# ACADIA CLASS OF 1971



# **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 2021**



Dear Members of the Acadia University Class of 1971:

Happy Golden Anniversary!

Our world looks very different these days. When the pandemic started, we had no idea how long it would be before we were able to welcome you back to campus in person. Sadly, it did not happen in this reunion year, however, we were so pleased to be able to offer a virtual program in which, many of you participated. The team at the Office of Advancement was happy to offer a variety of virtual opportunities for engagement so that you could reconnect with some of your classmates and your alma mater for the occasion of your 50th Class Reunion.

During the two-day program, you were able to participate in your class meeting, an Acadia trivia program, a virtual book club, and a memorial chapel service which you can still view at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qnvx26EiJTE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qnvx26EiJTE</a>. Additionally, there were several messages of congratulations and greetings from various University representatives. We hope that you felt the passion, excitement and Acadia spirit during your milestone anniversary.

On behalf of the more than 47,000 members of the Acadia alumni family, thank you for your sustained affection for Acadia. We look forward to seeing you in-person at your next reunion!

Most sincerely,

Oonagh Proudfoot ('93, '06)

Executive Director, Alumni Affairs

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August 2021

Dear Members of the Acadia University Class of 1971:

Congratulations on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your graduation from Acadia. Thank you for taking the time to reflect with your classmates on all that life has brought since your time here, and to renew your strong connection to Acadia and to each other. I offer a special word of appreciation to your Reunion Committee, whose dedication resulted in such an outstanding program for this particular occasion.

Reunions are so important to the life of our Acadia community, and I'm delighted that many of you were able to spend time with us virtually to celebrate.

Thank you for supporting Acadia, and for your continued affection for our University. I hope this 'Golden Anniversary Booklet' will serve as an appropriate souvenir of your milestone 50th Anniversary Celebration. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Ricketts,

President and Vice-Chancellor

#### ~IN MEMORIAM~

Lilian G. Aldhouse Lynne A. (Johnson) Hirsch Barbara J. (Pulsifer) Stark

James E Allwright Shirley C. (Buist) Jackson Margaret E. (Martin) Starzomski

David A. Vernon

Lillian M. Zeman

Lynn (Thomas) Baechler Florence W. (Manson) Jones Gregory R. Stonehouse

Beverly A. (Entwistle) Barnes Thomas P. Keefe Reginald K. Sweeney

Gordon S. Lewis

Donald S. Bezanson Christopher H. R. Long Linda (Mossman) Warner

Millard E. Bezanson John MacKie Keith L. Whitehead

James R. Blenkhorn Donna M. (Wilkie) MacKinnon Fred A. Williamson

Gordon G. Campbell Wayne M. MacLeod Bruce Wiseman

Coral J. Cann Sheila E. (Smith) MacLeod Bruce M. Woodbury

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# **VIRTUAL SUMMER REUNION 2021**



#### Cheryl (Trask) Anderson

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After graduating in 1971, I returned to Acadia and completed a BEd in 1972.

Thus began a 31-year teaching career primarily spent in Annapolis County. After retirement in 2004, I substituted for a few years and found that to be another rewarding experience.

In 1975, I married Herb Anderson ('70), educator and pastor, and we are parents of Ross and Jane. Jane studied Graphic Design and Ross is a Computer Database Analyst in the US. Each of their marriages brought us a granddaughter.

We have moved a few times, but have lived close to Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown for 43 of the 46 years of our married life. I involved myself in our church - Sunday School, Junior Church, choir- and in taking our children to community children's programs. Helping manage the last years of my parents' lives made me appreciate the extended health care our country provides to Veterans and seniors. We used it all!

We loved taking our young children on vacations to Florida and the popular parks kids want to experience. Visiting our son later when he lived in Bermuda was no hardship either. COVID-19 has denied us recent visits to him in Philadelphia. Soon...

Presently I am the Regent for the Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants and a Board member of the Annapolis Heritage Society. History and genealogy are strong interests and I have published three family histories. We like to visit historic areas associated with our ancestors on both sides of the border.

My continuing friendship with my five closest friends from Acadia '71 is a treasured gift from my university years.

I cherish my family, my friendships, my faith, my good health, my country. I know it is 50 years since I graduated but it feels like 10!

All the best, fellow class members!

#### Dan Banks

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Following graduation, Danny was employed by the then Nova Scotia Dept. of Lands and Forests as a regional biologist for Cape Breton Island with headquarters in beautiful Baddeck. Soon thereafter he was fortunate to marry the even more beautiful Diana Ross (class of '72) from Quebec City. They purchased and renovated (read "rebuilt") an old farmhouse on an acreage located in Big Harbour, just outside Baddeck. Horses, ducks, geese and dogs (most notably German Wirehaired Pointers) stood in for family. The next 29 years were spent on all things wildlife: countless hours in boats, on snowmobiles, in fixed and rotary-winged aircraft and à pied conducting eagle surveys, surveying lakes, studying the newly arrived eastern coyote, studying dragonflies, chasing poachers and generally having a good time. Oh, and Danny also played a role in the by now infamously successful introduction of a breeding population of Canada Geese to the island. Wanting to have some community involvement but being too far from town to join the fire department, Danny joined the RCMP as an auxiliary officer, where he served for 19 years.

In 2001, having reached his level of incompetence (you guessed it - that same wildlife biologist position) the by now old Danny retired. Diana and Danny still live in the original (but by now several times renovated) old farmhouse. They also have a property on Ambergris Caye in Belize where they have been fortunate to spend a couple of winter months, often hosting friends and relatives, for most of the past two decades.

#### M. Louise (MacBeath) Barbour

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Where did 50 years go? It feels like yesterday that I graduated from Acadia with my BA (Geology).

In 1972, two friends and I embarked on a Volkswagen van trip in Europe that changed my life. I met a Blues-singing, paralyzed paratrooper on a blind date in Madrid, married him in 1973, and landed in California in 1974. That decision led to an adventurous seven years, a BA (English) from Cal State Fullerton (1980), and a painful divorce. I returned to Canada and began working for a small oil company in Calgary in late 1980. Honey Bear Petroleum sent me repeatedly to Kansas as a wellsite geologist and transferred me to Denver in early 1982. The oil crash hit in mid-1982, and Honey Bear closed its Denver office. I passed on returning to Calgary and quickly found another position at KRM Petroleum. In November 1982 I met my amazing second husband, Terry Barbour, at a bus stop, and we married in September 1984. With the oil industry downturn worsening, I left KRM and enrolled in Metropolitan State College in mid-1986 to pursue a BA (Elementary Education). After graduating in 1987, I began my 25-year career at Sunrise Elementary in Cherry Creek School District, becoming the eighth generation of teachers in my family and combining my love of English, writing, science, and children into a fulfilling career. I volunteered at the Denver Museum of Natural History for 13 years, working in the fossil laboratory and participating in digs. In 1993, I completed DMNH's Certification Program in Paleontology. In 1998, I earned my MA Ed (Diverse Learner) from the University of Phoenix. Throughout my teaching career, I was a vocal union leader at the local, state, and national levels.

I retired in 2012 to travel, blog, write, and enjoy life with Terry.

#### Robert Bowlby

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In April 1971, I went to Northern Quebec to work for the summer doing mineral exploration. In October that year I flew to Australia to look for work in geology. I liked Sydney and really liked Bondi Beach. I also worked on a station outside Corryong, Victoria. I flew back home in December.

From 1971 until 1975 I worked for a mining company in Northern Quebec and Nova Scotia Dept. of Lands and Forests as a geologist doing forestry work.

My first permanent job was with Federal Dept. of Public Works. I was an Engineering Assistant. I then moved to the Federal Dept of Environment as a Photo Interpreter, mapping Labrador using landsat imagery. There was also fieldwork.

In 1978 I moved to the Yukon and worked the next nine years for the federal Dept. of Indian and Norther Affairs as a Photo Interpreter. This was forest inventory work that took me all over the Yukon. Absolutely a great job.

In 1987, I left the Yukon to move back home. I took the GIS program at the College of Geographic Sciences in Lawrencetown. It was a 52-week course.

In 1988, I got a job with Nova Scotia Dept. of Lands and Forests. I was the Supervisor for the Mapping/Cartography unit in the Survey's Division. We mapped Crown lands.

In 2002, I started to work part-time with Aldo Shoes as the stockroom manager. I'm still here.

In 2013, I retired after 28 years with Lands and Forests.

I also work at the Links at Brunello as part of the maintenance crew.

My older son and I bought a house in Hammonds Plains in 2013. I have two beautiful grand-daughters. I spend most of my time with them.

# Wendy (Hartlen) Calear

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Wendy Hartlen is now Ms. Wendy Calear living in Adelaide, South Australia and from the great Class of '71.

After seeing a small advertisement on the Acadia notice board, I applied to South Australia to teach school here. Fifty years later here I am, having arrived in September, 1971. Now I am an Aussie, too!

I taught high school for 32 years in various places such as Adelaide and the country schools in SA, Canberra, ACT, Darwin, NT and Sydney, NSW.

Home has been Adelaide for many years and it was just named the third most livable city in the world for 2021.

I enjoy travelling and have been to many places in Asia and Europe, but love Italy the best of all. I have been fortunate enough to have travelled there eight times and so enjoy the culture, food, scenery and wealth of art and history.

I live by a lake and across the road is the most beautiful white sandy beach that goes the whole city long and more.

Sending warmest regards to all my classmates from the Class of '71.

I have the fondest memories of Acadia University and lovely Wolfville.

# Donna (MacAloney) Campbell

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- Graduated from Acadia on May 11, 1971 with a BA and a Diploma in Secretarial Science;
- Married Doug Campbell (Acadia '71) on May 22, 1971;
- From September 1971 until May, 1976, I worked at N.S. Department of Finance as Secretary to Director of Debt Management and later as Secretary to Deputy Minister of Finance;
- Our first child, Lisa (Campbell) Woodill was born May 30, 1976;
- Worked as Manager of our Condominium Association from October, 1976 until the spring of 1985;
- Moved from Halifax to Bedford in the fall of 1977 to present day;
- Our second child, Geoff, was born in March, 1978;
- Our third child Alyson (Campbell -Acadia 2004) Roy was born in June, 1982;
- Taught at Margille Business College in Dartmouth and Halifax from the fall of 1987 until the spring of 1996;
- Worked as Finance Co-Ordinator and R-200O Manager at N.S. Home Builders' Association from the spring of 1996 to June, 2005;
- Volunteered in Elementary School classrooms, Safe Arrival Organizer, President of Bedford Skating Club, Manager of Ringette Teams, Collecting for Annual Heart and Stroke Foundation in Bedford neighbourhood;
- Member and Treasurer of Bedford University Women's Club;
- Love playing Bridge with friends;
- Member of Platinum '99 Investment Club currently serving as President;
- Played tennis for several years and most recently pickleball;
- Member of Oakfield Golf and Country Club and served on the Ladies Executive as Treasurer and then as Chair of Handicap Committee;
- We love to travel and have visited most of Canada, the USA, Europe, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand and Australia.
- Love spending time with Grandchildren Hayley 23, Olivia 13, Reece 11, Lennie 7, Sadie 3 and Eden 1.

#### **Douglas Charles Campbell**

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- Graduated from Acadia University on May 11, 1971, accepting the Bronze Medal for the Highest Standing in the BBA program;
- Married Donna MacAloney, Class of '71 on May 22, 1971;
- Accepted at Dalhousie Law School in September, 1971;
- Articled at MacKeigan, Cox, Downie and Mitchell during the summers of '73 and '74;
- Graduated with Bachelor of Laws Degree in May '74;
- Invited to join Cox, Downie, Nunn and Goodfellow following the passing of bar exams in fall of '74;
- Daughter Lisa was born May 30, 1974; son Geoff was born, March, 13, 1978;
- Became a Partner at the firm in 1979;
- Daughter Alyson (Acadia BBA 2004) was born June 9, 1982;
- I restricted my practice to Family Law and lectured on Family Law Tax and Pension issues at many N.S. Barrister Society and Canadian Bar Association Conferences and later at judicial conferences;
- Received QC appointment in May, 1991;
- Appointed to Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Family Law Division in March, 1999;
- Became Supernumerary in 2014 and fully retired in 2016;
- Wintered in Florida 2015 to 2019;
- Travelled with Donna far and wide and enjoyed the Danube River, Mekong Delta and Yangtze River cruises as well as the Mediterranean and Caribbean ocean cruises;
- Have lived in the same house in Bedford, N.S. for 37 years;
- Playing my Taylor acoustic guitar and my electric bass has been a great source of enjoyment over the years, as well as my many years spent playing tennis and more recently playing pickleball;
- Member at Oakfield Golf and Country Club;
- Volunteered as assistant coach for Bedford Baseball and on Bedford Hockey Executive and Treasurer
  of high school hockey;
- We have six beautiful grandchildren.

#### **David Chown**

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Coming from Montreal to Wolfville was transformative for me, and countless memories of my Acadia experience have remained vivid over the years. After graduation, my career in the health care industry, in Ontario's public service, and in consulting began in 1972 and eventually took me and my wonderful wife of 51 years, Jennifer (Rodney), to BC for seven years, Ontario for 10, and for a short time in Quebec before we returned to Nova Scotia in 1997. I retired at the end of 2018.

I particularly enjoyed the courses I took from Profs. Clarence Tracy, James Stokesbury, Martin Blumenson, Agar Adamson, and Terry Pearson. My fondest extra-curricular memories are from 1969 to 1971, writing sports columns for *The Athenaeum*, and a year on the Executive of the SRC. At the 25th Class Reunion, the Ath's former editor Dave Sheppard gave me virtually every copy of those years' papers, and I remain grateful to "Shep" for his thoughtfulness.

Jennifer and I have enjoyed our travels over the years to Florida, Hawaii, Europe, Bermuda and the Caribbean. But perhaps our most enriching journeys took place in 2015 and 2018 to Greece and Armenia, as part of our research work into the life of Red Cross nurse Sara Corning, a native of Yarmouth County and a distant relative of Jennifer's, who saved and cared for thousands of orphans in Armenia, Greece, and Turkey from 1919 to 1930. Although our research is ongoing, a key accomplishment was the generous gift of a bronze statue of Sara Corning from the people of Armenia, which was unveiled at a ceremony in September 2019 at the Yarmouth County Museum. The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia and the Armenian Ambassador to Canada were among the many dignitaries who participated. Acadia alumni and students are encouraged to visit the statue site and museum to learn more about this remarkable woman, a hero to Armenians and Greeks worldwide.

#### Joan (Crawford) Cho and Steven Cho

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Steven and I were married in the Acadia Divinity College on May 12, 1971, the day after our graduation ceremony. The Divinity College had just moved into the new building that year and we were the first couple to be married in its chapel. Steven had one more year to complete a Master of Theology degree so I used that year to work as secretary in the office of the Acadia School of Education.

Steven was ordained into the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada the following year and his first pastorate was in Pictou County, N.S. for the congregations in Blue Mountain, Garden of Eden and East River St. Mary's. (Yes, a Taiwanese Presbyterian minister once preached in the Garden of Eden!)

I was somewhat surprised to find myself a minister's wife since I had gone to Acadia with the intention of becoming a Baptist missionary in Bolivia. Steven was also surprised because his plan had been to return to ministry in Taiwan with his enhanced knowledge of Pastoral Counselling. We discovered that I was the "two-for-the-price-of-one" kind of minister's wife, sharing in much of Steven's ministry for the next 30 years.

While living in Blue Mountain, our two sons, Dickson Li-Ming and Johannes Weh-Ming, were born.

In 1977, we moved to St. Stephen, N.B., where Steven became minister of the Presbyterian congregations of St. Stephen and St. George and our daughter, Denisa Su-Li, was born. We remained in St. Stephen for 25 years while our children grew up, graduated from high school and moved on to university, careers and eventually marriage. For many years, I was a substitute teacher for St. Stephen elementary and middle schools.

When the pastoral boundaries of Charlotte County were revised in 1997, the second point in Steven's charge was changed from the St. George Kirk to the Greenock Kirk in St. Andrews.

Steven's retirement came in 2003 and we purchased a house in Saint John, N.B. We became homeowners for the first time in our married lives, having always lived in church-owned manses. When the pulpit of St. Columba Presbyterian Church in West Saint John became vacant, Steven acted as supply minister there for several years, enjoying preaching, visiting, singing in the choir and no meeting agendas.

Our children have added three partners to the family circle -- Melissa, Robyn and Danny-- and have blessed us with three grandchildren: Audrey Claire (2006), Holly Evelyn (2009) and Ruby Grace (2013).

Since 2008, I have been editor of *The Presbyterian Message*, a magazine of the Atlantic Mission Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which is printed nine times a year.

# Anne (Ferguson) Crosby

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Every couple of years I have The Dream. I'm walking down to War Memorial Gym to write exams, feeling like I know nothing and wondering what I had been doing when the rest of my gang attended classes. With great relief I wake to remember that I did learn enough to leave with two degrees, qualified to mould young elementary school minds. That I did for the following eight years in Fortune, NL and Liverpool, NS.

Motherhood called to me and was my favourite job. I cite my daughters, Erin and Abby (Acadia '04), both exemplary women, as evidence of any success I can claim in that role which, happily, is lifelong. Now I'm blessed to hone my grandmother skills with Oliver and Elliot.

Family and friends keep me connected to N.S. but PEI has been my home for 33 years. Now five years retired from Hunter River Dental, I have more time for the things that take care of my brain: watercolour painting; singing baritone in my barbershop quartet, Retake; playing percussion in Second Chances, my concert band; and, of course, reading. Biking, walking and Aquafit address my physical well-being and my spouse, Joanne, keeps my heart happy. All in all, life is good here in Charlottetown, my beautiful little city.

I am grateful to A.U. and Wolfville for four wonderful years and for the five crazy, beautiful women who, in September 1968, came into my life and have never left. Much love to Cheryl, Dawn, Glenda, Kay and Wilma.

#### Allen Gower

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After graduating from Acadia, I attended the University of Alberta in Edmonton and received my MSc in Mathematics. I am now retired after a successful and interesting career at Statistics Canada in Ottawa. I have been married to my wife, Gail, since 1976. We have three sons-- Glen, Matthew and Stephen-- as well as four grandchildren: Sophie, Madeleine, Leo and Beau. Our son Glen is an Ottawa city councillor. Gail and I do a lot of travelling, and have visited at least 60 countries.

We return to the Maritimes one or two times every year, although we have not visited since 2019 due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions. Greetings and best wishes to my fellow Acadia graduates!

#### Jeffrey P. Johnson

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Hi, friends.

I graduated from Acadia in '71, and moved on to Andover Newton Theological School near Boston, graduating in '75 with my Master of Divinity. (While at Acadia I was invited to participate in a prison ministry, which turned my life around.)

My life became even more interesting when I met Sister Ann Searing, a Roman Catholic nun (who had been in the convent for 17 years). We worked together as students in a church, and then discovered there was more going on. We were married in '75.

I served in pastoral roles in three different churches in Massachusetts (four, 14, and 21 years, retiring in '14). Ann shared in some of these ministries. Lots of adventures.

I earned a Doctor of Ministry in '90, with a focus on Marriage and Family.

We have two adult daughters in their forties, and both live close by (yes, we do realize how fortunate we are!) We are delighted to have become grandparents to two wonderful children.

Ann has been struggling with dementia for many years. Some refer to it as "the long goodbye." But she is also blessed with a great sense of humour, and is upbeat about her affliction. I am her primary caregiver at home, with outside help as needed.

I am presently serving as a part-time chaplain at The Boston Home in Dorchester, Mass. We serve the needs of those with advanced Multiple Sclerosis. Our place is usually their last stop. A noble and courageous group.

We have greatly enjoyed our trips to the Colours Celtic Festivals in Cape Breton. May they be reinstated soon!

Wishing you well--Jeff

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#### Barbara Kelsey

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Became an Elementary School Teacher, teaching in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and British Columbia.

- pursued further education in several universities and colleges, i.e. Cape Breton University, Simon Fraser University, Thompson Rivers University, University of Victoria and International Open Academy;
- I enjoy traveling, and have visited several Caribbean countries, several states in the USA, and my huge trip to India;
- I met my wonderful husband, Fred, in Toronto. We are definitely soulmates.
- My family lives in Nova Scotia, and I have such a soft spot for this province.
- I still keep in touch with friends from Mount Saint Vincent University; after all, it's only 50 years.
- I have many pursuits and interests, but a few are reading, volunteer work, Learning Plus and Zumba.
- Cheers, and enjoy the reunion.

#### Glenda Elizabeth (Whidden) Lamey

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Married David Sanford after graduation. Did Education degree, gave birth to preemie baby girl, Sonya, in December.

Graduated BEd. A very busy year!

Both hired for teaching jobs in Digby for two years - Grade 2 for me.

Moved to Sherbrooke (my home village) in 1974. Adopted baby son Jeff . Taught variety of subjects at St. Mary's Rural High until 1976.

Moved to New Glasgow and taught variety of subjects at Westville High School for five years.

Moved to Daytona Beach for two years as a full-time mother/housewife. Enjoyed the sun and sand, but ended the marriage.

Back to Pictou County with children and no job.

Substituted for a year before starting part time MEd in counseling...return to Acadia. Happy to become fully employed as Guidance Counsellor at Trenton High School...loved it! Married Leo Lamey in 1986. Graduated Acadia in 1989. Leo didn't want me to take any more degrees from Acadia because I had a different surname each time!

Continued at Trenton until chronic fatigue forced early retirement. I was sad!

Besides teaching, Leo had established a greenhouse business at our home in Westville - always something to keep me busy when I had energy.

We are now fully retired and have enjoyed much travelling in Canada, States and Europe until COVID-19 took over.

Have remained close friends with five other Acadia women since we met first year at Chase Court. Some of us have travelled as couples and all enjoy frequent contact.

We have three granddaughters all doing well in chosen professions: a high school English teacher here in Pictou County; a first year medical school student at Dalhousie, and a massage therapist in Calgary.

My 96-year-old mother is alive and well in a nearby nursing home.

#### Rick Larder

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Greetings to the Class members of 1971! I have been happily and busily retired since 2008. I taught nearly 33 years at the New Brunswick Community College in Saint John, N.B. in a variety of differing capacities.

For the past 20 years, I have taken Bible stories and folk tales and adapted them into scripts which have been used by our group, The New Dawn Players. These scripts, in turn, have been presented to various church congregations and community groups. To back up a little, The New Dawn Players is a group of persons with various background disabilities and their non-disabled friends. The Players perform the adapted scripts in the form of mimes in a variety of costumes while I narrate the stories aloud to the viewing audience. To date there have been some 85 mime presentations. Without a doubt, this is surely one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling activities of my life thus far and I feel very privileged to be part of this group.

For fun, in other capacities: I volunteer at various community and church Drop-Ins where I make up a variety of games to be played by members. I have also been a seller on eBay of collectibles for over 20 years. At one point, years back, I was the local CBC Radio weekly Movie Reviewer on the station's Rolling Home show.

Since 1994, I have been a member of The New Dawn Community. New Dawn is a group which was set up to support families with members with disabilities to establish a L'Arche Community in Saint John. Once the community was established New Dawn continued monthly social support gatherings for members which continue to this day. There have been hundreds of gatherings over the years.

I am also involved in other church-related support programs which, due to time and space, will not be expanded upon.

I also take great delight in my grandkids, who are the lights of my life and hope for the future.

In recent years, travels to England, France and vacation times in South Beach Miami have enhanced life for myself and my wife.

# Marion (Jordan) Leier

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I graduated from Acadia University in 1971 with BA (history) and BEd. I started teaching at Port Williams Elementary School that fall – and taught 34 years. In 1973, two teachers and I piloted alternative classrooms. We each combined three age groups within the same classroom (Grades P, 1, and 2). It took us a few years to develop an effective Multiage Approach, and to reassure our parent community and regional school board that students would benefit from Multiage Education. It was successful, and it drew attention to our school from other communities, educators, regional and national media. I became an advocate for Multiage Education. I was invited by educators and their associations in Canada, United States and Australia (and Bahrain in 2016) to make presentations and write articles for their publications.

In 1979, I married Scott Leier, an employee of RBC. We have two daughters (1982, 1986). Kerri became a teacher and founded a Musical Theatre Company; Meredith became a large animal Veterinarian.

In 1992-1995, I earned an MEd in Literacy from Mount Saint Vincent U and received the President's Award. By that time most of the classes at Port Williams Elementary were Multiage (P-2, 3-5). Unfortunately, in 2002, The USA Bush government passed a No Child Left Behind Act, increasing standardized curriculum and testing in schools across the USA and Canada. It became impossible to continue Multiage Classrooms within a standardized education system. In 2005, I retired from teaching in public school.

In 2006, I developed a course, Multiage Pedagogy, and offered it through Acadia U, StFX, and Mount Saint Vincent for a couple of years. Since then, I have continued the course online through Open Acadia as EDUC 5843. Soon it will be time for me to fully retire.

# Carolyn (Wentzell) Lunn

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#### Highlights:

Married, Aug. 28, 1971 to Simon Lunn. Back to Acadia for MSc ('71-'73). Toured Britain and Europe "on the cheap" fall '73. Purchased small "off-grid" house in West Caledonia fall '74 (both of us employed as naturalists at Kejimkujik.). Moved to Cavendish P.E.I., fall of '75. BEd from U.P.E.I., spring '77. Taught Grade 8, '77-'78.

Move to Waterton Lakes N.P., AB, fall '78. Simon, Assistant Park Naturalist. My jobs: teacher, RCMP dispatch, Park Planner, Park Office Clerk. Trips: New Zealand, West Coast Trail, Hawaii, Germany. Started our family: Heather, 1982. Megan, 1984.

Spring, 1986, moved to Smith's Falls, ON (Simon working on Rideau Canal). Divided my time between supply teaching and being a mother. Sadly, we lost Megan (who had Down Syndrome) in 1987. I subsequently spent 10 years in marketing RESPs. However, my passion was learning about and providing consultation on the benefits of computer technology for children with special needs.

At the ripe old age of 46, I finally settled into a career path, starting studies at McGill to become a speech-language pathologist. MSc (A) '99. Gainfully employed, mostly with the local public school board, fall 1999 until my retirement, summer 2015. Simon and I have travelled to Iceland, China, and Ireland, as well as frequent trips within Canada (especially N.S.), visiting family and friends. Having learned Reiki in 2002 (in response to work stress), I started a part-time professional Reiki practice after retirement. I have continued to provide services on a distance basis throughout the pandemic. In addition to my Reiki practice, I enjoy hiking, yoga, hand-drumming, meditation and dot mandala art.

Our daughter, Heather, married in 2019, works in Ottawa for the federal Dept. of Agriculture as well as private environmental and landscape consulting.

We look forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary in Wolfville.

# Richard A. MacAlpine

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Following graduation I was employed in the laboratory of Yarmouth Regional Hospital, where I had trained as a medical laboratory technologist and was employed prior to beginning my degree program in the fall of 1967. In the spring of 1972 I was accepted as a Civilian Member of the RCMP and was posted at the Forensic Laboratory in Sackville, N. B. to the Serology Section. My duties involved identifying human blood and body fluids and identifying various genetic markers in blood in order to possibly eliminate suspects in serious crimes. This also involved providing expert testimony in the courts of the Atlantic Provinces and the Northwest Territories. In late 1979 I was transferred to the newly opened Forensic Laboratory in Halifax and was there until early 1990. I was then transferred to the Forensic Laboratory in Ottawa, where I assumed the role of Operational Support Manager, which involved a number of responsibilities including Occupational Safety and Health for the Forensic Services Directorate, which encompassed eight laboratories across Canada. My duties also included among other tasks, setting up and coordinating study tours for personnel from developing countries and providing tours for visiting forensic scientists wishing to learn about our programs and facilities. In 1993, I was offered a position in the Toxicology Section of the Forensic Laboratory in Vancouver and, following several months retraining, I moved to the West Coast. My duties involved blood alcohol determinations in cases of possible impaired driving, attending court and training police officers in the use of breath alcohol testing equipment. I retired in the autumn of 2003 and currently reside in the Lower Mainland.

I am truly grateful for the variety which my work experience has provided. Early in my career I had the opportunity to experience the satisfaction of working with dedicated personnel at a general hospital and being part of a closely knit team of exceptional people. Later, I relished the challenges of career change and acquiring new skill sets and experience. I have seen more of Canada than I ever thought I would and have enjoyed the company of notable professionals from all over the world. One of my most memorable experiences was being stranded for several days in March in Northern Labrador in a blizzard. I roomed at the home of an Inuit family as there was no hotel in the community. I dined on Arctic char and caribou both cooked to perfection!

My retirement has provided the opportunity to enjoy favourite pastimes such as reading and listening to music. Vancouver has much to offer in the form of concerts and theatre and art. Many of my former colleagues chose to become private consultants after retirement, but I chose a complete change of gears, focusing on volunteer activities including church and community groups. During less restricted times, a good part of May through October is spent cruising with my friend on his 37-foot ketch among the Gulf Islands and Desolation Sound. My bestie, a chocolate dapple mini dachshund named Mocha Joe (Joe), has also been a faithful and avid member of the crew. He turned 15 this spring and is not very steady on his feet now. I will probably have to leave him home this year as the terrain on the rocky beaches of the coast and islands where we anchor are harder and harder for him to manage. They are becoming more difficult for me. I never would have dreamed that I would ever have seen what I have. Thank you Acadia for helping me begin my journey.

#### Malcolm Manzer

I graduated in 1971, moved to Toronto, spent two years looking for employment suitable with my education and found none. I sprayed machinery for five years. After the painting I became a self-employed carpenter until the present day, learning technical information and a carpenter's license from night school.

I married in 1976. During the birth of our second boy in 1981 my wife developed Muscular Dystrophy and the only thing she could do on her own was feed herself. That lasted about 15 years and since then has lost the ability to talk and swallow. The disability lasted from 1981-2019: 38 years. I was the caregiver at night and on weekends. In 2019 she got pneumonia and has not recovered. For the last 15 months I have to keep 6 feet distance and wear two masks, knowing all patients and staff were fully vaccinated in January and myself in April with the first dose. I have spent the majority of my life doing #1 looking after my wife, #2 active in the church and #3 doing monthly church services in a local nursing home.

#### Norman and Shirley Pearce

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Norm: BSc and Applied Science Cert. Acadia 1971; BEng (NS Tech) 1973. Shirley (Snudden) BA Acadia 1971, M.S.W. (Dal) 1973. We have two sons, Adam and Mark Pearce, also Acadia alumni. Our two amazing daughters-in-law are also Acadia alumni, and we have two young grandsons who live in Wolfville, so maybe they will attend Acadia someday too. Shirley started the Social Work Department of Colchester Hospital (now Colchester East Hants Health Centre) in 1974 and was senior Social Worker there for several years, later completing a three-year Training Course to become a Recognized Lay Pastor. Norm worked as Plant Engineer at Intertape Polymer, Truro, N.S., 1973 to 2006, also took theological training at Acadia Divinity College, and pastored three small Baptist churches near Sherbrooke, N.S., 2007 - 2015; received Grad. Diploma in Christian Studies from ADC in May 2012, the same month that Adam received MEng (Dal) and Mark received BEd (Acadia). Then, 2015-2020, Norm did part-time project engineering for Intertape Polymer again. Both are active members of Immanuel Baptist Church, Truro, N.S., and Norm is a former President of Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.

# **David Sheppard**

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After graduating from Acadia in 1971, where I was editor of *The Athenaeum* for two years, edited two AXE yearbooks, and served on the committee designing the new SUB, I returned to earn my BEd, retiring after 36 years as a Senior English teacher at Horton District and Horton High School, head of the Fine Arts Department for many years.

After retirement, I spent two years, off and on, in the UK, traveling extensively and writing a photography -based blog on my travels, using literary and historical connections as my focal point.

Back home, my son and I established Fundy Rocks, an educational rock-hounding and hiking group, making free presentations province-wide and taking people to difficult-to-access rock sites on the Bay.

Moving into Tideways Apartments, I became President of Wolfville Habitat Co-operative Limited, now in my 11th year, and focus on the governance of the retirement community.

I have been writing: an unpublished book on Jack Marriott of Port Williams; a book about my Acadia-graduated grandparents--Dr. Leslie and Minetta Eaton--who lived in India where my mother Barbara Eaton was born; and a book about my father, Tony, a Halifax sports hero in the '30s, a lumber dealer, road-builder, and later administrator with the Kings County School Board. I have also completed extensive research on all the merchants of Wolfville from 1850-2020, a project next on my list to finish.

I was archivist at Horton, and wrote a history of the school, and am chair of the Wolfville Schools Memorabilia Committee. I plan to write a history of the Wolfville schools.

I am a devoted grandfather of five, three of my children are graduates of Acadia: Chris (Wolfville); Mary (Virginia); and Tessa (New Minas). My daughter Amanda is a single mom raising a son in Port Williams.

I am very contented.

#### Jayne Simms-Dalmotas

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Following graduation at Acadia in 1971, I did the popular back-pack trip around Europe. Then I got serious again and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison to attain a master's in Journalism. In the depths of winter, January 1975, I flew to Ottawa to begin working for Agriculture Canada where my first position involved voicing scripts and conducting interviews on food and agriculture topics that were aired on rural radio stations across the country, including in the Annapolis Valley. Over what was to become a 35-year career with the federal government, I worked for several different departments in the areas of communications, international affairs and parliamentary relations. I had the good fortune to contribute to many interesting initiatives such as the Royal Commission on The Future of Health Care in Canada (Romanow Commission), a Canadian-led meeting of 30 Health Ministers on pandemic influenza readiness, and international visits by the Minister of Health to further knowledge exchange and collaboration on a range of health issues.

In 1980, I married Dainius Dalmotas at Acadia's Manning Memorial Chapel. One of our proudest accomplishments has been the restoration of our Quebec 1820s stone house, which had been completely demolished in a fire. Over the years, we've pursued a love of travel through visits to many countries, one of the most memorable being our trip to Tanzania, where we climbed Kilimanjaro.

Since retiring, I have been a part-time Communications Director for D.J. Dalmotas Consulting Inc., which works to enhance the safety of motor vehicle occupants. I have also continued my volunteer work for heritage, music and media organizations, and for the Canadian Museum of History. In addition to daily walks with our energetic yellow Labrador Retriever, Kunik, I visit a horse stable twice weekly, where I am enthusiastically learning the art of dressage.

#### Dr. Gillian M. Trueman (nee Smith)

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Fifty years. Almost incomprehensible, yet golden! A 46-year friendship, 41-year marriage to "renaissance man" Hazen Trueman. Talented, affectionate kids (Cate and Dave), son-in-law Leon de Vreede, and grandson Dylan. All nearby, inspiring and fun!

After Acadia (BSc 71, BEd '72), Elementary school teaching, Dartmouth 1972-74. Returned to studies: Queen's 1974-5, U. of Toronto (MD '79), and Dalhousie U. (Rotating Internship).

1980 married Hazen, moved to Berwick. Launched 30 years of GP medical practice – 16 years home-based, 14 years on contract at RCAF Greenwood. Berwick – "the village" in which to raise our children, bond with friends, enjoy careers, support our nearby parents. Rural practice and small town hospital just right. Family life juggled with office, nursing home and hospital duties (inpatients, obstetrics, emergency). All fed my soul!

1996-7, stepped away, backpacking and circumventing the globe with Hazen (on leave from teaching senior math, West Kings), Cate (Gr. 8) and Dave (Gr. 6). The kids and global community—extraordinary teachers. The legacy lives on.

Other family enterprises: The Kings Arms Pub, Kentville (1985-2004); LannaThai Kitchen, Bridgewater (2014-present); Treetop (Eco)Village, Bridgewater (Atlantic Canada's first co-housing development).

Retirement 2011 with medical illness. Condition chronic, but relatively stable. Isak Dinesen's mantra ours: "The cure for anything is salt water—sweat, tears, or the sea". Serving on Board of Directors, The Kingsburg Coastal Conservancy. Walking, gardening, pond-skating, boogie-boarding and poetry-the spice of life!

Since 2018 living full-time at the "Bluehouse" in Kingsburg, NS. Six acres of meadow, woodland, wildlife and ocean vistas. Close proximity to the kids, and Hirtles and Kingsburg Beaches. Led by The Rev. Heather Ferrier, renewed our wedding vows in 2019.

Safe during COVID-19 with "hats off" to N.S.'s CMO Dr. Robert Strang. Feeling a strong sense of community and fortunate in getting to know neighbours in the great outdoors.

#### Klaas Vander Baaren

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After graduating with a major in Computer Science, I spend my entire working career in Information Technology (IT). I worked in a number of different industries and ended up focusing on law firms, financial institutions and the employee benefits industry.

The type of positions ranged from operations, programming, business analysis, project management and product management to client relationship management and sales.

My wife Nancy (Skeldon, class of '74) and I were married in 1971. We started our work careers in Montreal (1971 to 1979) and moved to Toronto, living there 1979 to 1993. My wife was then offered a transfer to Washington, DC which we accepted. We lived in DC from 1993 to 1998, when we were both offered a transfer to San Diego. We have been living in sunny California ever since.

Our main non-work activities are visiting family and friends back in Canada, hiking and travel. We have been lucky enough to have visited over 50 countries, enjoying the histories, ecologies, and finding new lifelong friends along the way.

We both retired last year (2020) and plan to continue our traveling vacations once the world figures out the safety protocols and rules.

#### Where are They Now?

The alumni below have been coded in our system as being inactive. If you have any contact information on these individuals, please forward updates to acadia.alumni@acadiau.ca

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Bradley J. Armstrong	Brian C Davis	Jeanie Hicks
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Olwyn E. C. (Price) Blakeney	Angelena (Scanlan) Denovan	Margaret Ho
Janet M. (Palmer) Boates	Warren Dexter	Jean G (Gordon) Hockin
Roderick W. Boland	James F. Doig	Suzanne M. Hood
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Wray D. Burrows	Alan Fraser	William H. Johnston
John A. Calder	Laurie W. Gilby	Janis M. Jones-Darrell
Diane R. (Smith) Campbell	Dorothy J (Archer) Girard	Rajdeo Kalliecharan
Roderick M Cann	Elizabeth J. (Thistle) Glover	Shelagh M Kelsey
Sandra (Boyd) Carruthers	Elizabeth M. (Balicki) Griffin	Eric Pong-Shing Lai
Jennifer S (Cheung) Chan	Michael G. Griffin	Gordon D Laing
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