

Assumption

FULBRIGHT Scholarships

Awards Given for Graduate Research



Victoria Scanlan



Janine Rock

Two graduating seniors, Janine Rock and Victoria Scanlan, were awarded Fulbright Scholarships for research abroad. The Fulbright Program is organized by the United States Department of State at pre-doctoral and post-doctoral levels. The post-baccalaureate fellowships that these two Assumption College students received are part of an annual competition based on submitted proposals for awards given to graduating seniors, young professionals, artists, and graduate students from more than 100 countries. On the average, only one out of ten applicants receives Fulbright funding.

Janine, a Spanish major, will use her scholarship to study dance at the University of Alcalá in Madrid, Spain, while engaging in a comparative study on the contemporary dance cultures of Spain and the United States. She plans to conduct her

research in and out of the classroom, attending university lectures on the history and culture of dance, participating in Spanish dance classes, and traveling outside Madrid to observe flamenco workshops. Janine was also recently awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award in Spanish at the annual Honor's Convocation and was this year's Valedictorian. In addition, she was an Augustine Scholar and involved in many campus activities.

Victoria, a double major in French and Biology, submitted her scholarship proposal for research at L'Institut Pasteur in Bruxelles, Belgium. She plans to study toxoplasmosis, a disease which is a prominent cause of birth defects, particularly in France and Belgium. The scholarship will also enable Victoria to further develop her French skills,

EXPANDED BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED

The Assumption College Board of Trustees recently approved the following individuals for three-year terms on the board:



Cedric "Cecil" Ellis '84 of Hartford, CT. Until this past March, Cecil had served as the director of

Human Resources for Aetna in Hartford, CT. He recently was named director of Human Resources for Fireman's Fund McGee Marine Under-writers, a subsidiary of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company in New York City. Cecil is currently a member of the Assumption



College Alumni Advisory Board and the President's Council.

Janice Fuller of Boylston, MA. Jan recently retired

from IDG-New England (formerly Refco, Inc.), where she had served as vice president and finance manager. She is currently a trustee of the Seven Hills Foundation, a trustee of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation, a corporator for



Music Worcester, and a member of the board of directors of Calliope Productions. Jan

is married to Mark Fuller and has two children, Kelsa '92 and Scott, and two grandchildren.

Robert E. Longden, Jr., Esq., AP '67, of Holden, MA.

Bob is currently the managing partner at Bowditch & Dewey LLP in Worcester. A graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University Law School, his areas of practice include commercial real estate development, zoning,



planning, and land use. He is a former president of both the Worcester County Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Foundation. Bob and his wife, Joanna, serve on the Parents Committee at Assumption College. They have two children, Tim '03 and Carolyn.

Paul J. MacKinnon of Hingham, MA. Paul is currently the executive vice president and director



of Retail Risk Management for FleetBoston Financial Co. in Boston. He is a graduate of Suffolk University. Paul is a trustee and chairman of the Audit Committee for South Cove Manor and a member of the Assumption College President's Council. He and his wife, Geraldine, also serve on the Parents Committee at Assumption. They have two sons, Brian '02 and Timothy '05.

Thomas D. Manning '69, G'71 of Worcester, MA. Tom is currently the vice



chancellor for Operations and Commonwealth Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center

(UMMC) in Worcester. He had previously served for seven years as chief operating officer/associate vice chancellor, and prior to that he served for thirteen years as administrator in the Department of Psychiatry. He is

past president and a board member of the International Center for Clubhouse Development, and a member of the Board of Directors of UMMC



Foundation, Inc., the National Conference for Community and Justice, and the Family Health Center. He is also

a member of the Assumption College President's Council. Tom has three children, Mikaela, Megan, and Matthew.

Candace "Candy" (McGovern) Race '78 of Leominster, MA. Candy is currently vice president and director for The Advertising Agency at Fidelity Investments in Marlboro, MA. She recently returned to Fidelity after working for Fallon Health Care as director of Sales and Corporate Communications.

On Saturday, May 19, 2001, Assumption College held its 84th Commencement ceremony. Thousands of friends and family members gathered to honor the graduating class of 2001. Beth DeFrino of Auburn, MA was honored as the Salutatorian, and Janine Rock of Tewksbury, MA was honored as Valedictorian. Ms. Rock was also one of two recipients of a Fulbright Scholarship, the first time in the College's history that an Assumption student has received this scholarship.

Ms. DeFrino introduced the commencement speaker, award-winning poet Li-Young Lee, who is the author of several books of poetry, and the winner of the Delmore Schwartz Award from New York University. Much of Lee's writings are grounded in his Chinese heritage, memories of his life in exile, and the aspirations and concerns of post-1965 Asian Americans. Lee helps his readers reflect on the importance of family, the contributions that immigrants continue to make for our country, and the need to promote Christian values, tolerance, love, and service as central to a democratic and humane society. His commencement speech



TOP: One of many graduation hugs to go around. ABOVE LEFT: Commencement speaker Li-Young Lee and Fr. John Franck, A.A., Chair of the Assumption Board of Trustees, before the graduation ceremonies. ABOVE RIGHT: Fr.

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LEFT: Mary and John Rock, the very proud parents of Valedictorian, Janine Rock '01.

focused on the "disillusionment" that comes from being educated—that is, when one is able to see through the accepted and perpetuated illusions of society.

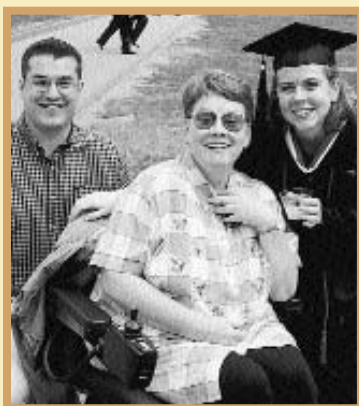
He also read one of his poems, "Words for Worry." (see sidebar)

Li-Young Lee, as well as Dr. Robert T. Denommé '52, were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at the Commencement ceremony. Dr. Denommé is an internationally renowned specialist in nineteenth-century French literature and the Douglas Huntly Gordon Professor Emeritus of French at the University of Virginia. He joined UVA as an assistant professor in 1962, the year he received his Ph.D. from Columbia. Four years later, he achieved tenure status and, in another four years, was made a full professor. This rapid progression through the ranks was punctuated by outstanding scholarly contributions to his field. After



he had chaired his department at UVA for many years, his already distinguished career culminated with his appointment to the Gordon chair, from which he retired in 1997.

Dr. Denommé recently endowed an Assumption scholarship fund in memory of his parents,



...the Class of '01 begins

WORDS FOR WORRY

by Li-Young Lee

Another word for father is worry;
worry boils the water for tea
in the middle of the night.
Worry trimmed the child's
nails
before singing him to sleep.

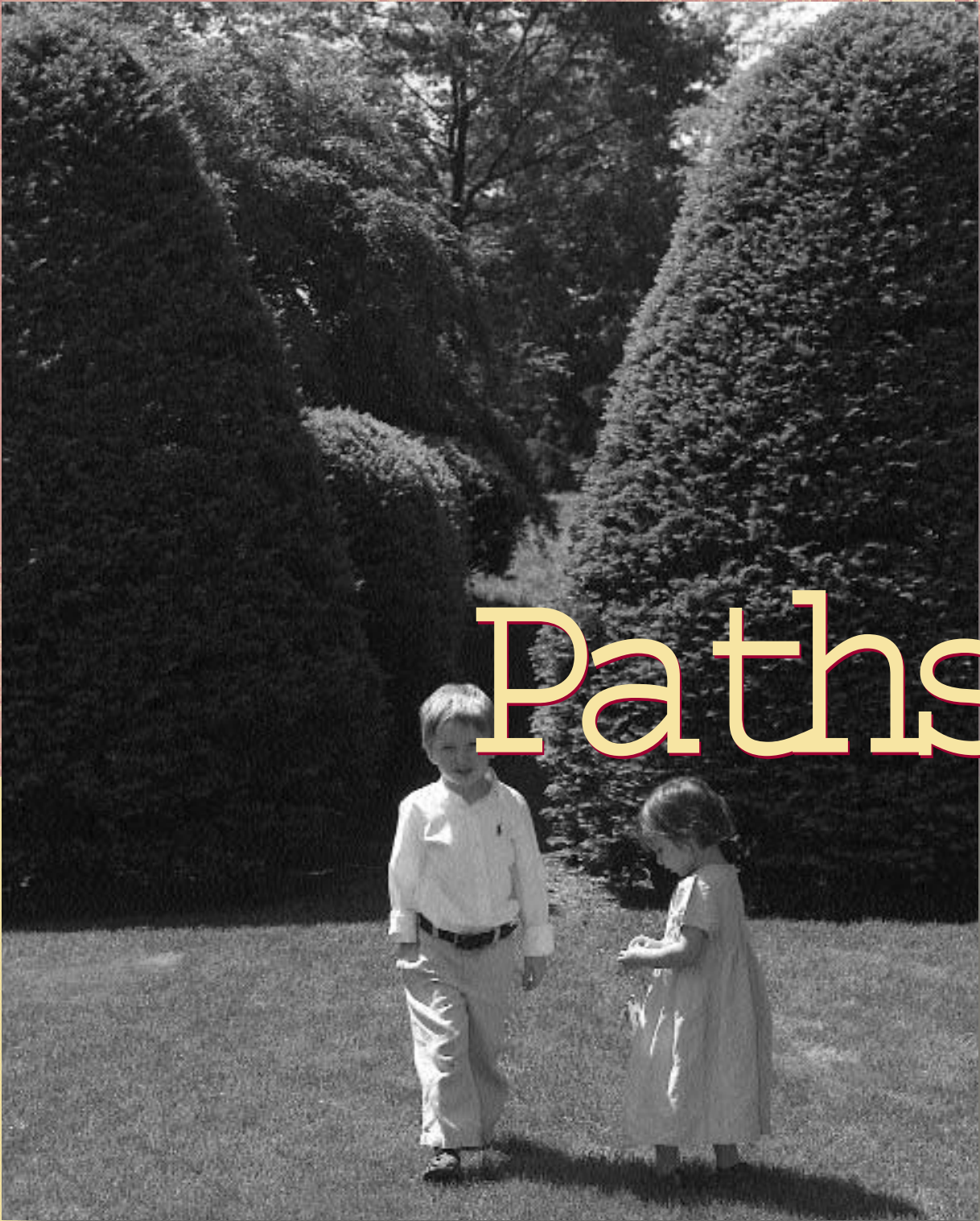
Another word for son is delight;
another word, hidden,
and another is one who goes
away.
Yet another, one who returns.

There are so many words for
son.
He dreams for all our sakes.
His play vouchsafes our winter
share.
His dispersal winds the birds.

But only one word for father.
And sometimes a man is both,
which is to say sometimes a
man
manifests mysteries beyond
his own understanding.

For instance, being the one
and the many,
and the loneliness of either.

• A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A REUNION •



Paths

Expectations for a great day



10:35 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S GARDEN
AWARD CEREMONY

A suitable backdrop
to a fine day.

that cross

Saturday, June 9, marked the high point of Alumni Reunion Weekend 2001.

The day-long celebration included an alumni award ceremony, an alum/faculty barbecue, access to the Plourde Recreation Center, pony rides, a clown, class photographs, Mass, dinner, live music, and dancing.

The day certainly accomplished its goal of bringing together alumni and alumnae of all ages in a festive setting while



1:14 p.m.

ALUMNI TENT

Clownin' around.

-Alumni Awards Presented in

Bro. Armand Lemaire, A.A. '48, received the Jack Bresciani '72 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Bro. Armand took his perpetual vows with the Assumptionist order in 1950.

He worked at the College as assistant treasurer for almost 40 years. He has also served the Assumptionist order in various capacities over the years, including assistant to the provincial treasurer of the North American Province.

Bro. Armand, now semi-retired, serves as the full-time sacristan at the Assumptionist's Old English Road residence in Worcester and as a special ambassador to the College's Alumni Association.

Dr. Michael True, professor emeritus of



Dr. Plough with Alumni Award recipients (l-r): Bro. Armand Lemaire, A.A., Maurice Boisvert, and Dr. Michael True.



5:42 p.m.

CHAPEL OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Coming
together
to celebrate a

FIFTIETH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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The Class of 1951, celebrating their 50th reunion, kept the festivities in an historical perspective—they graduated from the College's original Greendale campus and were

in position to compare the old with the new, especially in light of Assumption's recent building boom. Roger Mailhot '51 commented, "From barracks to classrooms, from bunk beds to custom suites," explaining how the buildings of the Greendale campus were largely pieced together from World War II surplus Quonset huts and furnishings.

In special recognition of their golden anniversary, the Class of 1951 was formally inducted into the Fr. Thomas Darbois Society, honoring the memory of the Assumptionist priest who was the founder and first president of the Assumption Preparatory School and College at the Greendale site. President Thomas R. Plough presided over the ceremony, encouraging the "well-tested products" and "role models" of this class to mingle and share their memories. After President Plough presented each class member with the Darbois Society Pin, Fr. Roland Guilmain, A.A. '50, re-lecting on the legacies of Fr. Darbois and Fr. Emmanuel d'Alzon, founder of the Assumptionists,

English, received the Honorary Alumnus Award. Dr. True taught English, American literature, and Peace Studies at Assumption College from 1965-1997, and served as chairperson of the English Department from 1974-1976. He also established the Peace and Justice Committee on campus, which hosted many well-known lecturers on the subject. Professor True himself has authored many books on peace and justice, including *Who Needs Religion?*, *An Energy Field More Intense than War: The Nonviolent Tradition and American Literature*, and *Daniel Berrigan: Poetry, Drama, Prose*. Dr. True

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restated a core Assumptionist belief that "through an educated and committed laity, society can be renewed."

Indeed, the educational legacy of Assumption College, past and present, has and continues to fulfill this function of intellectual and spiritual renewal. u

Also celebrating special milestones were the Classes of 1966 and 1976, who enjoyed their 35th and

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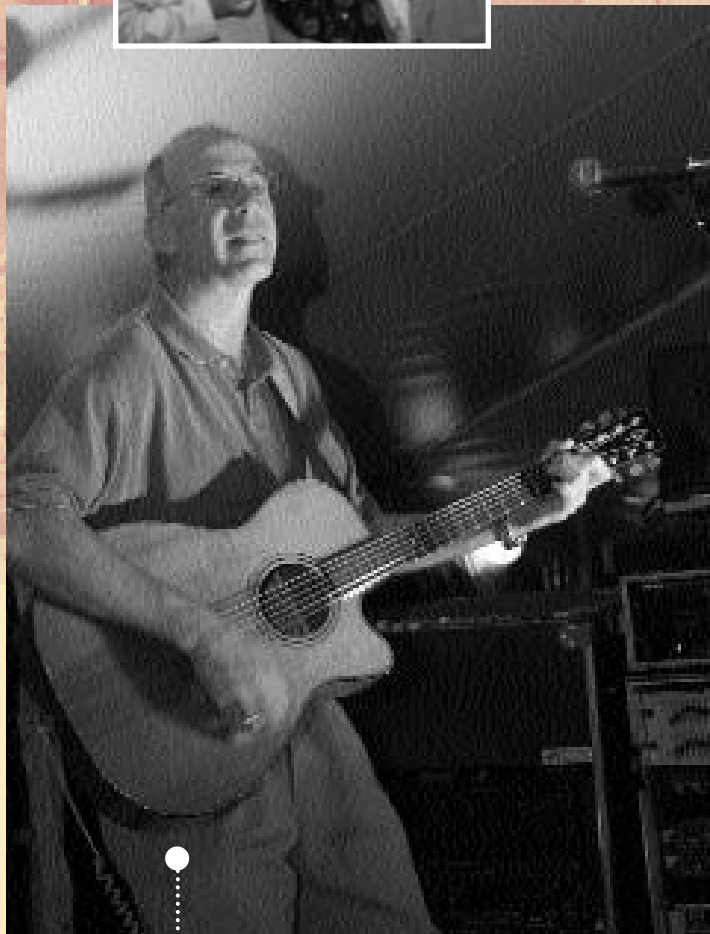


6:59 p.m.

DR. PLOUGH WITH THE CLASS OF '81

A dinner party for the entire

has also served on the faculty of twenty other colleges and universities in this country and abroad, including Duke University (where he received his Ph.D. in American Literature), Colorado College, University of Hawaii, College of the Holy Cross, and Columbia University. He received the Peace Studies Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999. (continued) Maurice Boisvert '66, LICSW, received the Outstanding Achievement Award. "Moe," president and chief executive officer of Y.O.U., Inc., supervises a staff of more than 400 people, oversees the delivery of a broad range of therapeutic, educational, and residential services in



Assumption College Seeks New Alumni Director



Melanie Demarai HA '92, who has been serving as the Director of Alumni Relations for the past eight years, has been named Associate Director of Major Gifts, a newly created position in the Office of Institutional Advancement. In her new role, Melanie will be part of the Centennial Campaign staff and will continue to work closely with alumni, parents, and members of the College community. Along with major gift responsibilities, Melanie will be involved in planning special campaign related activities and events throughout the country.

With Melanie's promotion, the College is seeking a new Director of Alumni Relations. Candidates should have five years of experience in the field of alumni relations or event planning. Excellent communication skills, an ability to prioritize competing demands, volunteer management experience, and a commitment to the mission of Assumption College are desired qualifications. Interested candidates should

9:51 p.m.

UNDER THE TENT

Music,
entertainment,
and dancing the

Assumption Memorie

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BY JIM BELLANCA '66

(from a letter sent to his classmates prior to their 35th

Assumption was a place that hardly had more than five buildings. One building, Kennedy, was named after the first of three men who would die in the service of their country from a family hardly anyone had heard about until a few years before our arrival. Another building had two names. It was called "La Maison Francaise" or "the Library." It had two entrances, one of which we frequented all of the time and the other which no one ever remembers entering. There was a dining hall named after someone called Taylor who didn't write music. There were some nuns from Belgium who actually wore habits. We know now that they were hardly more than our age. They had been sent to Assumption to cook and to learn English prior to going to Africa. They weren't very successful at either, but they always smiled. One of the two dorms was called "Alumni." In addition to the priests who worked and taught there, it housed the chapel, all of the administrative offices, and the whole freshman class. The other dorm was called the "New Dorm." It housed everybody else until they completed the "New New Dorm," which we were the first to occupy. It had a bathtub.

The priests were called by their first names, except for one who, for some reason, was called Bissonnette and a couple who were best known by their nicknames, "Dick Dick" and "Larry Dick," sometimes referred to as "Happy Death." The lay professors were all known by their last names like Marion, Brophy, Doyle, Silvestri, and Aubin. There was even a female professor who taught German or Greek and was named after the Greek God, Zeus. "Laska" was a living legend, not a gymnasium. And of course, Bro. Robert Francis Beaulac (1936-2000) was our friend and infirmarian.

Assumption was a place that was either searching for its identity or trying to change it. Some of us had excellent academic credentials. Many of us didn't have the credentials, but unbeknownst to us, did have the academic essentials. More than 100 started and maybe one-third of the original group finished. It was a time when all-night games of Risk or Monopoly were occasionally interrupted by things like the "Cuban Missile Crisis" or the "Bay of Pigs." When the worldliest people we knew had names like "Nobby" or "Zip." When a dime allowed you to stand in line for the only pay phone on the floor or buy you a shell of beer or a pickled egg at the "Boynnton." A time when a dollar could buy you a pizza or a hot grinder from a place called "Notis," where if you bought ten you would get one free. It was a time when freshmen were defined by beanies, and nights had things like Compline and bed checks. When major events included rope pulls over an icy pond, beer parties and mixers. Let's not forget basketball games, and of course, the end of all ends, Spring weekend. We were entertained by Josh White Jr., the Brothers Four, Judy Collins, Buddy Morrow, and Lionel Hampton.

Assumption is the place where all of us were when Kennedy was shot. It was the place where we learned that a country named Vietnam had something to do with a "domino theory." While we were there it became more than that to all of us. A place to be feared, hated, or avoided. To many of us, it ultimately became a reality, and for far too many, an end.

It was a time of hope. A time when civil rights demanded equality for all. A time when we learned, ultimately, that guys from "the Prep" were pretty much the same as the guys who weren't, as were the guys we called "day hops." We

