENS** whenever possible, and took a lot of joy from reconnecting with **KATIE HELFGOTT** during her Denver sojourn this summer. Speaking of Emily, she is currently living her best life in Denver with her dog Ziggy. She spends her free time Olympic lifting and trying to coordinate XIX reunions with James, Keith, Caroline, and Libby. She is also trying to convince Katie to move to Denver full-time. Emily is open to convincing other people to move

here and taking on greater planning responsibilities in the name of fun and epic adventure. After years of threatening to leave the architecture/engineering/construction industry, **CAMERON YU** finally did it this year after passing the Professional Engineering licensing exam, making sure he didn't walk away with nothing to show for years of toiling. He now works as a Space Accountant at that other school in Cambridge, MIT. Meanwhile, he still hangs out regularly with Coby and John (Strongarms) Marino, with yet another successful Camberville Ribfest in the books. When he's not scheming up Ribfest, he's throwing Weird Dinner Parties with his friends, coming up with meals and natural wine pairings that are driven by produce bought at the farmer's market earlier that day. He is truly on his way to becoming *that* Camberville yuppie. **KEITH SNYDER** continues to live happily in Greenwood Village, Colorado with his wife Megan and their two dogs (Thumper and Flower) working as a Senior Equity Analyst in charge of companies in the Telecommunications, Communications Equipment, and Space Launch sectors. He



Emily Faxon, Keith Snyder, and Libby Chamberlin (Semester 19) at Keith's house for the May '22 reunion.



Emily Faxon, Libby Chamberlin, and Katie Helfgott (Semester 19) at Happy Camper, July 22.



John Marino, Coby Unger (Semester 19, not pictured), and Coby's partner Sadie transport a water slide to an island on a flotilla of air mattresses.



Abby Barnstone (Semester 23)...some things havent changed

recently joined the HMI Alumni Council and looks forward to helping shape the future of such a wonderful organization. **JACKSON SMITH** bought his first house with his wife. His dog loves having a backyard! **CHELSEA DIECK** and her husband had a baby girl, Emma, in June and they are having the best time figuring out life as a family of three (or five if you count the dogs). She's still in Massachusetts and would love to catch up if you're ever in town! **MAX HOLLMAN** lives in Los Angeles and does something fabulous for work. **ADELAIDE DAVIS** is still living in Geneva, Switzerland working on COVID vaccination for the Red Cross. **JOEY PATTERSON** lives and works in Amsterdam, where he enjoys traveling and being single.

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SEMESTER 21

Semester 21, we'd love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 23

CAITLIN KUCZKO still lives on her ranch in Leadville, manages the Leadville Lake County Animal Shelter, runs her dog training business, and remains a Professional Responder for the ASPCA. She is currently training two of her dogs to find bats at wind farms for conservation detection and plans to be in the field next summer. **ALYCIA MARTENS** lives in Oakland with her partner and graduated from UC Berkeley with her MSW in May. After spending the summer traveling and spending time with family, she's excited to begin her career as therapist at Berkeley High School. She likes to cook, surf, make ceramics, hike, and see live music, and is looking forward to connecting at the reunion in June. **SAM HORSTMANN** moved home (Marion, MA) from Denver, CO where he was living and working remotely. Once back in MA, he joined his family business where he has spent the past year learning and focusing on sales and operations. Sam just purchased a house in Lakeville, MA where he plans on



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settling down with his wife of two years. **ABBY BARNSTONE** is still living in Los Angeles. She is currently working at Microsoft, in the Xbox Division. She is a consumer product development manager for the brand and also manages e-commerce programs. She still creates swag for companies on the side. She has continued to make time for her art, and DJing. A new craft she has been practicing is refurbishing and spiffing up old sneakers. She has been lucky enough to meet up with **SELDY GRAY** and **RACHEL WHALEY** for dinner in LA from time to time. It is always a nice reminder for her about the time she spent at HMI as a teenager, it still feels like yesterday. **MICHAEL MARINO** is living in Maine. He has obtained a structural welder certification and became a licensed crane operator. He looks forward to continuing to advance his career in marine construction.

SEMESTER 25

KATHERINE GEPPERT still lives in both Denver and Marina Del Rey with her French Bulldog Meatball. She is in her 7th year as an Executive Assistant and Estate Manager in Los Angeles where she leads and manages a large staff. In her free time, Katherine continues to help clients online with their diet and exercise so they can live their healthiest life. **HALLIE SKRIPAK- GORDON** is living in Washington DC and continues to work on Department of State professional exchange programs. After fostering seven dogs throughout the pandemic, she finally adopted a dog named Teddy in April. Hallie is excited to work towards their training certification and dog sport goals together. She also enjoys singing in the City Choir of Washington and performing around the city. **JACK DUCHIN** still remains in Northern Minnesota, working to build an outdoor preschool/ commercial child care center. Jack designed the building and is also doing the construction. **MELISSA GRIP** is getting married on December 17th to her fiancé Ben Giust in the Hudson Valley, NY. She is currently in her fourth year teaching fifth grade at an all boys school outside of Boston. In her free time, Melissa is looking forward to signing up for her first full Ironman later this year and would love any training buddies in the Boston area! **LOUISE OWENS** is celebrating her third year as a registered nurse at NYU Langone Medical Center in Manhattan, NYC. She recently got promoted to Nurse Clinician and received her board certification in Medical Surgical Nursing. In her spare time she has taken up roller skating and continues to play the ukulele that she brought to HMI in 2010! **PETE JAMES** is a first year resident in Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery at Dartmouth. **PRIYA MUTHU** works for Hasbro as a global brand manager in the Star Wars & Indiana Jones team (all the lightsabers, helmets and figures you can imagine). She is happy to still live on the East Coast and get fresh air whenever she can! **LEE JUNKIN** lives in Boston, MA working for a digital marketing agency and still spends a lot of time outdoors fishing and skiing. **RYAN CLARK** has had a busy and exciting year. In February, his fiance Kristina and he moved and bought their first home in West Hartford, CT with their new dog Gretzky. Ryan started a new job at Ernst & Young (EY) in their tech consulting division and continues to help plan their wedding next year in June of 2023. **JAMIE SARAFAN** has finished up her two Masters Degrees at CU Boulder in History and Religious Studies. She taught at a Community College in Colorado last semester and loved it! Jamie moved to Las Vegas this past month and is excited to climb more once the weather cools off! **LAURA HANSEN** is currently working as a therapist at a community mental health center in Denver, and still getting out to the mountains around Leadville in her free time. **SCOTT TETINGER** started a new job as a project manager with a mechanical contractor this year helping build



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high rise apartment buildings in Chicago. Outside of work he's spending a lot of time with his new band, Naked Brunch. They just had their first show recently and Scott's been busy writing new music! The remainder of his time is spent hanging out and exploring the city with his girlfriend, Hannah and their dog, Todd. **LAUREN COOPER** is still at Syracuse University where she is a PhD Candidate in English Literature specializing in British Romanticism. She is currently working on her dissertation, examining the way the climatic conditions of the period are represented within Romantic literature and art. **ZOE STOENNER** lives in Washington DC working in public relations and media relations. She's going to Hawaii for two weeks this fall and is excited to take the boots out and hike some mountains! **GLENYS HUNT** is living in Telluride, CO, and getting in her fair share of snowboarding and mountain biking. She is still working in the outdoor industry/mental health, and starting her Masters in Clinical Mental Health this January. Glenys finds joy in the music scene there, and attends shows whenever she can. Cheers from the western slope!

—Katherine Geppert (katherine.geppert@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 27

KELSEY HOEKSTRA is on a new team supporting her company's Denver office, and would love to meet up with anyone in the area when she visits. This year, Kelsey attended **COLLEEN ORR ENGEL's** wedding with **ISABELLA CALIANDRO** in Tucson, Arizona. She also caught up with fellow classmates **OLIVIA CHARTIER** in Washington, DC and **BEN BUCKLES** in Massachusetts. Kelsey is looking forward to more travel soon to Japan and South Korea, and thanks **KINORI ROSNOW** for all of his wonderful travel tips! **COLLEEN ORR ENGEL** is excited for cooler temperatures reaching Tucson as she continues to pursue her MBA at University of Arizona and will start a new job in November. She and her husband Jason had their wedding in March, and loved seeing Kelsey Hoekstra and Isabella Caliandro for the weekend. Colleen continues to enjoy serving on HMI's Alumni Council and is looking forward to a successful Summit Challenge this year!

—Colleen Orr (colleencameronorr@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 29

KIM VIERCZHALEK just recently moved to Salt Lake City with her dog Roux. They love being closer to skiing, climbing, hiking, paddle boarding and all things outdoors. She is working remotely as a software engineer and really enjoys working from anywhere and everywhere. This summer she got her scuba dive certification and is looking for her next ocean adventure. Kim is looking forward to a great ski season out in Utah and more adventures with her pup! **LÉNE EPP** is currently living in Lander, WY. She works as a field instructor for NOLS— leading backpacking and rock climbing courses. When not in the field, Léne works at an outdoor preschool and spends her free time climbing, gardening, baking bread, and taking baby steps on her slackline. After HMI, **SHAYNA ELIAN** went on to play softball at the University of Delaware and embarked on the Fall 2017 Semester at Sea Voyage. After graduating undergrad, Shayna moved back to LA and worked as a nanny for a few years before going back to school. In 2019, she founded a nonprofit called The R.I.G. (Rebuild. Inform. Grow.) and Shayna is now finishing her third year at Pepperdine Law School in Malibu, CA. Post-grad and post-bar, she will be working for the Children's Law Center in Monterey Park! Shayna would love to connect with HMI alum in the Los Angeles area! **LIDDY RENNER** recently moved to Richmond, VA and married her partner, Levi Ballard. Emily Kelman was one of her bridesmaids, and a dear friend she

met while working at HMI in college officiated the ceremony! She'd love to see some other 29'ers in the near future!

SEMESTER 31

SOFIA VEGAS moved to Puerto Rico in June 2022, and has been teaching yoga and living the island life! She founded a company called SVG METHOD LLC which focuses on encouraging mindful and active lifestyles both online and in person! She enjoys going to the beach with her boyfriend and exploring the island! You can follow her on instagram @itssofivegas or checkout her website: www.svgmethod.com. **MADELEINE FRIEDENBACH** has just finished her summer season as a Wrangler in Jackson, WY. She's moving to Denver and is excited to be close to a lot of ski resorts this winter. **SAWYER FRISBIE** made the move to D.C. a year ago now and is loving it! She recently rescued a pup, Jones, who is a two year old hound-mix with no interest in hound activities and instead a passion for laying on the couch and sitting on Sawyer's feet. **CAROLINE ZERELLI** is working as Marketing Associate at a company called Chicory that turns recipe content into commerce media. She moved to Astoria, Queens in February 2022 and loves to dog-watch throughout the city. Maybe this time next year she'll have one of her own! This past year **EMILY SHANNON** has been living in Leadville working at the Tennessee Pass Nordic Center before her Pacific Crest Trail attempt. She quickly



Shayna Elian's (Semester 29) view from Pepperdine Law!



Kim Vierczhalek (Semester 29) and dog, Roux



Freddy Short, Maeve Cambria, Spencer Mayer, Louisa McBride, and Liza Jane Branch (not pictured) met in Joshua Tree for a Semester 31 Reunion!

found out how hot the Southern California desert is and ditched that for a long climbing trip in Red Rocks and Indian Creek where she can now consider herself a crack climber. During that she accepted a job at HMI working as the Rations Manager that started this summer and fall after a short trip on the Colorado trail. While working for HMI Emily is applying to graduate school at SUNY Buffalo to earn her Master in Social Work to become a licensed therapist. This winter you will find her nordic skiing all day every day and teaching HMI teens how to cut onions without cutting their fingers off. **MAEVE CAMBRIA** moved across the country from New York to California in August 2021 and has been traveling up and down the coast ever since. She currently resides in San Diego, working remotely on the music team at Equinox Media. Being out in California has allowed Maeve to go on new and exciting adventures similar to the ones she experienced at HMI. Recently she and some of her other friends from her semester got together for a trip out to Joshua Tree, CA!

LOUISA MCBRIDE is still working at HMI and enjoying a lovely fall in Leadville. She has enjoyed connecting with other 31'ers over the last year and hopes to see many of them at the 25-Year Reunion next summer.

—Caroline Zerilli (caroline.zerilli@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 33

DAVID RATHBUN recently just finished his thru hike of the Appalachian Trail. He started March 20th down in Georgia, and finished Sept. 1st 2022 on Mt. Katahdin in Maine. He's now starting a job in wilderness therapy mid-October of this year out in Utah. After two wonderful years in Green River, UT, **FRANCES ERLANDSON** recently moved to Portland, OR, where she works at HUB Collective, a woman-owned design & strategy studio. **LILA HITZIG** is living in NYC and working as a Cyber Security Analyst for NBCUniversal. Recently she has been going into the office which is located at 30

Rockefeller Center and it hasn't gotten old yet! She loves her job and has the best team in the world. It really makes every day a fun day even when there is so much work to do. NYC has been so much and she lives just one short block away from **MARY JENKINS!** She loves being in NYC because so many friends come to visit. Best moment of the fall was going to Brooklyn with Mary to cheer on **GRACIE MOSES** and **MADISON WILKINSON** in the marathon. **EMMA BERMAN** is living in Brooklyn, NY and just started a new job working at Indeed.com. She's excited to be working to help people find employment! She's also hoping to get some good leaf peeping in this fall with an upstate camping trip or two. **MICHAEL KELLMAN** is living in Los Angeles working in entertainment as a writer/director. **ELIZABETH ORR** is teaching kindergarten at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, Tennessee! She is also coaching middle school lacrosse, exploring the music scene of Nashville, and enjoying all of the new restaurants. **JACK TRUESDALE** recently moved from Maui to Honolulu. He's working at a daily newspaper five days a week and surfing maybe six. Occasionally he actually misses being cold and breathing the crisp dry air of the Rockies. **EVAN HOLLAND** moved from Denver and now lives in New York City working for a French company called Back Market that is a marketplace for refurbished electronics that promotes sustainability and the circular economy!

MADISON WILKINSON lives in Denver with her dog, Murphy. She recently started a new job working for a nonprofit called Kiva, focused on financial inclusion and is also completing a certificate program in Corporate Social Responsibility with CU Boulder. In her free time she still loves to run and is trying to write more. **JASMIN DICKINSON** has recently moved to Austin, Texas for graduate school at Ut Austin. She is pursuing a masters of architecture with concentrations in historic preservation. She is looking forward to exploring all of the nature that Austin, TX has to offer. She and **AUDREY STANDISH** regularly knit and cross stitch together over facetime.

—Madison Wilkinson (madisonwilkinson16@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 35

LILY ESPOSITO is currently in Italy celebrating her heritage with family. Usually she lives in the Adirondacks in upstate New York and works as an environmental educator at a nature preserve. She is building a homestead and getting married to fellow Semester XXXV alum **AARON DEARDORFF** in less than a year! **JACK SADOFF** finished his Masters of Engineering Management program at Dartmouth College and is now moving to San Francisco to be a software engineer at Verkada. After finishing his Apprenticeship at HMI for Semester 48, **SAM KWON** returned to Boston to continue work as an Emergency Department Technician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. His baking hobby developed into a career; he also began working as a baker at Greystone Cafe in South End. **MOLLY LOVETT** lives in Brooklyn with her cat, Esmerelda. She works in the service industry at a matcha cafe and makes rugs in her free time. She loves and misses HMI! After graduating from Colby College in May, **MOLLY GARDNER** moved back to Minnesota. She currently splits her time between Ely and Minneapolis, and travels to visit friends and family whenever possible!



Sam Kwon (Semester 35) making croissants after work!

SEMESTER 37

Semester 37, we'd love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 39

As per usual, Semester 39 has had yet another year filled with impressive endeavors, exciting new adventures, and time well spent with friends and family: **ELIJAH WOODS** spent his summer working at a frost bank, has been enjoying spending his time fishing, and looks forward to graduating from Trinity University in the coming Spring. Over in Colorado, **GEORGE DOWNS** recently finished up his club mountain biking race season, where he competed all over Colorado, including Crested Butte and Aspen. George is continuing to enjoy his

time at Colorado College, especially his latest Southwest Studies block evaluating the waters of the West. **WYATT SHATTUCK** interned for the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies this past January, and is now in Latvia studying Russian for his fall semester. As if he didn't have enough on his plate, he also made time to train and complete the Infinitus 88k race in the mountains of Vermont in May, finishing in 9th place overall! Still studying at Appalachian State University, **LIA TREBLICOCK** is majoring in Sustainable Developmental and Public Health. She also works at a local brewery, and has been enjoying spending time out on her new mountain bike. **SONALI BUTENSKY** is gearing up to graduate from UC Santa Cruz this upcoming winter, while also working towards her TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Certification to hopefully be able to teach English in Brazil next year. Sonali has also been training for an olympic triathlon in October for which we wish her the best of luck! **EMILY BUCHALTER** has been busy working in a lab doing monkey behavioral research, and is looking forward to graduating from Washington University later this year. Continuing her passion for firefighting, **AJ**

ROSSBACH is based in Yosemite this fall working as a wildland firefighter for the National Parks Service. As she prepares to graduate from the University of Toronto in May, **SYDNE MILLER** ultimately hopes to move out West either to Vancouver or Colorado post-graduation (especially Colorado, since she "misses HMI with [her] whole heart and soul!"). **CRICKET BARNES** spent her summer leading kayaking tours on Block Island. At St. Lawrence, she also guides trips for the outing club and is enjoying her final season of field hockey before she graduates. Over in Washington, D.C., **BIANCA GONZALES** just began her senior year at Georgetown University, where she is currently the co-chair for the University Senior Class fund. Bianca is excited to be back on campus after studying abroad at the University of Manchester last Spring! As a senior at Wesleyan University, **MATTHEW JUSTH** enjoys his role as the captain of the club basketball team and is further excited to begin working at McKinsey and Co.—a management consulting company—next year. **ELIZABETH STITES** is loving living in a house with her best friends at the University of Denver, where she studies Communications and minors in Art and Business

Administration. She also recently got a job working at a local restaurant in Denver. Farther North, **XAVI KHERA** has been spending his time land surveying in Alaska during his senior year of college, and in his free time has been working on converting a sailboat into an AirBnb. At Middlebury College, **OTIS MILLIKEN** continues to be very involved in the club soccer team, which he will miss when he heads to Budapest to study abroad for his Spring semester. As a Computer Science major, he hopes to find a software engineering internship on the East Coast this upcoming summer. After spending this past summer working in the Art department at Bates College, **LUCIE GREEN** has now begun her senior year and works as the Executive Director of the Robinson Players, the student theater organization at the College. For her majors, Lucie is writing two theses: one is a creative English thesis in poetry and the other is a year-long Honors thesis in stage management. **JESI MANN** is taking diligent care of her two plants over at St. Lawrence University, and plans on earning her ski patrol license upon graduation. **SABINE BLUMENTHAL** did trail work in Washington this past summer, recently declared her major in Environmental Science at Colorado College, and is still loving her time playing on the ultimate frisbee team. During her time abroad in Copenhagen this summer, **NINA BARATELLI** built a chair which she is very proud of. She has also recently taken interest in jewelry making, and has loved telling her professor about all the rings she made during her time at HMI. Nina is a minor in Sustainability Studies, which she has incorporated into her newfound hobby for jewelry by using recycled products and biomaterials in making her designs. After graduating from Deep Springs College, **NATHAN BECKER** spent the summer living between a trailer and the Sierras. He also recently started graduate school at Columbia University in New York City. **HAZEL DELEHEY** spent the month of May in London taking a course called "Shakespeare in the Theater," where she saw upwards of 15 live shows and concerts! After returning from London, Hazel took advantage of her layover in Iceland to visit her best friend abroad, where they explored for a week. Over the summer, Hazel performed some of her original guitar songs for an audience aboard a cruise on a schooner in Camden Harbor—we all miss hearing Hazel's sweet voice around the firepit in Leadville! As a senior at New York University studying forensic pathology, **KAYLA WOLINS** currently works at an orthopedic clinic doing medical assistant work, helping with X-rays, doing medical records, and observing various surgeries, such as knee and hip replacements. **JEFF GAO** has been hard at work finishing up his thesis on how collaborations in the sneaker industry affect secondary market prices. Upon graduation, Jeff plans to move to New York City to work at Barclays Investment Bank. After being abroad in Copenhagen for the fall of her junior year and working on a guest ranch in Wyoming for the summer, **HANNAH CONSTABLE** is now back at Hamilton

College for her senior year. Before embarking to study abroad in Cordoba, Spain, **ANDY MCILVAINE** did research and writing on offshore wind energy for the summer. He's also enjoying getting back into running after suffering an ankle and shoulder injury. **CALI JOHNSTON** worked as the corporate legal intern for Woodard & Curran, an engineering consulting firm over the summer, but always made time to spend days on the lake with Isabella. As a senior at Colorado College, she enjoys working as a research assistant studying female representation in the Colorado State legislature, tutoring in the Writing Center, and still hopes to pursue law school post-graduation. **ISABELLA WHELAN** spent her Spring semester studying abroad in Chile, where she was able to meet up with fellow semester-39er **OLIVER DIAMOND** a few times. Isabella worked as an intern at the World Resources Institute conducting research on deforestation for the summer, and is so far enjoying the start to her senior year at Colby College. After working as a Software Developer at a solar company in Sydney, Australia this summer, **JOE TANNENBAUM** is back at Colorado College for his junior year studying Art and Computer Science. Joe was also kind enough to inform us that he has been drinking lots of coconut water. As a senior at Tufts University, **CHANNEY DALTON** is a Psychology major and minors in Peace and Justice, and education. If that weren't enough, Chaney also has been working towards becoming an EMT as well as running the non-competitive climbing program at the University. She also recently got a cat named Pippi! After finishing up his internship with Nunn Construction in Colorado Springs this summer, **JONATHAN BAEZ** has continued to work in construction at Tienert Construction while finishing up school. Like Chaney, Jonathan is also a new pet parent to a German Shepherd puppy named Aida! **MARK ASCH** is on the opposite coast finishing up his last quarter of college at UC Santa Barbara. This summer, he worked as a field technician at the Woodwell Climate Research Center in Falmouth, on Cape Cod. He also just bought a new sewing/embroidery machine to continue pursuing his small-scale upcycling business! Still working toward his Bachelor's Degree in IT, **JARED DIOSDADO** has decided to focus his studies on business at the University of North Texas. **FRANK CHETE** has been doing some traveling while also working on a remodel. **LILY THEBAULT** had quite an eventful summer dog sitting, attending lots of local bands' shows, and soaking up beach sunsets in Wilmington, North Carolina. She also recently started a list of "things that have been making me smile lately," which we might all benefit from emulating! **BETSY ROMANS** is currently a student-teacher at a middle school, unfortunately broke her leg, and recently led a 20-day backpacking trip through the Beartooth Mountains. We wish her a speedy recovery! **OLIVER DIAMOND** is enjoying his final year at Tufts while also training for the Cambridge/Boston half marathon. Like Isabella, he also spent his Spring



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Paige Indritz (Semester 41) climbing over lake superior!

semester last year studying abroad in Chile. **FURMAN JONES** continues to study Political Science at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. **KATE SADOFF** is in her senior year at Middlebury College where she studies English. She spent her summer enjoying the beauty of Vermont and honing her barista skills. **JORDAN EDNER** is now in her senior year at Willamette University, where she studies Environmental Science and Politics. She is also the captain of the swim team, and the Leader for Global Partners for Student Success, a group on campus which tutors refugee high schoolers. As she finishes up her senior year at Cornell University, **JESSIE CALI** looks forward to hiking El Camino de Santiago this summer upon graduation. In her free time, she enjoys rock climbing. Aspiring to graduate from Stanford University come May, **ISABELLE EDGAR** studies English with a minor in Journalism. Isabelle also spends her time dancing with a choreographer in the Bay Area, working for a few different literary magazines, and soaking up time by the ocean whenever possible. Though we were unable to get in touch with **SAM GARTRELL, JOHN JIANG, CARTER MYERS-**

BROWN, OCHAN OGAK, SANJANA SRIDHAR, JUNE THOREN, and **DAN WEEDER,** Semester 39 wishes them well.

—Cali Johnston (cbjohnston88@gmail.com)

SEMESTER 41

NICK WARE is an environmental-economics major enjoying his third year at St. Lawrence University, and he's loving the fall weather up in the North Country of New York! He tries to get outside and into nature as much as possible, whether on short hikes in his school's area or the occasional longer hike in the ADK's. **JACK HOROWITZ** is a junior at Lafayette College studying Electrical and Computer Engineering. **IZZY PAYNE** is in London, England, for the fall semester at Queen Mary University studying Environmental Studies. She is still adjusting to life in London but another alum from Semester 41, **LEXI KAMINSKI** is studying abroad at Queen Mary too which makes things a lot easier! **ZANE HANKIN** is currently a Junior at Washington University in St. Louis. Zane is studying



Lexi Kaminski (Semester 41) on the Matanuska Glacier.



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computer science, highly active on campus, and has been loving every minute of college life! **LEXI KAMINSKI** spent the summer in Alaska working on the Matanuska Glacier giving guided tours and studying glaciology. She then took a road trip from Alaska to Utah and visited six national parks! She is now spending the Fall semester in London with **IZZY PAYNE**, a fellow semester 41'er! **SYLVIE RAYMOND** is a junior at Washington University in St. Louis majoring in English. She is the president of her school's Outing Club, the largest student organization on campus which leads a wide variety of outdoor oriented trips for students. She works at a local bookstore on the weekends and enjoys riding her bike around town.

PAIGE INDRITZ has been hanging out in northern Minnesota for the past few months fixing gear for outdoor adventures and has been getting into outdoor climbing! Now she's back at Middlebury College where she is getting her chemistry degree!

Semester 41! We are looking for a new class coordinator. If you are interested, please email lmcbride@hminet.com.

SEMESTER 43

GUS BODEN just began his sophomore year at Colorado College after a successful summer working as a data and analytics intern for Pappy and Company, a retail branch of a bourbon brand in Louisville, Kentucky. Although he has not yet declared a major, he is considering majoring in International Political Economy with a minor in Political Science. Gus is currently working on receiving his instrument rating after obtaining his private pilot's license this summer. Gus is looking forward to another great year at CC and hopes to visit Leadville soon!

—Gus Boden (gusbb@icloud.com)

SEMESTER 45

Semester 45, we'd love to hear from you! Email your updates to Louisa McBride at lmcbride@hminet.org.

SEMESTER 47

LOLA PITMAN has begun her senior year at Poly prep back in New York. She is now the opinions editor of the Polygon, her school's newspaper, and is excited to be captain of the lacrosse team this spring! As a psychology major, **GRACE THOMSEN** just began her freshman year at Syracuse University. When she's not studying, she is involved in numerous campus clubs such as the school TV station, film club, outdoors club, and Hillel. She also loves going to

football games with her friends. Go Orange! Back in the city, **MAYA SINGH** is beginning her senior year of high school at the Trinity School. This summer, she was an intern at Parity, a sports technology startup focused on closing the gender pay gap in sports. She continues to take photos of her friends, but now at sports games instead of on backpacking trips. She is excited to be captain of the Trinity Varsity Softball team this spring! Just a drive away in New Hampshire, **ANN RIGHTMIRE** is now a senior at Hanover High School. She is a committee leader for the environmental club and likes all



HMI Math Teacher, Jessi Friedman, reuniting with Semester 47 and 48 students in NYC.

of her classes except physics. She has been working with a Dartmouth PhD student on his earth sciences research and is excited for the rowing and ski seasons! Another city girl, far from the nature she loves so much, **JULIANA RAMIREZ** is enjoying her senior year at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Juliana interned on a team writing a book on sustainability over the summer. In a similar vein, Juliana works with her school to install sprinklers at their local greenhouse. However, she does spend some of her time planning a new adventure far from the skyscrapers. I'm sure anyone from Semester 47 would join her in the blink of an eye.

—Lola Pltman (pitmal23@polyprep.org)

FORMER FACULTY & STAFF

It is difficult to believe that **CHRISTOPHER BARNES** is in his 7th year as Head of School at Midland School in Los Olivos, CA. **MOLLY BARNES** is still teaching Wilderness Medicine courses all over the west for NOLS. After three

years of being unable to get to their boat, Christopher and Molly enjoyed a glorious summer on Sila and continued their explorations of Atlantic Canada. Now they are enjoying life as empty nesters while both their sons Porter and Rabbit are at Colorado College. **IVAN BARRY** along with his wife Rebekah, who taught HMI Summer 2011, are entering their 13th year teaching at Cate School. Their older son, Kiy, has just started his freshman year at Cate, after having grown up most of his life on campus. Last year, however, they had the wonderful opportunity to take a sabbatical year to live with their boys, Kiy and Aydin, in Granada, Spain! It was an amazing year of travel, language, and culture. Some relevant highlights: doing a 20 mile single track downhill mountain bike ride starting from the peaks of the Pyrenees down into a valley splitting France from Spain. Hiking Ruta Del Cares through the Picos de Europa mountain range on an insane trail that had a 60ft sheer cliff fall-off for 7 miles straight. And living across from the beautiful Alhambra Palace in Granada. **AIMEE GOLDSTEIN** currently lives in Concord,



Porter (Semester 42), Christopher and Molly (HMI's Founders), and Rabbit Barnes (Semester 46) at Rabbit's graduation in June 2022.



Ivan Barry (Former Faculty) and Rebekah in front of Alhambra palace.



Jeff Harkness (Former Kitchen Manager) encouraging folks to keep spicing things up.

New Hampshire with her husband Tony and former HMI front-office pup, Dunkin. She is an Admission Counselor at New England College, working with international graduate students. When she is not at work, she enjoys mountain biking local trails and spending time on Cape Cod with family. She misses Leadville and HMI, dearly! **JEFF HARKNESS** is now the general manager at City on a Hill coffee shop in Leadville. In his spare time he is enjoying his family, the outdoors, traveling a bit and going to as many live music events as possible! **PETER KERNAN** continues to fight the war on entropy, though increased disorder has infiltrated the house in the form of a child, Hazel. Peter, Caroline, and Hazel live in Hood River, OR and keep finding time to explore

wild places despite the complexities of life in one's, mid-to-deep-to-late thirties. **JESS WOLINKSY** continues to live in Leadville with her partner, **DYLAN KANE** (former HMI math teacher) and two dogs, Lupin and Bungee. Recently, Jess and Dylan became engaged and plan to elope sometime in October. Since leaving HMI, she has become a full-time graduate student working on her masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Antioch University. She has also been continuing her passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion work in the outdoors by teaching courses in the outdoor leadership program at Colorado Mountain College and helping refine and teach the curriculum for REI's outdoor skills classes.



Jess and Dylan (Former Faculty) celebrating fall with their pups, Lupin and Bungee.

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