

A Message from the Alumni Association President

On the Shoulders of Giants

My fellow alumni,

One hundred and ten years ago this spring, the graduating class of the Augustana Academy included the name Ole Edvard Rølvaag, author of the award-winning book, "Giants in the Earth." Published in 1927, the work depicted the struggles of Norwegian settlers as they worked to establish roots in the midwest. The home Rølvaag used while writing the book is still on display near campus, nestled among the tall switch grass across the street from Bergsaker Hall in Heritage Park.



It is humbling, indeed, to know that the house of such a giant writer and thinker would sit, mostly empty, just feet from the classrooms where we explored our interests and discovered new ones. And, while we can't do much about the passage of time and its wear on a place of importance, we can use it as a reminder of what makes Augie so special.

There are many who have gone before us – students, iconic faculty members and revered administrators, who worked to make Augustana's mission and traditions sacred in the hearts of us all. So much effort, sacrifice, study and love went in to creating a place that would live as a

testament of God's work in real time. And so, we honor those who did and continue to do the heavy lifting. They are giants. And, it's a mighty fine view from their strong shoulders.

As Augie's 150-year celebration comes to the halfway mark I would like to invite you, the alumni, to get involved and show your support in the following ways:

- **The Spark:** Celebrate Augustana's storied history and rich tradition at The Spark, the gala event to celebrate 150 years. Visit www.augie.edu/spark to learn more.
- **AC150:** The 2010-2011 academic year marks the celebration of Augustana's Sesquicentennial. Visit www.augie.edu/150 to review the history of the college and view more than 800 photos of you and your classmates.
- **AugieLink (www.augielink.com):** Augustana's online alumni community has been developed as an efficient way to view your class notes, register for events and search for alumni. Plus, it is a great tool to connect with your classmates. Here you can stay on top of upcoming activities, events, and the social networks used to promote them. To begin connecting with others visit www.augie.edu, click the Alumni tab, and then the AugieLink button to get started.
- **Value Proposition:** Augustana selects the finest students, trains them better than anyone else, graduates them efficiently, and places them in loftier places than they aspired to land. As alumni, we should be touting the value we have in our education. For a great list of ideas on how to do this, visit www.augie.edu/value.

Facebook is another way to receive information from Augustana in a simple, user-friendly way. You can view upcoming events, connect with your friends, or even view YouTube videos created by Augustana students about their experience. There are two Augustana pages of which you can become a fan, www.facebook.com/AugustanaCollegeSD and www.facebook.com/AugustanaAlumni.

If you're passionate about your alma mater, tell your friends, join a fan page, update your LinkedIn profile, connect on AugieLink, tell the parents of a high school senior about the Value Proposition, attend one of the events listed in the Upcoming Events section, or just take a moment to reflect on the Augustana memories you have. In any case, let the pride you have lead you to continue to serve the mission of the college by lifting it up to others.

See you on Saturday, April 16, at The Spark ... and, Go Augie Go!

Matt Jensen, Class of 2000

Augustana's 2009-2010 Annual Report & Honor Roll of Donors is now available at www.augie.edu/giving/report. To access donor listings, type the username **augustana** and the password **thanks**.

Class Notes

Visit www.augielink.com for daily updates and photos.



CLASS OF 1931

Dorothy Drew Garwell, 102, died Dec. 19, 2010 in Elko, Minn.

CLASS OF 1935

Irene Prieb Titus, 97, died Sept. 26, 2010, in Saint Paul, Minn.

CLASS OF 1937

Myrene Ronshaugen Johnson, 93, died Dec. 19, 2009.

Warren Strain, 93, died Jan. 16, 2010, in Vancouver, Wash.

CLASS OF 1938

Alta Rasmussen Onstad, 94, died Oct. 11, 2010, in Helena, Mont.

Mae Johnson Warner, 95, died Dec. 15, 2010, in Hawarden, Iowa.

CLASS OF 1939

Marian Evanson Hanson, 91, died Sept. 30, 2010, in Whitewater, Wis.



CLASS OF 1940

Eleanor Peterson Erickson, 93, died Dec. 2, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

Violet "Vi" Sogge Smith, 92, died Dec. 1, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1941

Geraldine Leach Hainje, 93, died Oct. 16, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1943

Charles Austin, 91, died Nov. 26, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

Arden Johnson, 91, died Oct. 15, 2010, in Akron, Iowa.

CLASS OF 1944

Phyllis Ellison Johnson, 88, died Oct. 24, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

Mavis Hanson Hamre died on Jan. 3, 2010, in Tempe, Ariz.

Eugene Holm, 88, died Nov. 14, 2010, in Fargo, N.D.

CLASS OF 1945

Helen Larson Stach, 88, died Oct. 10, 2010, in Mitchell, S.D.

CLASS OF 1947

Genevieve Riedel Jocz, 85, died Nov. 26, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas.

Paul Stavig died Nov. 24, 2010, in Nevada City, Calif.



CLASS OF 1950

Kee DeBoer died Nov. 29, 2010, in Los Alamitos, Calif.

John Gilbertson, 81, died Oct. 10, 2010, in San Diego, Calif.

Development Team Announces Three New Members

Corey Camp, '94, has been named director of the Augustana Fund and Annual Giving.

Camp holds a real estate license and prior to joining Augustana, he worked in the financial industry. Previously, he spent nearly a decade with Nike in Beaverton, Ore. He and his wife, Tara (Sydnes '98), have two children and reside in Sioux Falls.



Camp

Mike Flynn has been named a director of Major Gifts. His primary focus will be the *Momentum Augustana* campaign.

Prior to joining Augustana, Flynn served as executive director of the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Foundation where he led major gift, endowment and planned giving activities. From 1990 to 2004, he served as president of Flynn Outdoor Advertising, headquartered in Sioux Falls.

He is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. He and his wife, Sue, live in Sioux Falls.



Flynn

Stephanie Hilbert has been named a director of Major Gifts.

She comes to Augustana with an impressive record of major gift fund raising at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, and the University of Iowa Foundation. Originally from Algonia, Iowa, Hilbert is a graduate of Iowa State University and is completing work on her MBA. She and her fiancé, Slade Larscheid, will be married in July.



Hilbert

Ralph Harms, 85, died Dec. 27, 2010, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Allen Iverson, 84, died Nov. 2, 2010, in Willmar, Minn.

Verlyn Smith of Saint Paul has been named a recipient of the 2010 Honorary Award of The Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace and Justice in Minneapolis. The award is made annually by the foundation to individuals or couples who have devoted their lives to promoting peace and justice. He was cited by the foundation as "...advocating tirelessly for the church to work for justice and peace..." in his roles as parish pastor, college teacher and campus minister.

CLASS OF 1951

Donald Reshetar, 81, died Oct. 19, 2010, in Aberdeen, S.D.

CLASS OF 1953

Richard Bahnson died March 27, 2010, in Spokane, Wash.

CLASS OF 1955

Jerry Albert, 77, died Dec. 28, 2010, in Aberdeen, S.D.

Earl Schwenck, 81, died Dec. 7, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1957

Antoine "Andy" Zephier, 80, died Dec. 14, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1958

William "Fritz" Lennon, 73, died Oct. 2, 2010, in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

CLASS OF 1959

Carol Boe Harris, 73, died Nov. 2, 2010, in Akron, Iowa.

William "Bill" Kluter, 78, died Jan. 4, 2011, in Sioux Falls.

Erwin Kost, 84, died Oct. 30, 2010, in Rapid City, S.D.



CLASS OF 1960

Sharon Vik Norstrom died Nov. 20, 2010, in Stockholm, Sweden.

CLASS OF 1962

Howard Hellekson, 70, died Nov. 8, 2010, in Volga, S.D.

Sandra Olson Rockafellow, 70, died Oct. 29, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

Bruce Williams is now serving First Lutheran in Fargo as interim senior pastor.

CLASS OF 1963

Doyle Schuler, 69, died Nov. 1, 2010, in Clinton, Mo. He was a resident of Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1964

Arland Jacobsen retired in 2009 from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., after 30 years of service. He is writing a book on Jesus and a book on the Palestinian Christians in addition to traveling to the Holy Land.

Robert Polzin, 68, died Oct. 24, 2010, in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1965

Tony Anderson, 67, died Oct. 5, 2010, in Portland, Ore.

CLASS OF 1968

Dean Westby, 64, died Oct. 4, 2010, in Maple Grove, Minn.

CLASS OF 1969

Larry Francis and his wife visited Morocco, China, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Germany and Finland in their travels throughout 2010.



CLASS OF 1970

Dale Pommer has retired after 26 years with the State of Tennessee to devote more time to promoting his music, especially overseas, where he's had a number of songs recorded, and to publicizing his wife's paintings.

CLASS OF 1972

Dr. Eugene Hoyme's work in researching and treating Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and related disorders was published in the July/August edition of *MED* (Midwest Medical Edition).

Diane Bueber Wulf was presented with the Certificate of Merit by the Goethe Institute and the American Association of Teachers of German. This award, one of the highest national awards for American German teachers, was one of four presented nationally to German teachers at the annual conference of the American Council of Teaching of Foreign Languages in Boston in November 2010. Diane is a German teacher at Westside High School in Omaha, Neb.

CLASS OF 1975

Kristi Rikansrud Wallin was honored as the Outstanding Special Education Director of the Year. The award, which is presented by the School Administrators of South Dakota, was announced in March 2010, and will include an honoring banquet and recognition before the state legislature in February 2011. Kristi has been director of student services for the Lennox School District since 1999.

CLASS OF 1978

Loren Barstad, 55, died Oct. 31, 2010, in Renner, S.D.

Teresa Johnson DiNello is a guidance counselor at North Pointe Prep in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mark Johnson was the fifth recipient of the South Dakota Advertising Federation's "Creative Legacy Award." He is a producer with Henkin Schultz in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1979

Mel Antonen is writing (baseball) for SI.com and is broadcasting for Sirius-XM Radio. He lives in Washington, D.C.

THE
1980s**CLASS OF 1983**

Lynette Duerksen Sparks was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in May 2010. She is currently serving as pastor at Wrights Corners Presbyterian Church in Lockport, N.Y. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1984

Linda Kern Anderson has been named the Executive Director of the Black Hills Playhouse in Rapid City, S.D.

Tammy Percy Smith is a programmer working in the IT Department of DaVita, a kidney dialysis company. She lives in Littleton, Colo.

THE
1990s**CLASS OF 1990**

Marice Knutson Highstreet is among 62 outstanding elementary and middle school principals named as 2010 National Distinguished Principals by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. This award recognizes public and private school principals who make superior contributions to their schools and communities. Marice is principal in the Tri-Valley School District, Colton, S.D.

CLASS OF 1991

Greg Coffman, 41, died Nov. 12, 2010, in Chicago, Ill.

CLASS OF 1993

Fern Enright Steffen, 64, died Nov. 7, 2010, in Kiester, Minn.

CLASS OF 1994

Karlena Swier Cahalan, 35, died Nov. 1, 2010, in Loveland, Colo.

Marius Laursen was promoted to Fire Marshall for the City of Mitchell, S.D.

Pam Cragoe Miller is working for the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, as Grassroots Advocacy Director for North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. She lives in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 1995

Karin Bonde-Borgmann and Michael Borgmann welcomed Thomas Michael Borgmann on Oct. 25, 2010.

Cory Olson and **Sherry Hotchkiss Olson**, '01, welcomed Ty Brennan to the family on July 21, 2010.

CLASS OF 1997

Kim Rapp Phillippi and Mark adopted 2-year-old Katherine "Katie" Margaret in July 2009. They had previously been her foster parents. They live in Maple Grove, Minn.

CLASS OF 1998

Jennifer Uhler is an instructor at the University of Tartu in Estonia.

CLASS OF 1999

Joy Reitmeier married Jason Knoll on Oct. 9, 2010. Joy is a supervisor at the University of

Minnesota in the Library system, overseeing the national/international interlibrary loan program. They live in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Wendy Lothert Ochs is the Executive Director of Family Support Network, a non-profit agency providing services to families at risk of abuse and neglect, and families who have children with mental health issues. She lives in Billings, Mont.

THE
2000s**CLASS OF 2000**

Gretchen Papik Jepperson and **Ryan Jepperson**, '01, welcomed Slaten Papik to the family on Oct. 11, 2010. They live in Sioux Falls.

Leah Schmeling Skille and John welcomed Maren Mae on July 17, 2010. They live in Chaska, Minn.

CLASS OF 2001

Megan Colon is administrative director for Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, overseeing all financial and functioning operations for the D.C. and N.J. offices. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Jason Olinger and **Allision Bertilrud**

Olinger, '02, welcomed son Gavin Gordon on Feb. 9, 2010.

Sherry Hotchkiss Olson and **Cory Olson**, '95, welcomed Ty Brennan to the family on July 21, 2010. They live in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 2002

Crystal Peterson Johnson and **Brian Johnson**, '03, welcomed twin daughters Aubree Eve and Annelise Christian to the family on Oct. 13, 2010.

Kari Lund is a gifted and talented teacher with the Fort Osage (MO) School District.

Allison Bertilrud Olinger and **Jason Olinger**, '01, welcomed son Gavin Gordon on Feb. 9, 2010.

Emily Hughes Pepper and **Arthur Pepper**, '08, welcomed Oliver Dwight James to their family this past fall.

Mel Roberts Peterson and Jim Peterson welcomed Veronica Mae to the family on July 19, 2010. They live in Sioux Falls.

Brytten Hoefs Rice and Nick welcomed son Theo on Sept. 1, 2010.

Gretchen Spars married Edward McKee on July 17, 2010. She is a graduate student in bioethics at Wake Forest University; they live in High Point, N.C.

CLASS OF 2003

David Joyslin is a personal trust relationship manager with the Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank in Minneapolis. He is a licensed attorney and a member of the Minnesota Bar Association.

Nathan Golz is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo. He and **Heidi Bratland Golz**, '03, live in Aberdeen, S.D.

Sara Flohrs married Chad Harrington on Aug. 7, 2010.

CLASS OF 2004

Marisa Arens completed her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., with a concentration in reading.

Stephanie Hauer Bolin and Allen are the proud parents of Lillian Cly Bolin, born Sept. 14, 2010.

While in Geneva, Switzerland, in August 2010, **Kira Christensen** completed her graduate studies from the Global Program at the University of Michigan, Flint. She earned her Master of Arts degree with an emphasis in Technology in Education.

Lisa Haehn Holton and James welcomed Grady James Holton on Sept. 20, 2010, in Des Moines, Iowa.

CLASS OF 2005

Joshua Knudsen is a site director with Upper Missouri Ministries. He lives in Epping, N.D.

CLASS OF 2006

Kyle Fricke owns his own business as an agent/ registered representative, affiliated with Farm Bureau Financial Services in Sioux Falls. He received his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota in May 2009.

Jennifer Matthews married Mike Matthews on June 5, 2010. She is working as a registered nurse with Sanford Health; the couple lives in Humboldt, S.D.

Jennifer Toscana received her Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. She lives in Houston, Texas, where she is employed by Universal Field Services.

Jessica Wolterstorff is a speech language pathologist for the University of Minnesota's Amplatz Children's Hospital and the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis.

CLASS OF 2007

Bethany (Rasmussen) Anderson is an Associate Clerk for the Wisconsin State Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms office. She and **Drew Anderson**, '07, live in Madison, Wis., where Drew is a student in the economics graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Maria Belarde Beth is working as an interpreter with A to Z World Languages and living in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Jennifer Buyske recently completed the Military Justice Legal Officer Course. This enables students to provide paralegal advice and basic legal assistance services, and to perform duties of a unit legal officer. She is a Navy lieutenant (junior grade).

Ryan Hutchinson married **Alissa Ver Steeg**, '09, on July 20, 2010 in Sioux City, Iowa. He is working for Best Buy in Sioux Falls.

Paula Wheeler is working at the U.S. Bank International wire transfer department. She lives in Stillwater, Minn.

CLASS OF 2008

Heather Bestler is employed by the State of Minnesota with the Department of Revenue as a State Program Administrator for the Property Tax Division. She also earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Arthur Pepper and **Emily Hughes Pepper**, '02, welcomed Oliver Dwight James to their family this past fall.

Kyle Rogers married **Kelli Zingler**, '11, on June 19, 2010, at Augustana College.

CLASS OF 2009

Miranda Bolen is working in the Harrisburg School district as a fifth grade teacher with an emphasis on reading.

Mateya Kuhlman Berg is an admissions counselor with Dakota Wesleyan University. She lives in Parkston, S.D.

Kari Rasmussen married **Logan Lee**, '10, in June 2010. They are living in Eugene, Ore.

Elizabeth Stewart is a teacher in Huron, S.D.

Alissa Ver Steeg married **Ryan Hutchinson**, '07, on July 20, 2010 in Sioux City, Iowa. She is a teacher at Elkton Public School; they live in Sioux Falls.

CLASS OF 2010

Jennifer Andersen is working for Good Samaritan in Fort Collins, Colo.

Amanda Jensen is a collections assistant at Augustana's Mikkelsen Library.

Danielle Koenig is serving as a nurse with the U.S. Army.

Ian Malloy will have his book, *Essays in Cogni-*

tive Science: Collegiate Papers on Morality and Consciousness, published in 2011.

Erin Mangen is a web producer with KELO-TV.

Leslie Sawatzke is working as a legal assistant with ASK Financial in Eagan, Minn.

Lillian Schaupp married **Jonathon Josten** on June 26, 2010. She is working for Dyer Lawrence Law Firm in Carson City, Nev., and he is employed by Target, also in Carson City.

Beth Schwanz is an acquisitions assistant at Augustana's Mikkelsen Library.

Lindsay Polzin Scott is a teacher in Eagle Butte, S.D.

Michael Scott is working as a special education teacher in Eagle Butte, S.D.

Invest in Great People, Invest in the Augustana Fund

Meet Lindsay Plathe, class of 2012, a business administration major from Bellingham, Minn.

Lindsay is just one of hundreds of Augustana students who benefit from the Augustana Fund, a pool of financial resources that provides scholarships and financial aid to students, helps recruit and retain exceptional faculty and makes available new and significant technology.

Q. What's your time at Augustana been like so far?

A. In one word: challenging. Augustana has challenged me to grow so much in every aspect of my life.

Q. After graduation, how do you think a degree from Augustana will differentiate you from other college graduates?

A. Augustana's academic reputation alone sets its graduates apart from many others. A degree from Augie doesn't teach you to just go out and work, it gives you a fire to make a difference, to incorporate your values into all you do and to make sure that passion is a main part of your career. Augie holds its students to a higher standard and pushes them to be their absolute best.

Q. What has Augustana taught you about social responsibility – the importance of giving back in order to make the world a better place?

A. In my classes, I've been provided many opportunities to appreciate the importance of social responsibility. Within our business studies, we were not taught just how to make a buck. We learned what we could do to inspire and help others, because that's what success is.

Your gift to the Augustana Fund creates opportunities for students like Lindsay while ensuring Augustana's strong and viable future.

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