

Class of 1977 25th Reunion Panels

Plans are in the works for six fascinating panels on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 in the afternoons. At the time of this printing, over 25 individuals have agreed to participate in the panel discussions. For more information about the panels and panelists, check the class webpage at www2.aya.yale.edu/classes/yc1977. Scheduled to appear:

ARTS

Friday afternoon

Peter Marks, Moderator

Cultural Reporter, The New York Times.
Peter was a theater critic for the paper for four years, and also covered media in the 2000 presidential campaign.

Ulysses G. Dietz

Curator of the Decorative Arts Collection at the Newark Museum.

Ulysses received his masters in Early American Culture at the University of Delaware's Winterthur Program and has been a curator at the Newark Museum since 1980.

Lou Hernandez

Independent filmmaker

After a long career at New York advertising agencies, Lou now directs and produces films, TV commercials and videos from his own company, Fiddler Productions, in Naples, Fla.

Jonathan Levi

President, Nine Circles Chamber Theater and Artistic Director, Bard Performing Arts Center

Jon is a former editor-in-chief of the literary magazine *Granta* and author of novels and operas. He recently spent a year with the New York City Board of Education coordinating arts programs in the NYC public schools.

M.G. Lord

Writer, former political cartoonist

The author of "Forever Barbie: The Unauthorized Biography of a Real Doll," M.G. is finishing an informal cultural history of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Benjamin Simon

Director of the Crowden School and Crowden Center for Music in the Community, and Music Director of the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra

Ben has performed around the world as a violist with the New World String

Quartet, the Los Angeles and New York Philharmonic and other orchestras. He has made numerous recordings, composes theatrical scores and has taught at Harvard, Stanford and UC Berkeley.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Friday afternoon

Page Knudsen Cowles, Moderator
Board member, The Trust for Public Land
Page is also a partner in Ruminator Books Press, a trustee of St. Paul Academy and Summit School, serves on the board of Unity Avenue Foundation and is a director of Lawrence Creek, LLC, a private investment company.

Adam P. Cohen

Financial consultant for not-for-profit organizations

Adam, a CPA, serves NFPs on committees and boards, and as an independent accountant while a partner at a regional accounting firm and most recently at his eponymous firm.

David L. Dodson

President of MDC Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding opportunity in the South

David is also active in private philanthropy as trustee of the Mary Reynolds Babcock and Hitachi Foundations, both devoted to improving low-wealth communities.

Beth H. Parker

Attorney at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen in San Francisco

Beth is a civil litigator specializing in civil rights and intellectual property matters. During a recent leave of absence, she worked with Equal Rights Advocates, a public-interest law firm focused on ending discrimination against women and girls.

Hilary Pennington

CEO and co-founder of Jobs for the Future of Boston, Mass.

As a leading advocate for job training and education policy, Hilary served on Clinton's Presidential Transition Team in 1992 and co-chairs the Presidential Advisory Committee on Expanding Training Opportunities.

SCIENCES

Saturday afternoon

Sharon L. Begley, Moderator

Science editor, Newsweek Magazine

Sharon has been Newsweek's science editor for more than 20 years, covering physics, astronomy, genetics, neuroscience, archaeology and other fields.

John J. Flynn

MacArthur Curator, The Field Museum in Chicago

John chaired the Field Museum's department of geology for eight years, and has led dozens of paleontological expeditions around the world. His research focuses on the evolution of mammals and dinosaurs, geological dating, plate tectonics and biogeography.

Donald Ingber

Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School

Don has carried out groundbreaking work on the structure of living cells, in addition to discovering the first angiogenesis inhibitor to enter human clinical trials for treatment of cancer. He also holds multiple patents on technologies that range from pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and engineered tissues to micromanufacturing techniques and computer software.

Rollin Johnson

Consultant, science and technology policy

Rollin has worked for the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology and Government; the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; and the European Commission of the European Union; and has taught Biotechnology and Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

David J. Leffell

Professor of dermatology and surgery, Yale School of Medicine

David is also Senior Associate Dean at the Medical School. He and his colleagues discovered the skin cancer gene in 1996. He is the author of "Total Skin," published by Hyperion.

YALE TODAY**Saturday afternoon****Jennifer Julier**, Moderator

Asst. Director, Association of Yale Alumni

Jennifer serves as Director of the Alumni Schools Committee for the Yale Club of New Haven, and at the AYA is responsible for the Yale College classes of 1947 through 1966.

Tim Bertaccini

Business Manager, Yale Procurement Dept.

Tim has also worked for the Yale Alumni Fund and Dwight Hall, and is Treasurer of the Yale Club of New Haven, where he assists local applicants with financial aid.

Mariko Boswell

Yale Class of 2004

A sophomore majoring in Economics, Mariko helps organize intramural sports for Davenport College and is one of its SAC chairs.

Edward S. Cooke Jr.

Chairman, Yale History of Art Dept.

Ned is also the Charles F. Montgomery Professor of American Decorative Arts at Yale.

Nate Thorne

Yale Class of 2005

Nate is a freshman in Pierson from New York, NY. He plays safety for the football team and is undecided about his major (but interested in psychology). He tutors a local fourth grade class and this summer will work as an intern in New York for Sotheby's International Realty.

BUSINESS**Saturday afternoon****Melinda Beck**, Moderator

Marketplace Editor, The Wall Street Journal

Mindy worked as a writer and editor at Newsweek Magazine before joining the WSJ in 1996. She edits the front page of the Journal's second section.

Donna Dubinsky

CEO and co-founder of Handspring Inc.

Before forming Handspring, Donna was CEO and president of Palm Computing, which created the best-selling PalmPilot handheld computers.

Paul Francis

Managing Principal of the Cedar Street Group, a venture capital firm

Paul also served as a managing director of Merrill Lynch Capital Partners, as CFO of Ann Taylor Stores Corp., and as the founding CFO of Priceline.com

Andrew Pincus

General Counsel, Arthur Andersen

Andy was General Counsel of the US Commerce Department, focusing on technology policy issues, before joining Arthur Andersen in 2001. Previously, he served assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General, and as a partner at the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt.

Jim Sherblom

Chairman and founder, Seaflower Ventures, a biotech venture capital firm.

Jim was a biotech entrepreneur for ten years, serving as CFO of Genzyme and CEO of Transgenic Sciences. He is now a venture capitalist who is also studying to be a Unitarian Universalist minister.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**Saturday afternoon****James Brooke**, Moderator

Japan and Korea correspondent for The New York Times.

Over the last 18 years with the Times, Jim has covered West Africa, South America, the American Rocky Mountains and Canada. Previously, he covered South America for The Miami Herald, based in Brazil.

J. F. O. McAllister

London Bureau Chief, Time Magazine

Jef previously served as Time's diplomatic correspondent, White House correspondent and deputy Washington bureau chief. Since arriving in London in 1999, he has written regularly about the Northern Ireland peace process, Britain and the euro, Tony Blair, the Queen Mother and the war on terror.

Tom Moore

Associate General Counsel, Philip Morris International

Tom recently returned to New York after working over ten years in Hong Kong. He also studied and worked in China and has traveled extensively around Asia.

David W. Rivkin

Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton

A litigation partner, David specializes in representing clients in international disputes around the world. He has worked with the US State Department on various international legal efforts, and most recently he served as an arbitrator at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Liv Sovik

Professor, Communications School at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Liv also writes on issues of cultural theory and identity in Brazilian mass culture.