



WILLIAM & SARAH LAWRENCE SOCIETY

Legacy News

The William & Sarah Lawrence Society recognizes the many alumnae/i and friends who have informed the College that they have included Sarah Lawrence in their estate planning. It is named for William Van Duzer Lawrence and his wife, Sarah Bates Lawrence, in whose memory he created the College.

A Lasting Memorial to a Lifelong Soulmate



Dr. Mervin Silverberg and Gittel Silverberg, MS '74

Dr. Mervin Silverberg and Gittel Silverberg, MS '74 first met as young counselors working at a Canadian summer camp. They married four years later, had five daughters

and moved to New York, where both worked at North Shore University Hospital. He chaired the Pediatric Department and she led the genetic-counseling staff. They retired together in 2000, and were approaching their 60th wedding anniversary when she died in 2010.

Soon after losing his wife, Dr. Silverberg created an endowed fund in her name at Sarah Lawrence. The Gittel Silverberg, MS '74 Fund for Genetic Counselor Professional Development will underwrite an annual lecture and workshop series, enhancing the program that provided the academic foundation for Gittel Silverberg's subsequent career. Permanently endowed by a "blended gift"—an option available to Sarah Lawrence donors over age 70—the fund will reach its full endowment level by supplementing recent gifts from Dr. Silverberg and his family with a future gift from his estate.

Dr. Silverberg recalls that the College's graduate curriculum in human genetics perfectly suited his wife's interests and ambitions in the early 1970s. Decades earlier she had completed a pre-med course of study at McGill University but hadn't gone to medical school. At Sarah Lawrence, she found a program that enabled women like her to be trained in a pioneering medical field while continuing to raise a family. The program was developed and led by Joan Marks '51, and today it is fittingly named the Joan Marks Graduate Program in Human Genetics. Marks was Gittel Silverberg's don and eventually became a personal friend, and the program she built is the largest and most influential of its kind.

At North Shore, Gittel Silverberg played a leading role in building another distinguished program. Her husband says she was tireless in her determination to properly train new practitioners and effectively assist anxious families. In one instance, he remembers, she traveled to the eastern end of Long Island to counsel a family with a genetic history of Huntington's chorea. And he says she refused to follow the standard bureaucratic practice of making women wait a few weeks for prenatal test results that were available much earlier. "Her guiding motivation was to make things easier for every family, so that people got the best information and guidance," Dr. Silverberg says. "She was an exceptional example of the compassionate and involved professional, and our family felt that this fund was the best way to honor her memory."

Partners in Love, Marriage, and a Charitable Gift Annuity



Carol Daniels '57 and husband, Dick Jacker

Carol Daniels '57 came to Sarah Lawrence from St. Paul, Minnesota, intent on earning a New York State teaching certificate with her undergraduate degree. Accustomed to rote learning, she was instinctively drawn to an education that offered stimulating classroom discussion and challenging independent work.

Three decades later, Carol's husband also came to Sarah Lawrence. Dick Jacker was a successful veteran attorney with a growing interest in poetry. In workshops at the Center for Continuing Education, he found excellent training, inspirational support, and creative fulfillment.

Giving back to Sarah Lawrence is a major priority for both Carol and Dick, and they have long been annual donors to the Fund for Sarah Lawrence.

In 2003, the couple also made a more enduring gift. They created a Charitable Gift Annuity, which offers them lifetime income and eventually will provide the College with a generous unrestricted gift.

The gift annuity was designed as a lasting tribute to Carol's dons, Adda Bozeman and Meyer Rabban.

Bozeman, an expert in foreign affairs, "taught me that it was all right for me to think for myself and ask questions," Carol recalls. "I was tired of parroting. That's why I wanted to be at Sarah Lawrence, but I didn't know it yet."

Rabban taught child development, and studying under his guidance, Carol says, "I learned to understand myself as I learned to understand the development of young children."

Carol went on to teach in White Plains and Rye. In Rye, she created a sliding-scale pre-K program for families of all incomes and served on the school board for 10 years. After earning a master's degree in counseling, she worked in a unit for borderline personality disorders at New York Hospital in White Plains.

"Retirement" would be an imprecise description of her current life with Dick in Fort Myers, Florida. Carol is a tireless advocate for Brightest Horizons, a child development center endangered by big cuts in government funding. Characteristically, she has a long-term perspective in her aspirations for the center. "I plan to live to 100, and I fully expect it to outlive me," she says.

Carol and Dick's support helps ensure long life to Sarah Lawrence College as well.

WELCOME NEW WSLs MEMBERS

The William & Sarah Lawrence Society honors the many alumnae/i and friends of the College who have made the decision to support it by including Sarah Lawrence in their estate planning. Members have the enduring gratitude of the Sarah Lawrence community for their commitment to the College's future.

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David S. Kessler '75
Ali Marie Matheson '79
Helene H. McCarty '64
Linda Rhodes '70

Harriet Nahum Rice '57
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Mervin Silverberg
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DAY PHONE	EVENING	CELL	

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YEAR-END TAX PLANNING STRATEGIES

Now's the time to begin serious year-end tax planning. Enough of the year has passed to estimate your taxable income, yet there is still time to take tax-saving steps before the end of the tax year.

Making a tax-deductible gift to Sarah Lawrence College is a wonderful way to demonstrate your commitment to the College and its programs while having a positive impact on your tax situation. Charitable gifts made by December 31 apply to the current tax year. Talk to your professional advisers. Your tax adviser, attorney, or other professional can best explain the impact of your gift on your personal tax situation.

CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS FOR GIVING:

- A gift of long-term appreciated securities (held more than one year) will earn you a current income tax charitable deduction subject to certain limitations and Sarah Lawrence gift credit for the full current value of the gift, yet you incur no capital gains tax liability on the appreciation. Corporate stock can be transferred to Sarah Lawrence electronically

or by registered or certified mail. Please contact Rosemarie Gherardi at (914) 395-2327 or rgherardi@sarahlawrence.edu to let her know to expect your gift and for up-to-date instructions for transferring gifts of corporate stock to Sarah Lawrence, or go to www.slc.edu/stocktransfer.

- While mutual funds can make excellent charitable gifts and offer the same tax benefits as gifts of corporate stocks or bonds, transferring mutual fund shares can be problematic. Please contact Rosemarie Gherardi at (914) 395-2327 before you initiate any transfer so we can ensure that you receive proper acknowledgment for tax purposes.
- Life income gifts such as a charitable gift annuity may permit you to make a larger gift than you thought possible and offer you lifetime income you may not have known was available. Plus, it will count for your reunion! You'll earn a sizeable income tax deduction, subject to certain limitations. Call Annetta Love, Director of Gift Planning, at (914) 395-2543 for more information.

Linda Rhodes '70: Generation to Generation



Linda Rhodes '70 and her mother, Marjorie Rhodes

My bequest is in memory of my mother, Marjorie Virginia Rhodes, nicknamed “Josie,” who never went to college but was fascinated by the educational philosophy of Sarah Lawrence and read about its formation and educational policies when I was a small girl (in the 1950s). She would have loved to have attended but it seemed completely out of reach for her. When my older sister was looking at colleges, my mom gave her a Sarah Lawrence catalog and it just went in a pile; my sister went to Vassar. A few years later, when it was my turn, she gave me a catalog and I fell in

love—with the classes, the “no grades” policy, the donning system...I was accepted at Sarah Lawrence and Vassar. My mother didn’t say a word to influence me—she literally did not tell me of her hopes and dreams. I received the acceptance letters from both schools on the same day. Vassar’s was a thick packet that included all kinds of bureaucratic stuff—what size swimming cap I wore, roommate questionnaire, detailed list of freshman requirements, forms to fill out—while the Sarah Lawrence envelope was a simple one-page letter saying how excited the College was to offer me a place in their community of learning.

I made my decision on the spot. My mother was pleased, but she still didn’t tell me how many years (since before I was born) she had been following the evolution of Sarah Lawrence and reading about the College. In fact, this did not get revealed until after I graduated! She so much didn’t want to push or influence me in any way.

Now that I am older than she lived to be (she died at 58), I look back on her approach with wonder and gratitude. It was a fabulous education—she was right. And what wisdom and restraint she showed in not pushing me in my decision. I am glad to know that my bequest will help ensure that a Sarah Lawrence education will be available for future generations of eager, talented, deserving students.

SLC PRESENTS: Salomé Chamber Orchestra

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Mozart’s “Sinfonia Concertante”
arranged for String Sextet and
Tchaikovsky’s “Souvenir de Florence”

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Reisinger Concert Hall
3 p.m.

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Supporting Great Organizations and Causes



Mary Hulitar '48

Mary Hulitar '48 is a very generous woman. She has helped Sarah Lawrence create the Bates Science Center, helped refurbish the wisteria arbor, and has contributed generously to faculty support. She has responded gra-

ciously when Sarah Lawrence presidents Ilchman, Myers, and Lawrence have requested her support. She is also known for her generosity to The Madeira School, a girls' boarding and day school near Washington, DC, and to numerous organizations and worthy causes. An elegant, graceful woman, Mary inspired a February 2012 event at the Society of the Four Arts, designed for Sarah Lawrence alumni.

Thus, Mary has brought comfort and beauty to people close to home and around the world. Why, then, does she continue to support Sarah Lawrence College?

"I believe in giving to important causes," she says. "Some are organizations where I myself had a good experience. Some I know are doing important work for others. Of course, I enjoy knowing how these wonderful organizations are using my gifts, but I also want to know they will continue to benefit after I'm gone. It's extremely

gratifying, knowing that my and my husband's gifts will continue to benefit great institutions like Sarah Lawrence for generations to come."

It is Mary's intent to continue to support Sarah Lawrence College, and she has included the College in her estate plan.

Mary's fondest Sarah Lawrence memory is the Chorus. Mary was a member of the Chorus under Norman Lloyd for three years. Her professors included William Schuman, who went on to become the first head of Lincoln Center; Norman Dello Joio; and Norman Lloyd, who became the Director of Education at Juilliard, but she considered all her faculty to be extraordinary. She made lifelong friends among her classmates and fellow students, and continues to enjoy relationships with Sarah Lawrence alumni from near and far. Her Sarah Lawrence days were very happy times.

But most important to Mary is that she's gotten to know Sarah Lawrence presidents Michelle T. Myers and Alice Ilchman, as well as current president Karen Lawrence. She finds President Lawrence's attention to the College's strengths vital to its success in the 21st century.

All of us at Sarah Lawrence are grateful to Mary Hulitar for her vision and for her commitment to the future of her alma mater.

Sarah Lawrence, a Distinctive Institution of Higher Education

Sarah Lawrence is unique in offering a close-knit community of 1,300 undergraduates...

- More than 300 courses across nearly 50 disciplines.
- A 9:1 student faculty ratio; class size maximum 15, with average class size 11-12 students.
- Twice as much one-on-one time with professors as at other private liberal arts colleges.
- Lecture courses (only 10) with a maximum capacity of 45 students.
- A student body of men and women who share an enthusiasm for intellectual rigor, academic risk-taking creativity in all disciplines and original and interdisciplinary work.



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Age	Rate
60	4.4%
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
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Thank You!

Reunion 2012 was our biggest ever! We had beautiful weather, stimulating seminars and conversations, lots of good food, strong laughs, and dancing until the wee hours. A happy and festive group celebrated CCE's 50th anniversary at a luncheon, panel discussion, and reception in Wrexham, one of Sarah Lawrence's newest and loveliest buildings. Ann and Joseph Lauinger, Sarah Lawrence literature faculty, led the group in a riveting discussion of Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*. Alumni and guests were delighted to consider the impact of CCE on future generations.

Undergraduate alumni in classes ending in 3's and 8's: Your reunion is coming up, June 6-9, 2013. Please contact us at reunion@sarahlawrence.edu or (914) 395-2531 for more information.