

1999 Alumni Association Award Recipients

Distinguished Achievement

Norman A. Sterrie '39 - of Minneapolis is a distinguished pediatrician and pediatric allergist, practicing from 1953 to 1980 at St. Louis Park Medical Center (now Park-Nicollet Medical Center). He was president and board chairman there from 1970 to 1975. In 1998 he received the University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics' Gold-Headed Cane Award. Sterrie, a retired Naval Reserve captain, received three Navy Crosses, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and three air medals for his heroism as a World War II torpedo bombing pilot. He is also an accomplished musician, playing clarinet, saxophone, oboe and bassoon. He and his late wife, Betsy Bullis Sterrie '39, have two children; he has been active in Carleton events for decades and has four other relatives who are Carleton alumni.

Mary Garst '49 - of Coon Rapids, Iowa, has been manager of the cattle department for the Garst Company since 1969. In 1977 her enterprise was named Commercial Beef Producer of North America. Besides prospering in the traditionally male-dominated profession of cattle management, Garst has been a civic activist, volunteer extraordinaire, and board member of many institutions, including Carleton, the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, Planned Parenthood, and Northwestern Bell Telephone. In 1979 she received an honorary doctorate from Carleton, and in 1983 she was named to the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. Garst and her husband, Stephen, have six children.

William R. Frazer '54 - of Berkeley, Calif., is a respected physicist and university administrator. Frazer is currently a senior scientist at the Berkeley National Laboratory, professor emeritus of physics at the University of California, Berkeley, and vice-president of the Aspen Center for Physics. He began his career at the University of California, San Diego, leaving there in 1981 as a full professor and adviser to the university chancellor. He has written two text books on the theoretical physics of elementary particles. From 1981 to 1991, Frazer was senior vice president of the University of California's nine-campus system and supervised the scientific programs of the Los Alamos, Livermore, and Berkeley National Laboratories. He and his wife, Jane, have two children.

Dixon Bond '59 - of Northfield is an independent management consultant whose success in assisting nonprofit organizations, and the selflessness with which he devotes himself to his work, are notable. Bond is credited with saving the Laura Baker School (a not-for-profit multiservices agency for the developmentally disabled) in Northfield during the early 1990s. Earlier in his career, he played a key role in the facilities development of important Minneapolis art and theater institutions, and he was the first president of St. Paul's Ordway Music Theatre from 1985 to 1989. Bond also is an active Carleton volunteer, a founder of the Carleton Singing Knights, and a 1986 Alumni Association Exceptional Service award recipient. He has two sons.

Shannon (Voss) Griffin '59 - of New Brighton, Minn., is an educator whose innovative work has earned her kudos from kids, teachers, and education experts. Since 1995 Griffin has been principal of Olson Middle School in Minneapolis, and in 1998 she was named Secondary Principal of the Year by her school district peers. Her school, featured on the cover of *Time*

magazine's October 1997 issue as one of three "shining examples" of a good urban school, is used as a model for other Minneapolis middle schools. A leader in district and professional association committees, Griffin also has been a Carleton volunteer. She has two children; her sisters are Carolyn (Voss) Copeland '57 and Heather (Voss) Tueffel '61.

Peter D. Rowley '64 - of Henderson, Nev., is an elite field geologist who is known for his significant and extensive work in geologic mapping, and also for his outstanding mentorship and support of undergraduate and graduate geology students. At the 1995 American Association of Petroleum Geologists meeting, Rowley received the prestigious Dibblee Award from the Thomas Wilson Dibblee Jr. Geological Foundation. He has made more than 54 geological maps, most in rugged territory, and published more than 80 articles and 30 abstracts of his work. Since 1986 his mapping efforts have been concentrated in the Caliente Depression in Nevada. Rowley has been a Carleton convocation speaker and guest lecturer. He has two children.

Bruce Sanford Brook '69 - of Concord, N.H., is an architect, artist and civic leader who consistently puts his talents to work for good causes. From 1970 to 1973, as a conscientious objector, he designed and helped construct several buildings at Minnesota's Camp New Hope, a camp for mentally disabled children. In 1992 he designed Carleton's Alumni Guest House and Johnson House complex. From 1993 to 1998, his architectural firm completed more than 75 projects, including schools, libraries, child care facilities, retail centers, and affordable housing. he has co-taught classes on designing appropriate child care environments, and his art has been included in several exhibits. he and his wife, Laurel Wood Brook '72, and their son are currently in Italy. Other family Carls are brother Charles Brook '65 and sister-in-law Robin Wood Nelson '70.

Lila Abu-Lughod '74 - of New York City is a respected anthropologist, ethnologist, and author. A noted professor of anthropology and Middle East studies at New York University since 1991, Abu-Lughod specializes in Middle East women's studies and since 1994 has been co-director of the university's Program to Internationalize Women's Studies. She has spent much time doing research in Egypt. Her books, *Writing Women's Worlds: Bedouin Stories* and *Veiled Sentiments: Honor and Poetry in a Bedouin Society*, are critically acclaimed award-winners. Abu-Lughod has two more books in progress. She and her husband, Timothy Mitchell, have two children.

Daniel Teberg Spencer '79 - of Des Moines, Iowa, is an associate professor of religion and ethics at Drake University, where he was named 1998 Arts and Sciences Teacher of the Year. He also is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. A magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi Carleton geology graduate, he has a Ph.D. in Christian ethics and a master of divinity degree. Spencer has taught classes on environmental ethics, bio-medical ethics and faith, and lesbian and gay spirituality and theology. He is a frequent speaker at conferences, churches, community forums, and workshops, and has led or been a translator for human rights/study seminars to Latin America numerous times. His father is Lorin Spencer '48; his aunt is Hazel Spencer Hastings '48.

Exceptional Service

Robert G. Lockwood '49 - of St. Paul was the 1949 class agent for several years in the 1970s. He served as assistant class agent from 1995 to 1997, when he again assumed the class agent role. On his watch, the '49ers enjoyed 60 percent participation and raised more than \$60,000 in fiscal 1998 for the Alumni Annual Fund. From February 1997 to June 1999, he was on the 1949 50th reunion gift committee, and he is a past member of the Twin Cities Carleton Club steering committee. Professionally, he was a polymer research and development scientist for 3M for 38 years and helped develop PET plastic. Lockwood also was mayor of Mendota Heights, Minn., for 10 years and a local and regional Jaycees leader. He and his wife, Josephine, have two children; there are five Carls in his family.

Jack M. Thurnblad '49 - of Northfield spent 29 years at Carleton, starting in 1960 as basketball coach and ending as the College's athletic director, men's physical education department chair, and professor emeritus. He also coached men's golf over the years, but perhaps is best known for the way in which he positively influenced the young people with whom he worked. In 1974, he helped establish Carleton's 'C' Club Hall of Fame; he was inducted into it in 1975. He has helped plan many class of '49 reunions, including this year's 50th. In 1996 he and his wife, Jinny White Thurnblad '48, started an annual golf event in Casey Jarchow's memory; they have four children, including Timothy Thurnblad '76.

In the Spirit of Carleton

Douglas A. Kenshol '89 - of Evanston, Ill., was a Peace Corps volunteer in Wa, Ghana, from 1989 to 1991, teaching high school physics and creating an award-winning science club. From 1992 to 1993, he headed the science department and taught physics at Chicago's Academy of the Sacred Heart, and participated in the a project to redesign the Cabrini Green Housing Complex. While an AmeriCorps member in Washington D.C., from 1993 to 1995, he founded and directed Through the World's Eyes and earned an M.A. at American University. From 1995 to 1996 he was again in Wa, Ghana, as a Fulbright Scholar. He earned a master's degree at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in spring 1999 and has been a social entrepreneurship intern at Northwestern.Evanston Business Incubator.

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Helen Wolf Mills '23 - of Brainerd , Minnesota, and West Palm Beach, Florida, who played an important behind-the-scenes role in the early development of Mills Fleet Farm Stores, has been president of the enterprise since 1978. Until recently, Mills visited company headquarters (in Brainerd) daily to keep apprised of business operations. She attended her 70th reunion at Carleton in 1993. She and her late husband, Stewart C. Mills Sr., have two sons, who are the company's vice presidents.

Arthur Westenberg '43 - of Manchester, Vermont, wrote the book *Flame Structure*, which describes his research on the physics and chemistry of combustion as supervisor of the Chemical Physics Research Group at Johns Hopkins University from 1952 to 1977. Among his professional awards is the 1966 Hillebrand Prize, which he received for "brilliant experimental investigations...that have given new insights into elementary reactions and the chemistry and physics of flame." He also contributed in 1971 to the first study of ozone layer depletion caused by supersonic aircraft. Westenberg and his wife, Jane (Burbuck) Westenberg '45, have one son, Lew '68.

Lorin Spencer '48 - of Upland, California, was a pathologist and director of laboratories at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center in Pomona, California, for 31 years. For many years, he was a leader in the American Red Cross's blood program in Los Angeles and Orange Counties - the largest Red Cross program in the United States at the time he was serving. From 1983 to 1984 and from 1987 to 1988, he was chair of the board of Inter Valley Health Plan, an HMO he was instrumental in founding. HE was the 1948 class agent from 1956 to 1961 and from 1990 to 1995, and this year he served on his 50th reunion gift committee. Among his six children is Dan '79.

Richard Edwin Stearns '58 - of Niskayuna, New York, received the 1993 Turing Award - widely regarded as the "Nobel Prize of computer science" - in recognition of his and colleague Juris Hartmanis's seminal papers, which established the foundations fo the field of complexity theory. Stearns worked for the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady, New York, from 1961 to 1978. Since 1978 he has been a tenured full professor of computer science at the State University of New York, Albany. he was department chair from 1982 to 1989 and was named a Distinguished Professor in 1994. Stearns and his wife, Charlotte, have two children.

Richard "Rick" Collier '63 - of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a professor of English literature and composition at Mount Royal College from 1968 to 1996 is an unprecedented three-time recipient of that college's Distinguished Teaching Award (in 1981, 1987, and 1996). He served on many departmental and institutional committees (often as chair) and coordinated the literature curriculum from 1984 to 1990. Collier is also an exceptional mountain climber, having made more than 800 ascents on two continents. He has one son.

Sharon Nelson '68 - of Seattle was chair of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Olympia, Washington, from 1985 to 1987. She was the second woman to fill the

position since 1905, and was widely regarded as the premier state regulator in United States telecommunications. Nelson was also the second woman to serve as president of the 100-year-old National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (1989-90).

Mark Richard Williams '73 - of Houston, Texas, is an 18-year employee of Shell Oil who conceived and negotiated the company's recent \$20 billion joint venture with Texaco and Saudi Refining - the largest merger in the history of the oil business. As head of Equilon Transportation, he is a member of Shell Oil's Leadership Council and is a senior executive staff member. Williams is a theoretical physicist who earned a master's of science degree at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, plus an M.S. and Ph.D. at Stanford University. He and his wife, Candace (Larson) Williams '73, have two children.

Karen Tei Yamashita '73 - of Santa Cruz, California, is a successful novelist, and a writing teacher at the University of California-Santa Cruz. her first two novels are set in Brazil, where she lived for nine years. *Through the Arc of the Rain Forest* was published in 1990, and recognized with a 1991 American Book Award and the 1992 Janet Heidinger Kafka Award. The *Village Voice* named Yamashita's second book, *Brazil-Marú* (published in 1992), one of the year's 25 best books. In 1997 Yamashita won a Japan Foundation Fellowship to research the history of Brazilians in Japan. She and her husband, Ronald Lopes de Oliveira, have two children.

Sylvia Rhyne '78 - of Rahway, New Jersey, is the only woman to have played the role of Christine in all three major versions of Phantom of the Opera. most recently, she was directed by Harold Prince in Andrew Lloyd Webber's version at the Pantages Theater in Toronto. She also has appeared in Ken Hill's operatic production and in Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit's staging. Rhyne has appeared on Broadway in major roles at the Circle in the Square Theater, and she sang for two seasons with the New York City Opera.

Exceptional Service

Bruce Boynton '38 - of Naples, Florida, has been a dedicated Carleton volunteer for nearly 60 years. Boynton has been a regular donor to the Alumni Annual Fund for 56 years, has served as the 1938 class agent for 50 years, and served on his 50th reunion gift committee. he often assists the College in tracking down lost classmates and regularly attends volunteer work shops and Carleton events in his area. Four of Boynton's (and wife Sylvia's) eight children are Carleton Alumni; Stan '68. Bruce '67, Sylvia '69 and Mary '73.

Harold Bonnell '43 - of Tucson, Arizona, and Ann Arbor, Michigan, has served on every class of 1943 reunion committee to date - most notably, he was co-chair of his 50th reunion, which resulted in a record \$2 million gift to the College. In the 1970s Bonnell was a capital campaign and Student Futures volunteer. Since 1995, he has served on the Alumni Annual Fund (AAF) board and with his wife, Becky (Sturtevant) Bonnell '43, serves as an AAF decade co-director. The Bonnells have four children.

Virginia "Jinny" White Thurnblad '48 - of Northfield, has served on every class of 1948 reunion committee to date and this year was co-chair of her 50th reunion committee. In 1990 she co-chaired the War and Remembrance reunion. She has been the 1948 class correspondent for nearly a decade and with husband, Jack Thurnblad '49 (a former coach and athletic director at Carleton), led an alumni group on a Caribbean cruise in 1994. During the 1960s, '70s and '80s, she took an active role in supporting the student athletes on Jack's basketball and golf teams. The Thurnblads have four children, including Timothy '76.

In the Spirit of Carleton

Gregory Plotnikoff '83 - An assistant professor of medicine and pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, Plotnikoff, is medical director of the university's Center for Spirituality and Healing and has a clinical practice at Community University Health Care Center. he is co-chair of a 45-member task force tht recommended establishing a referral and consultation clinic on the university's Minneapolis campus, integrating alternative medicine and conventional care. From 1992 to 1994 , he served on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, its youngest ever member. He holds a medical degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in theology from Harvard University.