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Thoughts from the President

Yale alumni have an incredible history of public service in Minnesota. I frequently talk with many of our current alumni about their family and friends, and their contributions to our community. I have started doing research on our extraordinary history and found some amazing stories.

To that end, we hope to write this history, dating back to the early 1800's. A number of current Minnesota alumni are already involved in this project. We have a current Yale student helping us this semester; we will have a summer intern this coming summer; with luck we will have another student doing an independent study course in New Haven in the fall. We are fortunate enough to work with the Yale history department and the Yale archives in doing this research.

If you are interested in joining this project let me know. In the meantime, we have a broad array of public service opportunities in our club today, and I would be delighted if you join.

Ron Goldser '75



Announcements

Yale Book Award

Want to sponsor a book award for a rising senior at your favorite high school? Send \$50 to our treasurer Nick Johnson (1818 Kenwood Parkway, Mpls 55405 or [online](#)) and the name of the high school to Denise Levitan denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu.

Each year, we ask high schools throughout our territory to nominate an outstanding rising senior for the [Yale Book Award](#). The criteria allow high school teachers and counselors to identify the student whose academic prowess, community involvement, school service and personality single out those students for recognition. Last year, we gave awards to 76 high schools, with a number of volunteers attending the individual ceremonies to present the award in person.

As always, [we can use additional volunteers to present these awards](#), mostly in May. Schools currently looking for Yale volunteers to present include Hmong College Prep (St. Paul), Roosevelt (Mpls), John Marshall (Rochester), Minnetonka, Rosemount, and more!

Bulldogs on the Lakes

Many of you are aware of our summer internship program, [Bulldogs on the Lakes \(BOTL\)](#). We host approximately 15-17 students each summer, providing them world class internship experiences, and housing them together for an enjoyable bonding experience. Occasionally, we will feature some of their comments from the program. Most students come from outside Minnesota, and all are paired with alums as mentors. BOTL is one of the best Bulldogs internship program in the country! [We would love to have more mentors for the summer of 2017!](#) Kudos to Bill Messinger '67, Bob Sidenberg '69, and Malcolm McDonald '58 for all they do to make this program possible.

Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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[Click here for more details on these events!](#)

Special Events

Wine Tasting with Knudsen Vineyard

Mar 29
5 pm
North Loop Wines

Come visit with Page Knudsen Cowles '77, proprietor of the Knudsen Vineyards in Willamette Valley, Oregon, as she shows her special Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. We'll have a tasting and discussion at North Loop wines with Jason Kallsen, North Loop's wine educator. RSVP to Page Cowles at page@knudsenvineyards.com.

Miroslav Volf

Mar 30
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Miroslav Volf, the Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology will be giving a named lecture at the University of Minnesota on March 30.

<http://anselmhouse.org/religion-and-human-flourishing/>

Professor Volf is the founding Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. His books include Allah: A Christian Response (2011); Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace (2006), which was the Archbishop of Canterbury Lenten book for 2006; Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation (1996), a winner of the 2002 Grawemeyer Award; and After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity (1998), winner of the Christianity Today book award. A member of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. and the Evangelical Church in Croatia, Professor Volf has been involved in international ecumenical dialogues (for instance, with the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) and interfaith dialogues (on the executive board of C-1

World Dialogue), and is active participant in the Global Agenda Council on Values of the World Economic Forum. A native of Croatia, he regularly teaches and lectures in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, and across North America. Professor Volf is a fellow of Berkeley College.

Day of Service

May 13

Come join in the fun!

The 9th Annual **Yale Day of Service** is on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Bring yourself, family and/or friends and join Yale Alumni around the world in providing service to others in our local communities. Projects involve a commitment of 2-3 hours, and there will be a potluck lunch following at the home of one of the YAANW board members for all to join in who can. Children are welcome although a couple of the sites have age restrictions. The registration website will be live toward the end of March and we will provide you the link at that time. For now, you can ponder your site choices:)

There are 5 sites to choose from to volunteer:

- Eagan: Feed My Starving Children (9-11am) Hand-pack meals designed especially for undernourished children in developing countries.
- Minneapolis: Cedar Lake Park Association (9am-noon) Clean up and clear out a park so it can be used for recreational and educational purposes.
- Minneapolis: People Serving People Homeless Shelter (10am-12pm) Assist with general upkeep and maintenance of the shelter.
- Roseville: Wingspan residential homes (9-11:30am) Assist with yardwork for homes for adults with developmental disabilities.
- Minneapolis: Open Arms (9-11am) Decorate the brown grocery bags that free meals tailored to meet the needs of people living with serious and life-threatening diseases are delivered in.

Come give back, meet new people and have fun!!
Hope to see you May 13th!!

For questions, contact Vicky Stoneman at 507.339.2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org



YAANW members volunteering at Cedar Lake Park during the 2016 Yale Day of Service

Minnesota Opera: La Boheme

May 13
7:30 pm
Ordway Theater

If you've never attended an opera before, this is a great one to start with. Sung in Italian with English translations projected above the stage.

The Minnesota Opera has reserved seats for us at the May 13, 7:30 PM performance at generous discounts:

- \$75 in Section B (normally \$125)
- \$60 in Section C (normally \$100)
- \$45 in Section D (normally \$75)

Refer to the [seating chart](#) for details.

This event is co-sponsored by the Yale and Harvard clubs. Call the Minnesota Opera ticket office at 612-333-6669 by Friday April 28 and mention the Yale-Harvard event. The office is open Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM.

Join us for dinner first at Sakura, in St. Paul, at 5:15 PM. No prix-fixe, just order off of the menu (with separate checks). We will have a short presentation from a member of the Opera. Then we'll walk over to the Ordway for this wonderful performance of one of opera's great classics. RSVP once per dinner attendee at <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=377>

Alternately, you may wish to attend Opera Insights at 6:30 PM in Ordway Music Theater's Marzitelli Foyer, led by

Minnesota Opera Artistic Director Dale Johnson. Enjoy a free, fun and informative half-hour session which includes an overview of the characters and music, historical and cultural context for the opera and highlights to watch for during the show.

Questions: Cynthia Lee cynthiaylee@gmail.com

Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School

May 23
5:30
Gloria Dei, St. Paul

Dean **Gregory Sterling** of the Yale Divinity School will be coming May 23, 2017 to speak to our Yale alumni and the larger community. Dean Sterling will come for an evening event that will be hosted by YAANW. Dean Sterling is highly regarded and is very involved in interfaith discussions domestically and around the world as well as issues as broad as faith and sustainability. We are very pleased we have received such a commitment so far in advance from the dean of one of Yale's oldest and most established professional schools. **We invite Yale alumni and the larger community.** Reservations are required.

"Building Bridges--National and Global Politics and Religious Tensions"

Gregory E. Sterling, The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean and the Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament, Yale Divinity School

The globalization of our world has raised the profile of religion as a factor in international relations. The last two US presidents have established three different offices in the State Department and White House that deal with religion globally and nationally. Within the US the recent presidential campaign set religion in high relief both as a rallying factor and as a factor in determining who enters the US. Dean Sterling will address the role of religion as a source of conflict and as a source of peace. He will discuss how religion can serve as a means to build bridges rather than walls and will share how Yale Divinity School is preparing future leaders for this new reality as an example of how communities of all types can flourish together.

We will have a reception at 5:30 (light hors d'oeuvres) and presentation at 6:30 pm at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**, 700 Snelling Ave. S., St. Paul. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/sterling.htm>

For more information, contact Rudy Hokanson at rhokanson@gmail.com or 651.249.8283. RSVP required (by PayPal or pay at door with reservation.)

Children's Theatre: A Year With Frog and Toad

Jun 4
2:00

We have reserved a block of TWENTY tickets for this wonderful matinee performance of A Year With Frog and Toad. Tickets are \$42 each (this is a discount!!)

We must confirm our purchase by Friday, April 21. Please reserve your tickets by emailing Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org Once we have our final list, we will purchase the tickets from the theatre.

Waking from hibernation in the spring, the perky Frog and the worrywart Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons through four, fun-filled seasons. The amphibian odd couple celebrate and rejoice in their differences that make them the best-est of friends while joined by a colorful cast of birds, mice, turtles, and that slo-o-ow snail with the mail. Nominated for three Tony Awards® including Best Musical, this unforgettable and tuneful musical is back on our stage after almost a decade! Don't miss this exuberant story based on the treasured books by Arnold Lobel in a musical that soars like a kite and blossoms like spring.

Environmental Sustainability: Control of Water Pollution in Minnesota: Most of What We "Know" is Wrong

Jun 7
5:30

Paula Maccabee is a graduate of Amherst College (1977) and Yale University Law School (1981) with 36 years of experience in public interest law. Paula has served on the St. Paul City Council and as a Special Assistant Attorney General. In her private practice, she has represented non-profit organizations, local governments, businesses and diverse citizens' groups seeking environmental protection.

Paula was named as one of Minnesota Lawyer's 2010 "Attorneys of the Year" for her public interest work and received the 2015 Harvey G. Rogers Environmental Health Leadership Award from the Minnesota Public Health Association for her lifetime of work to protect environmental health.

For the past eight years, Paula has served as Counsel and Advocacy Director for WaterLegacy, a much-awarded Minnesota environmental non-profit. Some of her recent publications include [Pipelines, Power Lines & Organic Farms](#), [Mercury, Mining and the Clean Water Act](#), and [Tribal Authority to Protect Water Resources and Reserved Rights under Clean Water Act Section 401](#).

More details to follow. In the meantime, questions to Robert Weisenfeld bweisenfeld@gmail.com

Regular Events and Special Interest Groups

Yale Divinity School Alumni

Mar 5
2-5 pm
Lund's

When: March 5, 2015, Sunday 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Where: Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room
RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com
Discussion: The Fall 2016 issue of Reflections. Spirit and Politics: Finding Our Way. <http://reflections.yale.edu>

March 30: [Miroslav Volf](#), the Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology will be giving a named lecture at the University of Minnesota.

French Table

Mar 7
6 pm
Cave Vin

Once a month, fellow Francophiles meet for a fun evening of talk. All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com. We will be meeting at our regular spot, [Cave Vin](#), 5555 Xerxes Ave. S., Minneapolis.

FOODIES!!!

Mar 12
7 pm
Cheng Heng

Where: Cheng Heng, 448 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN 55103

RSVP: March 5 (though we'll do our best to expand to accept those who don't RSVP in time) to Hari Osofsky: hosofsky@umn.edu

The Yale Foodies group meets periodically to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We focus on restaurants at which people will pay no more than \$20-\$30 per person--and sometimes less!--and rotate around different parts of the Twin Cities.

People Serving People

Mar 25
11:30 am
PSP

People Serving People (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP. The next day of service at PSP is March 25 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Mar 19
2:30-4:30 pm
Northfield Yarn

Come join us for a lovely social time, and knit some hats, scarves, sweaters or socks. Or anything else.

Contact: Cynthia Gilbertson at cfgilbertson@mac.com or 507-645-4327

The group typically meets at the creative fiber-crafts store of Yale alumna Cynthia Gilbertson, called **Northfield Yarn**, in Northfield, MN. Join other alumni and friends, experienced or otherwise, who share an interest in fiber-crafts. Interested persons are welcome at any time.

Programs from Yale and AYA

Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange

Mar 4-9
Mexico City

The Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange is an AYA initiative with the mission to share best practices in alumni relations to strengthen higher education. In other words, we take the AYA show on the road! We have been invited to bring our YaleGALE Exchange to Mexico City! **Tecnológico de Monterrey (Tec)** has invited us to visit their campuses in Mexico City and Puebla, along with receptions and exchanges. Exatec, the alumni association of Tec, has many regional associations and many volunteers in leadership.

We will go to some of the most spectacular sites while we are in Mexico City including: Teotihuacan, Castillo de Chapultepec (National History Museum, formerly an imperial palace and presidential residence), Museo Soumaya, Frida Kahlo Museum, Templo Mayor (Aztec temple excavation in the heart of Mexico City).

Bring your family; bring your friends. Sample the traditional flavors of Mexico including churros and hot chocolate (mmmm!). Enjoy the warmth of the Mexican people and the warm weather!

Here is the [full itinerary](#) and [click here to register](#) for the trip. Contact Rosa Brambila Fuller '80, rosa.fuller@gmail.com

**June
New Haven**

World Order and the Meaning of History

June 4 - 10, 2017

Lead Professors: Charles Hill and Norma Thompson

Is the modern world order permanent, or in question? Is the state still the basic unit of international affairs, or are empires coming back? What are the prospects for the historical categories of war, revolution, diplomacy, and peace? What will become of "statecraft" in the 21st century? Yale for Life now harnesses the strengths of two of Yale's great programs: Directed Studies, and Grand Strategies, to seek in foundational texts, artworks, and more, the tools to understand statesmanship, the relationships among political entities, and – ultimately – what history itself means. The legendary Charles Hill will be joined by Humanities Director of Undergraduate Studies Norma Thompson as our guides – but also as our fellow questioners, for this course, "invented" last year, broke new ground. Last year, in fact, we were joined by former U.S. Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, for a special "surprise" seminar for our 21 students!

In 2016, "World Order" filled in 23 minutes, so we are offering it again. If this course were offered to undergraduates, it would be the object of "Grand Strategies"-like buzz and jockeying for enrollment. You can be part of it, simply with a click! [Register for "World Order and the Meaning of History."](#)

The Enlightenment and Its Critics

June 18 - 24, 2017

Lead Professors: Steven Smith and Isaac Nakhimovsky

No period of modern history has come under more intense scrutiny than has the Enlightenment. Is the Enlightenment at the forefront of our ideas about science, democracy, and toleration or is the source of a new form of political repression and social engineering? Has it fostered a conception of the free and responsible individual or is it the source of our modern concerns with rootlessness, anomie, and alienation? Our purpose will be to get a rounded picture of what the Enlightenment meant and how it has shaped our civilization. In doing so, we will use Yale for Life's trademark interdisciplinary approach; how appropriate, then, that our lead professors are known for brilliant teaching in a variety of Yale's departments. Join Steven Smith, the Alfred Cowles Professor of Government & Philosophy, and Isaac Nakhimovsky, Yale Professor teaching in History, Russian Studies, Directed Studies, and more, in an examination of Kant's immortal question: "What is Enlightenment?" [Register for "The Enlightenment and Its Critics."](#)

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Check the TCAN website for upcoming events: <http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org>

Join the TCAN LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4075580>

Like the TCAN Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesAlumniNetwork>

Join the Young Alumni Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

CEO Series: Bell Bank's Michael Solberg on Redefining the Bottom Line

Mar 8
12-1:30 pm
Dorsey & Whitney
50 S 6th St. #1500,
Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Harvard

Cost: \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members

RSVP: http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/store.html?show_item=1175

Contact us: admin@harvardmn.org

Details: Although every industry has its challenges, some sectors must compete amidst tremendous technological innovation and disruption, changing customer expectations and a highly commoditized array of products and services that make it difficult to differentiate. One of those sectors is banking. Yet, while a significant percentage of banks have either folded or been sold during the past ten years, Bell Bank has experienced rapid growth to become one of the largest independent banks in the country. Michael Solberg, CEO, will share how his organization has organically grown its assets by \$3 billion over the last ten years, largely belying industry trends, especially following the recession. Solberg's team redefined their bottom line in order to grow the bottom line, more fully developing a culture that balances care for people with attention to results. Solberg will explain the "magic" behind several unique programs that have strengthened Bell's company values and helped make even the most mundane jobs meaningful and positive.

Michael Solberg is President and Chief Executive Officer of Bell Bank, headquartered in his hometown of Fargo, N.D. He has worked for the company since 1998.

With over \$4 billion in bank assets and \$5 billion in trust assets, Bell Bank is one of the largest independently owned banks in the country and is the largest in Minnesota and the Dakotas. The bank is also one of the region's largest home mortgage providers, originating over \$2 billion annually. Nationally, Bell is a leader in consumer-driven healthcare, with its HealthCare Bank division and affiliated company, Discovery Benefits, serving more than 7 million consumers across the country.

Bell Bank's commitment to its staff and community has been highlighted by media outlets including the CBS Evening

News, BBC, Good Morning America, USA Today and People magazine for its "Pay It Forward" project, launched by Solberg, which annually provides every full-time employee with \$1,000 to give to individuals, families or organizations in need. To date, the program has given over \$10 million.

Michael holds degrees from Concordia College (Moorhead, Minn.) and William Mitchell College of Law (Saint Paul). He has served as campaign chair for the United Way of Cass Clay, board chair for the Trollwood Performing Arts School and served on the Concordia College Board of Regents. He currently is on the board of Prairie Heights Community Church, The Bush Foundation and The Guthrie Theater. He and his wife, Charleen, live in Fargo with their three children.

"Sip and Serve" Tennis Mixer

Mar 11
6-10 pm
Life Time Athletic
5525 Cedar Lake Road, St.
Louis Park

Sponsored by: Dartmouth Club of the Midwest
Cost: \$35 per player for tennis. \$20 to socialize only.
RSVP:

<https://form.jotform.com/USTANorthern/TCANtennisevent>

Contact: ketang78@gmail.com

Details: Dartmouth Alumni Club in partnership with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) is hosting a Tennis Mixer for TCAN members and guests. Come enjoy food, adult beverages, friendly competition and prizes! Match play will be team-based and divided by ability level. Never played before? There will also be a court for new players to experience and learn the game (space is limited). Cost is \$35 to play tennis or \$20 to socialize only. Life Time Fitness membership is NOT required. If you have questions, please contact Ken Tang at ketang78@gmail.com.

The Siege of Leningrad

Mar 18
2:30 pm
The Museum of Russian
Art
5500 Stevens Ave S.,
Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of Minnesota
Cost: museum admission (various rates)
RSVP:

<http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=383>

Contact us: james_p_richardson@msn.com

Details: A private tour of The Museum of Russian Art's multimedia presentation of one of the most tragic events of WWII: the 900-day siege of Leningrad in 1941-1944. Limit 20. Pay admission at the door, free to museum members. As part of Hitler's Operation Barbarossa, German forces laid siege to Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), resulting in an estimated one million deaths among its residents. The exhibition will focus on the city's struggle and survival through photographs, films, maps, and stories of the war period. It will highlight both the gruesome side of the war and

the life-affirming effort of the people who lived through the horrible ordeal.

**Ann Markusen:
Economics, Politics
and Progressive
Change: Bringing
Policy Research to
Action**

**Mar 22
5:30 pm
La Rive Condos Party
Room
110 Bank St. SE, Minneapolis**

Sponsored by: Georgetown Club

Cost: \$15 - covers beverages and appetizers

RSVP: Send Paypal to samantha.cook@gmail.com or use www.paypal.me/guclubmn/15

Contact us: samantha.cook@gmail.com

Is this event open to all TCAN member schools? Yes

Details: Since Ann Markusen graduated from the Georgetown Foreign Service School in 1968, she has launched a half dozen successful public policy research and action projects. Markusen has served as professor of economics and urban planning at the Universities of Colorado, California Berkeley, Northwestern, Rutgers and Minnesota, worked for one to two years at every level of US government - the Michigan Legislature, the US General Accounting Office, and the City of Chicago's Economic Development - as well as international research gigs in South Korea, Japan, Brazil, Germany, and the UK. Her research and teaching in industrial, labor and regional economics and public finance have tackled issues such as city fiscal crisis, plant closings, defense conversion, creating good work, and how artists, arts and culture contribute to our communities.

Ann Markusen is Director of the Arts Economy Initiative and the Project on Regional and Industrial Economics at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and Principal of Markusen Economic Research. Markusen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Michigan State University. More info: annmarkusen.com

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