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Post 50th Reunion

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Barrie Osborne's Honor

On the 23rd of May, 2017, Barrie was invested as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit by the governor-general, Dame Patsy Reddy. This award was given to him for his work in the film industry. Barrie's list of work can be found at this web site: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0651614/>



Jean E. Goldstein's Obituary, December 29, 2018 (Strandberg)

By Emily Nevils , Missourian

Jean Goldstein was a distinguished Columbia lawyer and an influential mentor to many in the community, her husband, David Goldstein, said. "She was more special than I realized along the way in all the things that she did," he said, "because she didn't brag or make a big deal about anything."

Goldstein strived to be a good attorney who served her clients well and prioritized her family and public service, he said. "She was understated, but people loved her," he said.



Jean Goldstein, 74, died Thursday at her home in Columbia.

Minnesota roots: Born May 21, 1944, to Swedish and Norwegian parents, Goldstein grew up on a dairy farm with her three brothers in Minnesota.

She graduated from high school as the valedictorian of her class and applied to only one college, Carleton College, where she met her

husband, David.

They married in 1966 after Goldstein graduated from college and moved to Pennsylvania to study at the University of Pittsburgh. Goldstein graduated with a master's degree in education, and David Goldstein started medical school.

While he finished medical school at Johns Hopkins University, Jean Goldstein worked for her brother at the university and did a wide variety of jobs to help make ends meet.

David Goldstein was drafted during the Vietnam War, so in 1972 they moved with their daughter, Elizabeth, to Germany where he worked as the head of pediatrics at the U.S. Air Force base in Ramstein. Goldstein also gave birth to their son, John, while the family lived there.

After spending three years in Germany, Goldstein and her family returned to the U.S. and lived in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she was president of a nursery co-op and her husband completed a fellowship at the University of Virginia.

While in Charlottesville, Goldstein made the decision to attend law school. She'd had the idea of it in the back of her mind for a long time, her husband said. Now that he had finished with medical school and their children were in elementary school, she could go.

The couple had three criteria when deciding where they'd move to next: a small town, a law school and a position at a medical school. Gainesville, Florida, and Charlottesville, Virginia, fit the descriptions, but they eventually decided on Columbia, Missouri, as their new home.

A legal legacy: Goldstein loved law school and distinguished herself from her peers, her husband said. By the time she finished her degree, she was a member of the Order of Coif, editor of the Missouri Law Review and had secured a clerking position at the Missouri Supreme Court.

After her clerkship ended, Goldstein returned to the MU School of Law to teach research and writing for two years. However, she didn't want to stay in academics so she started practicing as an attorney in Columbia.

"She tried to work with lawyers that weren't impossible to deal with so that they could work out the best kind of deals for both sides," David Goldstein said, "and you don't see that in a lot of people." She joined a law firm with Ann Covington a good friend and the first female justice to the Missouri Supreme Court. And later she started a law firm with Darwin Hindman, former Columbia mayor.

"She knew everyone," he said.

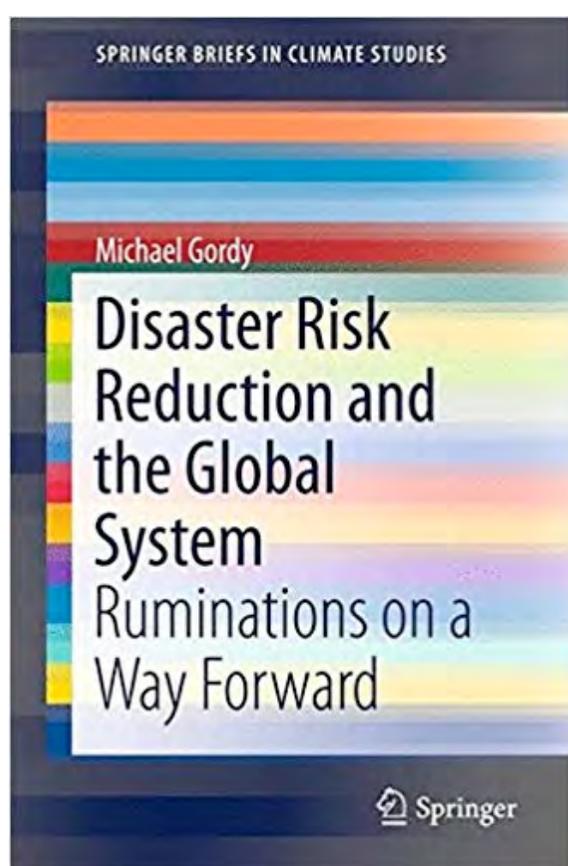
Some of her classmates included former Gov. Jay Nixon and Don Cupps, former head of the MU Board of Curators.

During her career, Goldstein worked with the Voluntary Action Center and the Boone County Historical Society, but the several years of legal work she did for the Boone County public administrator was probably the most important to her, he said.

“She was quiet, a woman of few words, but she mentored a lot of young lawyers, many of whom became judges, who are still close friends,” David Goldstein said. “I had no idea how much she did.” After she died, one of her mentees and a friend wrote a letter to his friends about her impact on his life, her husband said.

“I helped others when I knew there’d be no quid pro quo. I tried to see both sides of every case and not let emotion roll,” the letter read. “I tried to spend more time with my children and worry less about billable hours. I tried to be like Jean.”

State of the World’s Climate



1. Michael Gordy’s 2016 Springer-Verlag Brief entitled “Disaster Risk Reduction and the Global System: Ruminations on a Way Forward.” Publishers Summary: “This short manuscript is both a distillation of some of the latest work on disaster risk reduction and an interpretation of this distillation from the author’s political economic perspective. It is based on information found in the flagship reports on disaster risk reduction of the United Nations. The book sums up and interprets issues of disaster risk reduction and makes them accessible to professional and non-professional readers alike, including governmental policy makers.”

2. Email from Robert Scarlett regarding both the performance of ESG stocks and his collaboration with Mike Gordy on providing information to local decision makers facing the need to adapt to climate change.

“Thanks for including me in that somewhat spontaneous "climate conscious" group that emerged during our 50th reunion.

I fully support your observations regarding the performance of ESG (Environmental, social and [corporate] governance) rated stocks and the recommendation that we continue to apply some form of ESG rating when considering future portfolio investments.

These ESG ratings are becoming more and more sophisticated and meaningful and there may be other climate-friendly investment criteria that have emerged - even since we have last met.

Elizabeth Elliot McGeeveran, '92, is Director of Impact Investing for the McKnight Foundation here in Minnesota; and she is also in charge of their carbon/fossil fuels investment management strategy. She might have additional insights and suggestions that could be very helpful.

She has suggested to me that, in many cases, it is possible and even desirable to "engage" with a company (a portfolio company) that produces/uses fossil fuels guide them to become part of the solution, rather than part of the problem; - especially, if they are an otherwise producing attractive returns.

An update: Since the 50th reunion, Mike Gordy and I have allied ourselves with some former Obama Administration climate assessment experts in order to create new models and methods for putting climate services data and information into the hands of local decision-makers who are facing the need to adapt to climate change - at the local level.

Mike has spent a lot of time working with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva - to help their policy people articulate positions and strategies. His book, above, reflects some of the wisdom he acquired while doing that.

I mention this in case there might be future occasions on which these climate-related issues will be discussed; and I wanted to make sure Mike will have a chance to stick his oar in the water.”

--Rob, Robert H. Scarlett, Principal Hunter Scarlett Consulting

3. Jon Watterson's perspectives on ESGs and Carleton's adoption of an ESG portfolio option:

“We are so glad that you raised the issue and appreciate Tom's reference to many of us in our class who have been concerned about climate change and the role of our college. I am including Bob Scarlett in this discussion since he was also a part of early informal discussions we had during our 50th reunion gathering. Indeed as Tom indicated this year we were finally able to transfer our Carleton Charitable Remainder Unitrust from a standard investment portfolio to one in which ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) criteria were used. TIAA Kaspick administers the portfolio. Their last report would indicate that the portfolio (Domestic stocks, international stocks, bonds and real estate) market performance was at least as good as the standard bench marks. So to answer your question about endowment returns, investments in funds using ESG criteria were pretty much on a par or in some cases a bit better than funds which did not use any ESG screening (I can provide a number of studies which confirm this conclusion). The Divest Carleton group has been focused specifically on the fossil fuel industry. Brett Smith can give a more complete rationale and history of this student, faculty and alumni movement.

From my perspective I see transferring our trust to an ESG portfolio for the most part accomplishes the objectives that Divest Carleton has in mind. So I would welcome the college opening an alternative endowment fund. Either a fossil fuel free fund or one in which ESG criteria were used for endowment investment decisions. Peggy and I would certainly be more generous in giving to the alumni fund if such an option were available. We would support efforts you might initiate to move the college along in a more responsible way.”

--Jon Watterson

4. Update from Divest Carleton

Dear Friends of Divest Carleton,

We are writing to update you on our movement's progress over the past year. By this point, most of you should have received a link to our survey on how Carleton's refusal to divest from fossil fuels has or has not changed your giving habits to the college. If you have not yet filled out that survey, you can do so now by following this link: [Divestment Questionnaire](#)

Survey update: Based on the survey results we have received so far, it is clear to us that many of you continue to feel strongly about divestment. Of the 937 alumni we contacted, we heard back from 216. Of those, 75% (162) indicated that their giving habits have changed in some way. Many said they were withholding all funds from the college (135). Some gave less than they otherwise would have (13). Several have been giving to the Carleton College Fossil Free Fund (more on that below) or indicated that they would be interested in giving in the future (48). Two alumni declared that they had changed their wills as a direct result of Carleton's decision, and one stated that divestment was a prerequisite for leaving any money to the college.

In addition to these data, we received dozens of passionate comments in your responses. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us! Many of you seem torn between supporting the good work that Carleton does and doing everything you can to push the college toward divestment. We understand that tension, and we want to emphasize that we support alumni decisions to give money to the college or to withhold funds, based on your own ethical calculations. For those of you who are choosing to withhold funds and/or contribute to the Fossil Free Fund, we would encourage you to let the Alumni Annual Fund know by sending an email to aaf@carleton.edu. Here's a simple format, for you to change as you would like:

Dear Alumni Office, I have ceased donating to the college until it pledges to divest its endowment from fossil fuel holdings. Should Carleton choose to take this step, I will be pleased to resume donating again. Thanks very much,

Fossil Free Fund update: Many of you also requested further information about the Fossil Free Fund. We apologize for the delay in updating you! The first deadlines for the fund have passed, and we were figuring out whether and how we would continue the fund. Since so many of you expressed interest, we have decided to keep it open, and to disburse the majority of the balance to environmental nonprofits once a year, until Carleton divests from fossil fuels. You can find out more about the history of the fund and how to make a donation by following this link:

[Carleton College Fossil Free Fund](#)

The CCFFF was created as an alternative to alumni donating directly to the college, and to put pressure on the Board of Trustees to divest from fossil fuels. If Carleton decides to divest, the money in the fund will be donated to the college. If not, it is disbursed to environmental nonprofits once a year. All donations are tax-deductible and are held by the public 501(c)(3) charity the Triskeles Foundation until distribution. If you have further questions about the Fossil Free Fund, please reply to this email or contact us at divestcarleton@googlegroups.com.

Growing support and current projects: In more general news, our base of support is continuing to grow. We collected an additional 300 signatures this past reunion, for a total of over 1300 signatures on our petition. If you know Carleton alumni who have not yet signed, you can send them to our online petition. The recently formed Carls Talk Back movement included divestment from fossil fuels on its list of demands (available as a PDF on their website). We reach out to Trustees when appropriate. The student group hand-delivered summaries of October's landmark report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to the Board when they met on campus on October 25-27. You can read about this alarming new report in this *New York Times* article.

We also continue to monitor Carleton's endowment, as well as we are able. The College has not been providing information on its commingled funds, but we do know that Carleton still directly holds two major fossil fuel companies: Anadarko Petroleum and Noble Energy. You can read more about these companies' efforts to impede progress in the fight against climate change in this Viewpoint article, recently published in the Carletonian.

Future plans: Our future plans include reaching out directly to Trustees, hopefully through alumni who have a connection with them. If you know a current Trustee and would be willing to reach out to them, please let us know. We would be thrilled to provide you with any information or facts you might need.

We are also planning on building actions around next spring's reunion. David Loy '69 has already contacted his classmates about their 50th reunion, encouraging them to donate to the Fossil Free Fund rather than their class gift, and to push for a panel on socially responsible investing. If your reunion is approaching and you'd like to make a similar push, wear T-shirts, etc., please also let us know!

Finally, as always, if you are interested in joining our list serve or getting involved in any actions, or would like to share comments or ask questions, please reply to this email or send a message to divestcarleton@googlegroups.com. We would love to hear from you!

THANK YOU for your support of this movement. Every day it becomes ever clearer that we only have a limited amount of time to prevent the most catastrophic changes to our weather and environment: the IPCC report suggests perhaps two decades or less. It is past time for Carleton to finally make the right decision and divest from the companies that are profiting from the destruction of the planet.

--Rebecca Hahn '09 (rebecca.a.hahn@gmail.com) representing The Alumni of Divest Carleton

An Encounter with Jimmy Chin '96

During our June, 2016, 50th reunion celebration at Carleton, three of our classmates were given awards: Eric Carlson a Distinguished Achievement Award and Thomas Merritt and Mary Watson Exceptional Service Awards. Also a favorite faculty member of many classes, Professor Patricia Lamb, was given an Exceptional Service Award. Likely not remembered, was Jimmy Chin's '96 Distinguished Achievement Award.

Just this February, Jimmy Chin, with others, was awarded an Oscar for his climbing, cinematography, and production role in the documentary, 'Free Solo'. It is important to remember that Barrie Osborne '66 won in 2004 a best picture Oscar. Jimmy Chin was the honored guest at a Seattle Mountaineers' event that Tom Hinckley and Arline Roller Hinckley attended. For them it was a special opportunity to connect with an outdoor icon as well as a Carleton Alum.



During his talk to the Mountaineers, he related his graduation from college and then, likely against his parents' aspirations, taking a year off to pursue his growing passion for climbing and skiing. The year off living out of his Subaru as a 'dirt-bag' climber and skier grew to many more years after which his physical abilities as a climber and skier as well as his artistic abilities as a photographer and cinematographer were recognized. I mention this as Arline and I have attended several events hosted by Carleton alumni, parents, and staff in Seattle over the last several years. We have come away from these events with two impressions. First, Carleton with the full support of administrators, faculty, and staff have developed outstanding advising and mentoring services that help guide and retain students from day one to well-after graduation. These services provide students with diverse and important real-life experiences through intern- and externships as well as through the nature and content of disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses.

Second, helicoptering and snow-plowing were witnessed often. When we attended Carleton, tuition and board equalled about one Ford Galaxy per year. Today the annual cost is 2.5 to 3 times that. Today, student debt carried by the student or the parents is a real issue. I see this debt hanging over parent and student decision making that stymies much of the freedom to explore career choices and paths I hope we, as individuals and a society, find those paths that lead into the arts, service, teaching, etc. fields that enable the Jimmy Chin's of the world to emerge. As Chin noted during his talk, his parents were likely very concerned that they had a homeless son.



Photograph: Summer comes to the Canadian Rockies