

## Alumni board nominations 2008-09

### *Alumni Board Notice Of Nominations*

*In accordance with the constitution of the Reed College alumni association, and following a call for nominations to all alumni in the Summer 2007 Reed magazine, the nominating committee of the alumni association hereby gives notice of nominations to the alumni board. All terms begin July 1, 2008. Please read short bios of the nominees.*

### Alumni Trustee (four-year term):

#### Sara S. Nichols '83

Sara graduated from Reed College in 1983 with a degree in Psychology. She also has a law degree cum laude from SUNY Buffalo School of Law (1988) and completed coursework for an LL.M. at George Washington University School of Law in 1990. Since she left Reed, she has been an active volunteer and member of the Alumni Association. In the early 1990s, she helped change and develop an increased career network service among alumni. In approximately 1999, she began serving on the Alumni Board and did so through 2004. Last year she served on the Reed nominating committee. As an active member of the Alumni Board, she chaired the June 2003 reunion committee—she also chaired her 20th reunion for the class of '83 producing a record turnout of over 100 class members (a record she hopes beat at their 25th next year). Most significantly, along with John Bergholz, '83, she spearheaded the first ever alumni-endowed scholarship. Irreverently called the "Class of '83 Well-Endowed Scholarship Fund," working closely with the college Development staff, she and John have recently achieved their initial goal of collecting \$75,000, the minimum required to endow a scholarship. She and her husband personally kicked off the drive, with a \$10,000 contribution to the college. She and John individually raised the money through direct phone-calls to classmates—confining their efforts to people who were not yet high donors to the annual fund, so as not to detract from that effort. She and John intend to continue working on the endowment until they have raised the full half million dollars required to fully endow the scholarship. It is their hope that other classes will be inspired to do the same. Ms. Nichols has appeared frequently in the media including the Newshour with Jim Lehrer, CNN Sonya Live, Larry King, the Jerry Springer show, New York Times, Wall St. Journal, Washington Post, and 100s of other news sources. She has served on the boards of several national and California-wide non-profits. Currently she is an executive board member of the California Clean Money Campaign and the Consumer Federation of California. In that capacity and others, she has participated in raising as much as \$3 million dollars. She has been an adjunct

professor at the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, teaching Legislative Process, Strategy and Ethics and supervising the legislative clinic.

Ms. Nichols has been a longtime advocate for universal health care coverage whether as an attorney for Public Citizen's Congress Watch, Washington Director of Physicians for a National Health Program, counsel the California State Assembly Health Committee, California Director of Neighbor to Neighbor or most recently the chief legislative advocate for the California Nurses Association. In 2002 she won an award as the Consumer Advocate of the Year from the Consumer Attorneys of California for her leadership in forming the Alliance for Better Business, a large coalition of consumer, labor, environmental and senior groups. Ms. Nichols cut her teeth in a nationally publicized lawsuit against dry cleaners for sex discrimination against female customers.

Ms. Nichols lives in a mixed income intentional community in downtown Sacramento with her husband, Bill Magavern, a senior advocate for the Sierra Club, along with their two children, Nicholas and Emily.

#### Nominations for At-Large Alumni Board Members (three-year term)

##### Owen Shapiro '84

Owen runs a leading market research and consulting firm in Chicago IL. In addition to his Reed degree, he has an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, as well as an MA from the University of Chicago's division of social sciences. He is married to Elisabeth (Lum) Rose, who is the best thing that ever happened to him other than their three sons (Julius, Richard and Rockwell). He has served as a alumni volunteer for Reed performing student recruiting activities at open house events and with individual prospective students. He currently supports Reed as a member of the Anna Mann Society. He has completed pro-bono research and consulting work for various organizations including Illinois Alliances for the Arts, senior housing needs for Glencoe Illinois, and the Gross National Happiness Team. He is currently on the advisory board of the Ready to Learn Partnership, a federally funded effort to improve reading achievement among disadvantaged students.

##### Michelle Rae Emond '96

Michelle (aka Shelley) was a Molecular Biology/Biochemistry major who received her degree in 1996. She received a research fellowship at OHSU for the summer after graduation, and then moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. She then worked as a research assistant in a laboratory at Stanford University for two years before starting graduate school in the Stanford Neurosciences Program.

She served as student representative for two years, which included sitting on the admissions committee. After receiving her Ph.D. in 2005, she moved to Columbus, Ohio, with her husband, Jamie. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow in his lab in the Center for Molecular Neurobiology at Ohio State University. They enjoy living nearby in their urban neighborhood, Victorian Village, with their puppy, Riesling.

#### Mara Zepeda '02

Mara is a self-employed consultant and journalist living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her partner Andrew Berns (History, '02). While at Reed she participated in (98-02) and co-coordinated (01-02) Reed Arts Week. Since graduation, she has pursued coursework at Harvard University and Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies. She has coordinated research programs at Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies; traveled throughout Russia recruiting high school students for a US State Department exchange program; and served as the Associate Director of Arts and Humanities programs at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. She currently works as a consultant on various arts and humanities projects for individuals, non-profits and corporations in New York, Washington, and Philadelphia, while simultaneously pursuing food journalism. Her work has appeared in the Boston Globe and the Philadelphia Inquirer and she writes a weekly column for the Philadelphia Weekly newspaper. She sits on the Pig Iron Theatre Company Development Committee, and has been an active fundraiser and volunteer for other local arts organizations. She is deeply invested in strengthening Reed's alumni network and career services resources. This spring she prepared a 5-page memo regarding the support offered by the Career Services office, which was circulated by Mike Teskey to President Colin Diver and Ron Albertson, Career Services Director. It is being used to further the discussion on ways to enhance existing programs and develop new initiatives.

#### Peter Guss '78

Peter is the Director of Information Technology for the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. He majored in Theatre at Reed, participating in summer theatre and children's theatre programs there, and helped to build the first black box space for small-scale productions. Peter was also a licensed DJ at KRRC, as well as dorm daddy for Woodbridge. After Reed, he attended the MA Professional Actor's Training Program of Southern Methodist University. He moved to New York where, in addition to acting, he worked in the technology field as programmer, designer, and manager of large-scale infrastructure projects. Prior to his work at the Whitney, Peter was the Chief Information Officer of the New York City School Construction Authority. Peter is married to

Annie Lionni, Reed '79, and they have four children, the oldest of whom will attend Reed College this fall (2007). It is expected that the other three will follow in turn. Peter and Annie were founding members of the NYC Reed Alumni Chapter, and for many years performed alumni interviews for the college. Peter also serves as Secretary of the board of their co-op building in New York.

Donald S. Green '54

Don is retired president of Donald S. Green Associates, Inc. Previously he was director of international economic programs at the office of management and budget and associate director of management consulting at SRI International.

After Reed, he earned his MA from the University of Chicago in Economics in 1955. Most recently, Don returned to Reed in 2004 to prepare a thesis, and earn his somewhat delayed BA.

Don was Lowell High School Reunion Chair; co-chair for his 50th reunion at Reed; a member of the Sierra Club Presidio Committee; and a Financial Education Instructor with the San Francisco Boys & Girls Club. Don is married to Joan and they live in San Francisco, California. They have two grown children, Mark and Eric.