Dr. Russell O. Lewis and Antoinette M. Lewis, RN Perpetual Trust Established

Samuel Merritt College is thrilled to announce the establishment of the Dr. Russell O. Lewis and Antoinette M. Lewis, RN Perpetual Trust.

Dr. Lewis and his late wife Toni, had discussed for years their plans to give back to the professions that had given them so much. “Both Toni and I were blessed by our chosen career paths. We knew we wanted to give back in a way that would help others to follow in our professional footsteps”, states Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Lewis graduated from the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now known as the California School of Podiatric Medicine) in 1965. Following the completion of his academic studies, Dr. Lewis performed his surgical residency at the California Podiatric Hospital. His undergraduate work was at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. He spent most of his professional career in private practice in the East Bay where he had a very diverse practice. He served on the staff at Herrick Hospital and Brookdale General Hospital. Dr. Lewis describes himself as a “patient’s doctor” meaning that their welfare always

Dr. Cecily Cosby Named Paul C. Samson Clinical Faculty Chair in Nursing

Cecily Cosby, PhD, FNP-C, PA-C, Professor and former Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program at Samuel Merritt College, has been named the Paul C. Samson Clinical Faculty Chair in Nursing for 2007–2010. This Chair was established to acknowledge a nursing faculty member for excellence in teaching, and secondarily, for exemplary service to the College and affiliating agencies in professional and scholarly activities. The Chair designation carries with it a cash award in recognition of past work and institutional contribution.

Professor Cosby’s contributions to her profession and the College have been outstanding. She has served the College for nine years, both as Director of the FNP Program and Interim Chair of the Physician Assistant Program. She served as Faculty Organization President from 2004–2006 and has been a nominee for the prestigious Strommen Dillashaw Award, given for outstanding contributions to the College. Her professional career at Samuel Merritt has been characterized by value, integrity, great humor, and the passion she brings to teaching and leadership,” stated Scot D. Foster PhD, Chief Operating Officer and Provost.

Dr. Cosby is a well known and respected researcher in the area of forensic nursing and HIV. She received the Sigma Theta Tau Research Award, Nu Xi At Large in 2003. Her application for the Paul C. Samson Clinical Faculty Chair in Nursing and its evaluation by both internal and external reviewers exceeded all standards required of the recipient including:

→ Excellence in teaching and curriculum development, demonstrated both in the classroom and in the clinical area
→ Service to the College and affiliating agencies
→ Professional expertise in research
California School of Podiatric Medicine Alumni and Associates
NAME 2007 GARY P. BIANCHI, DPM; PHILIP GARDNER, DPM; AND ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

The California School of Podiatric Medicine Alumni and Associates presented two prestigious awards during their annual meeting held during the Western Podiatric Conference in June 2007 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

The Philip Gardner, DPM Award was presented to Don Anderson. This award is given annually to an individual who best characterizes the ideals of love, dedication and service to the California School of Podiatric Medicine. Mr. Anderson has been a long time supporter of the podiatric medicine and CCPM/CSPM and for a number of years served as a member of the CCPM Board of Trustees.

The Gary P. Bianchi, DPM Award which recognizes an individual’s outstanding dedication to the California School of Podiatric Medicine, its students, graduates and friends was presented to Dr. Daniel C. Fulmer. Despite living in Arkansas, Dr. Fulmer, a 1976 graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, serves on the Alumni and Associates Executive Committee and currently serves as their Membership Chair.

Dr. William Lowe, who was in China on a heritage tour with his family and unable to attend the meeting, was named the Alumnus of the Year in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the California School of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Lowe graduated from the California College of Podiatric Medicine in 1957.

Congratulations Mr. Anderson, Dr. Fulmer and Dr. Lowe!

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The Reporter
FALL 2007
It’s an Excellent Time...
To let the College know if you are one of those generous—but unknown—alums who have remembered the College in their estate plans. We want to thank you and list your name under the Heritage Circle on the College’s Donor Recognition Wall when it is updated in the spring of 2008.

Estate Planning Corner: Gifts of Life Insurance
Over the years, every sort of property has been given to various charities. Tobacco, animals, crops and run were common gifts in the pioneer days of our country. Today, one of the more popular gifts of property is life insurance. Many people find they have life insurance policies that are no longer needed for their security or the security of their loved ones. A good example might be a policy purchased for a child’s education, when the child has completed his or her education.

When an existing policy is given to Samuel Merritt College, the owner can immediately deduct, as a charitable contribution, the current value of the policy (or the net cost of the policy if this is less than the current value). Of course, future premium payments are also deductible after full ownership has been transferred to SMC.

It’s an Excellent Time...
First Annual Robert L. Rutherford, DPM Memorial Golf Tournament Scores Big for CSPM Students

The First Annual Robert L. Rutherford, DPM Memorial Golf Tournament held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 was a huge success raising over $5,100 to benefit current doctor of podiatric medicine students at the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM).

The tournament was named in honor of Robert L. Rutherford, DPM, FACFAS. Dr. Rutherford graduated from the California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM) in 1940 and began his teaching career at CCPM in the Department of Surgery in 1943. For the next 27 years Dr. Rutherford served as chairman of the surgery department and chief of surgery of the Podiatry Hospital from 1950 until his retirement in 1970. Dr. Rutherford spent 16 years trying to get the board of trustees of CCPM to build a hospital as part of the College. Finally in 1958, he managed to get another podiatrist, Dr. Moses Nuddleman, who was also an attorney in Oakland and a member of the CCPM board of trustees, to provide the needed legal expertise in developing the actual plans for the hospital. The hospital was officially opened in April 1960 and soon became the mecca for teaching foot and ankle surgery and training students and residents. In addition to Dr. Rutherford’s distinguished career he was also an avid golfer.

The event, held at the beautiful Monarch Bay Golf Course in San Leandro, California, was organized by Dr. Tom Sgarlato; Longest Drive — Shane Seitz; and Closest to the Pin — Marcus Walton.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in assisting with the 2008 event by becoming a sponsor, please email Kevin Blue at kevin.blue@samuelmerritt.edu; or Ryan Muchowski at ryan.muchowski@samuelmerritt.edu; or contact Carla Ross in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 510.869.6618.

A Huge Thank You to This Year’s Sponsors. Our Success Would Not, of Course, Have Been Possible Without Your Wonderful Support!

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- Maxfli
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- TaylorMade and of course...
- Monarch Bay Golf Course

Thank You!

The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation awarded the Physical Therapy Department at Samuel Merritt College $20,000 to provide specialized balance testing to persons with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in the greater East Bay. Physical Therapy faculty members: Sharon Gorman, Cindy Gibson-Horn, Rolando Lazaro, and Gail Widener are the coordinators of this grant. Using the EquiTest®, participants will get a full com- puterized dynamic posturography (CDP) suite of tests used to objectively quantify and differentiate among the wide variety of possible sensory, motor, and central adaptive impairments to balance control. CDP can identify and differentiate the functional impairments associated with MS.

To help provide other healthcare providers such as physicians and physical therapists with specialized balance assessment results and recommendations, CDP will be offered to persons with MS. Testing is free, and results and recommendations will be shared with clients and their healthcare providers. We are focusing this free testing to persons with MS who have had a new diagnosis of MS, a change in their MS medication, recent fall or falls, and/or recent exacerbation of their MS.

If you or someone you know meets these qualifications, please contact the Department of Physical Therapy to get a free specialized balance test using CDP and recommendations for follow up. Testing takes approximately one hour, and persons must be able to stand independently with their feet apart for about ten seconds to qualify for testing.

If you or someone you know is interested in this FREE balance testing service, please call our Research Lab at 510.869.6511 extension 4411 to schedule an appointment. We are available for testing Tuesday afternoons and all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
The Occupational Therapy Program at Samuel Merritt College seeks children to participate in a free pediatric clinic. Children will be treated by students in the Master of Occupational Therapy Program, whose work is overseen by four registered occupational therapists. Program directors seek participants who can attend ten sequential sessions. Occupational therapists help children who have difficulty engaging in the typical activities of childhood due to illness, injury, or developmental issues. An occupational therapist may help a child develop skills to improve his or her performance in self-care, play, and school activities.

The Pediatric Occupational Therapy Clinic at Samuel Merritt College begins October 1, 2007 and will be in session for ten consecutive Mondays at 2:00 pm and at 3:00 pm. Enrollment in the clinic will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information or to register contact Ginny Gibson, MS, OTR/L, CHT at 510.869.6511 extension 4873 or by email at ggibson@samuelmerritt.edu.

Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2006 CASE REPORT PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SOUTH KOREA

The case reports that Erin Horning, DPT and Courtney Weisensee, DPT, prepared to meet their graduation requirements in 2006, were accepted for presentation at the Fourth International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine World Congress in Seoul, South Korea this past June. Dr. Horning’s paper is titled, “Vestibular Rehabilitation Decreases Fall Risk and Improves Gaze Stability for a Patient with Unilateral Vestibular Hypofunction.” Dr. Weisensee’s paper is titled, “The Role of Physical Therapy in the Management of a Person Following Deep Brain Stimulation for Advanced Parkinson’s Disease.” Sharon Gorman and Dr. Rolando Lazaro, the faculty advisor for each paper respectively, attended the conference to present the papers for the students, both of whom are in their first jobs as physical therapists and could not travel to the conference.

Congratulations Erin and Courtney!

FREE PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CLINIC

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BUY THE THINGS YOU NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND HELP SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE

Do you shop online from Coldwater Creek, Target, Lands’ End, eBay????

Did you know that when you register on the secure iGive site and make a purchase from any of these and many other stores, up to 26 percent of your purchases are donated to Samuel Merritt College?

There are more than 600 popular merchants available in the iGive mall at iGive.com. The mall offers books, CDs, fashion, electronics, toys, healthcare products, office supplies and more.

After you make a purchase, Samuel Merritt College will receive a check from iGive.com for 100 percent of the donation percentage listed adjacent to each merchant on the site. Members can use the website to track the funds they’ve raised, or to see how much Samuel Merritt College has received overall.

What could be better? Shop for everyday items—from toothpaste to airline tickets, and help Samuel Merritt College!
On a beautiful summer day this past June 2, over 135 Samuel Merritt College and Providence College of Nursing alums gathered for the Annual Reunion Luncheon. This annual event, held in the Health Education Center on the Samuel Merritt College Oakland campus, began with a social hour with lots of reminiscing, laughing, flipping through yearbooks, picture taking and story telling.

Following the social hour, alums enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon of tri tip of beef and jumbo prawns, savory side dishes, various salads and key lime tartlets with fresh raspberry coulis.

The luncheon included a short program including an update on new initiatives at the College by Dr. Scott Foster, Interim President and Chief Operating Officer; a brief update on the nursing profession and how the College is addressing the nursing shortage by Dr. Audrey Berman, Dean of the School of Nursing; the traditional roll call conducted by Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs; and fun and games led by Sue Sylvester, Executive Director of Development and Stephanie Bangert, Executive Director of the Office of the President.

To the left are candid photos from the 2007 Annual Alumni Reunion Luncheon:

1. Representing the SMC nursing class of 1942 on their 65th reunion: Eldora Johnson Schwob.
2. Representing the SMC nursing class of 1947 on their 60th reunion: (L to R) Elizabeth Coffey Majors, Roberta Rasmuson Gullick, Claire Newton Long, Annelise Suess Kirkley, Beverly Peterson Eggers, Marie Osterbarm Palm, Elmarjensen Milnes, and Helen August Gustafson (seated).
4. Representing the SMC nursing class of 1957 on their 50th reunion: Front to back (L to R) Gail Keinhart, Geraldine Wals Evans, Gail Blankenship D’Arcy, Joyce Conwell, Veloria Jones Brazada, and Virginia Jewett Evans.
5. Representing the SMC nursing class of 1962 on their 45th reunion: (L to R) Robin Carol Ronan and June Berlertsen Capogrossi.
10. Representing the SMC Nursing class of 1992 on their 10th reunion: Jeannine Chen.
11. Representing the SMC Occupational Therapy class of 1997 on their 10th reunion: John Goodfellow.

Attention members of classes ending in 3 or 8—2008 is your reunion year! Please help to make it a success. Contact the Alumni Affairs Office now to request a class roster to begin rallying your classmates together to attend or volunteer to serve on the 2008 Alumni Reunion Planning Committee.

MARY ROACH NAMED 2008 PICCHI MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Journalist and author, Mary Roach will be the 2008 Picchi Memorial Lecture Series Lecturer. Ms. Roach will talk about her book entitled Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers. A date for the Lecture has not been confirmed, however, the College expects this event to take place during the month of March 2008.

March Roach is a journalist and former Salon.com columnist who has written for Outside, GQ, Vogue, and The New York Times Magazine. She writes the humor column “My Planet” in Reader’s Digest and is a contributing editor for the science magazine Discover.

For more information on the Picchi Memorial Lecture Series or to be added to the mailing list for this event please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628.
California College of Podiatric Medicine

1978
Dr. Charles O’Reilly is raising mountain goats for goat hair blankets.

1983
ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CCPF CLASS OF 1983! Plans are underway for a 25 year class reunion to be held during the 2008 American Podiatric Medical Association’s Annual Scientific Meeting in Waikiki, Hawaii—July 24–27, 2008. Be sure that the Alumni Affairs Office has your current contact information (including email address) by calling 510.869.6648.

1986
Dr. Lisa Lipe is starting a side business importing Italian tiles for kitchen counters.

1997
ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CCPF CLASS OF 1997! A 10 year class reunion will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007. For more information contact re-union coordinator, Dr. Carolyn McAloon at 510.581.1249 or carolyn.0350@hotmail.com or contact Carla Ross in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 510.869.6648 or crosssamuelmerritt.edu.

From the Ranks

Samuel Merritt College

GRADUATES

1999
James Austin writes, “I continue to work at the Sacramento County Sheriffs’ Department, which continues to maintain my interest as a challenging environment. In November 2006, I received the Division Employee of Excellence Award, the first for a nurse practitioner at Correctional Health Services. Last fall, I presented at the state “AHCAP” Correctional Health Services Convention, “Working with Transgender Clients in the Correctional Setting.” Working with our D.O.N. we are striving to become a mentoring site for UC Davis NP/PA students to give them exposure to working in the correctional setting.”

Peter Chordas writes, “I received the invitation for the FNP 10 year reunion but had little time to respond. Let me explain: After graduating in 1997, it took almost another two years to complete the Master’s portion of my degree. I took a job at UCSF working for the “PrepCare Clinic” with the department of anesthesia. My role was to perform physical exams and screen all patients who were scheduled for surgery. The job was a good learning curve but challenging. Limiting. My wife and I then moved with our two children to Portland, Oregon in 2002. I took a job with Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) in their Emergency Department. We spent four years there and loved it. I had a wonderful job seeing patients, teaching NPs and residents, and doing research. I also worked at a low income Family Practice clinic in Oregon City. We still own a house in Portland and consider it home. In May of 2006, I took a job with the Foreign Service (the diplomatic branch of the State Department). After training in Washington DC, I took my first assignment at the American Embassy in Niger, West Africa. I am the sole Health Care Practitioner and also provide regional travel health coverage to the neighboring country of Burkina Fossa. My role is to provide primary and emergent care to all American embassy employees and their families. I also take care of the Peace Corps administrators and visiting government officials (~100 people in all). There are approximately 300 Foreign Service National (local hire natives) who are also employed by the Embassy. I am responsible for their health care only if they have injuries or illnesses while at work. I have a wonderful local

hie nurse who assists me. In addition to health care, I also visit hospitals, clinics, and villages to assess their needs and sometimes offer care. I establish and maintain strong ties with the local resources and providers and sometimes work diplomatically to assist them and strengthen relationships between our countries. I sit on the American International School Board as the Ambassador’s representative as well. My family and I are really enjoying Africa. Working for the American government has a lot of great benefits. This is a two year post and one of the poorest countries in the world but the people here are warm and friendly. Every day is like living inside a National Geographic; there are camels and livestock in the streets. The people wear native clothing and we shop at the open air markets and haggle prices with the locals in French. There are lots of opportunities to do good things here. My wife volunteers at an orphanage and helps raise money for small businesses run by Nigerian women. Because I am in Africa, the mail takes time to get here. The invitation for our reunion was sent to my address in Portland and then forwarded to me here in Niamey. I received it on May 30th and did place a call to Jerri Mariott ’95 and ’97. She encouraged me to write to the Alumni Office. I’m only sorry that I couldn’t let you know earlier before the event. In any case, I thank you for the invitation. Obviously, I was unable to attend. I hope all are strong and healthy.”

NURSING

1936
Marie L. Katri Stone writes, “I turned 93 on September 7. To celebrate my 92nd birthday, I walked the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge of two miles to celebrate. It was so beautiful.

1949
Ernestine Chapman Hoyt writes, “Four of us from our class of 1931 attended the luncheon on the 2nd of June. I have finally stopped working. I moved twice this year. Once up to my mountain cabin which was too isolated for an 80 year old. Now, I am happily back to my old apartment in Menlo Park. I do volunteer work at Hope House a rehab home for women out of prison. I enjoy exercising several times a week, plus some babysitting for my newest grandson. My seven grandchildren are in their forthies and fifties and live all over the country. I have ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Traveling to see them keeps me busy. Life is full and good.”

Jean M. Phillips writes, “The June Alumni Reunion Luncheon was especially meaningful since we had four of our “Class of 1939” in attendance. Keeping in touch with all that is going on at Samuel Merritt—and nursing in general is a gratifying experience. It also served as a mini class reunion, since our class is now down to 13. We are scattered about, but manage to keep in touch.”

1957
Geraldine Wallis Evans writes, “Hello and to one and all, I’m here in my new pad without any of my furniture or STUFF. Movers have not even started to load from storage in Aberdeen or come here to California. The dogs and I are camping in our home and are doing well… no housework! I have a new e-mail now… it’s thebirdnest@cox.net. Adjusting to the warmer weather and thanks to the air conditioner, we are all comfortable. Great stores all around and as you may have guessed from my new e-mail name, I’m high on a hill and have a commanding view. Look to the west, north and the east. We will see snow on the really high mountains this winter. It is exciting. Son, Jim, has been helping me get hooked up to all the services so I am getting in touch with everyone again.”

1952
Dolores Beanland writes, “Twelve members of the Class of 1952 gathered at the June 2nd Alumni Reunion Luncheon. We had a wonderful time and discussed a future reunion.”

in memoriam...

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1957
Joyce Condell writes, “I’m still working! So between work and busing around the three grandchildren, life is busy to say the least. Also, playing bridge and volunteering at Superior Court House in Fremont. My husband wants to know when I’m going to be home!”

1964
Nancy Roberts Maynor writes, “I have been retired for six and one half years after 34 years at Kaweah Delta District Hospital in Visalia. I travel to Washington State several times a year to visit my daughter and family. Would love to hear from any 1964 classmates.”

1972
Diane Drexler-Little writes, “I was sorry I wasn’t able to attend the June Reunion Luncheon even though it was my 35th anniversary of graduation. We are currently living in Bangor, Maine (Stephen King’s hometown), and have three grandchildren, life is busy to say the least. Also, playing bridge and volunteering at the local synagogue. I travel to Chattanooga, TN to visit my husband’s close friend (who has since died) and tried to look up Barbara Davidson (classmate of 1972) whose husband was a rabbi there. It seems that my timing was bad in that she had already moved since her husband had resigned his position at one of the synagogues in Chattanooga. Also, please give my e-mail and/or regular address so my 1972 classmates may get in touch with me. In addition, I would love to get the same information about them. Diane Drexler-Little, PO Box 304, Brewer, Maine 04422, DrexlerDL@aol.com.”

1974
Lynette Lamb currently works as an RN in the ICU at Modesto Memorial Hospital.

1994
Valerie Busch Graham writes, “I am working in a P.A.C.U. in the surgery department in Mammoth Lakes, CA. I feel blessed that I was provided such an excellent education at SMC and want to send my thanks and appreciation for a program that prepared me to be a very educated, skilled and compassionate nurse.”

2001
Congratulations are in order for Lisa Meikle and Steve Ingerson, Lisa and Steve, who met while students at Samuel Merritt College, will tie the knot on November 3, 2007.

2006
Candice Childers Young writes, “I received a big shock in July. I found out I was pregnant after taking three tests. I went to the doctors for a confirmation appointment and the doctor went ahead and did an ultrasound, not expecting to see anything. I found out real quick that when the doctor says ‘are you ready for bigger news’ it isn’t something that you want to respond to. Not only am I pregnant... but I am in fact carrying TWINS! I figured since it is supposedly carried on the women’s side that I might luck out and not be the one in the family to have twins since it is my great uncles that are twins, but between my side of the family and Jeff’s dad being a twin; we got twins. The pregnancy has been very well so far, no sickness, just tired in the middle of the afternoon. I have now been working as a PIV in the TB control program for Contra Costa since April and am loving it.”

1997
John Goodfellow is currently living in Fresno, CA. He started a private pediatric practice in Fresno, CA in 1999. Goodfellow Occupational Therapy is currently the largest Pediatric OT Practice in the Central Valley. He has a private clinic that specializes in sensory integration which services 140 children per week. He also has school district contracts throughout Fresno County and Kings County, with more than 300 students receiving occupational therapy via their IEPs. He has recently formed a partnership with Easter Seals Central California in bringing the P.L.A.Y. Project to California. The P.L.A.Y. Project utilizes a practical approach in implementing DIR/Floortime. This program provides a comprehensive framework for understanding and treating children challenged by autism spectrum and related disorders. It focuses on helping children master the building blocks of relating, communicating and thinking, rather than on symptoms alone. This program is currently being implemented via two grants in Fresno County with Goodfellow/Easter Seals expanding this program to the Monterey Bay area in the near future. John recently hired a new graduate from Samuel Merritt. John states “She was so prepared entering her fieldwork, that it was a no brainer that I would offer her a job. I was very pleased to observe how SMC produced such a well prepared, knowledgeable, and skilled therapist. I look forward to receiving more OT students from SMC in the future.”

2001
Tina Olson Warren writes, “Stephen and I celebrated our third wedding anniversary this past April. We are also expecting our first child, due in mid-December of this year. I don’t give an actual day because as you already know, the child comes when it wants. The pregnancy has been going well so far with a few little bumps but overall bearable. I am currently working part-time in home health in Colorado but my last day working will be August 31 until after the baby arrives.”

PHYSICAL THERAPY
1996
John Gonzales writes, “I am wondering if people would be interested in an informal ten year reunion. I have sometimes been known (please keep it a secret) to organize and schedule stuff like that. My email address is JoaoPtugu1@aol.com.”

2003
Chrissy Lumardi writes, “I am now working in Santa Barbara at a relatively new orthopedic outpatient clinic. All is well and I am enjoying my job greatly, thanks Samuel Merritt for a great education.”

TERRY NORDSTROM PRESENTS PAPER IN SOUTH AFRICA

TERRY NORDSTROM and his dissertation research advisor, Deborah Bloch, PhD, in the School of Education at the University of San Francisco, presented their paper, “Complexity Based Ethics: Martin Buber and Dynamic Self-Organization” at the 3rd International Workshop on Complexity and Philosophy in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Their paper was based on their interest in how complexity sciences helps us understand ethical behavior and was partially based on Mr. Nordstrom's doctoral dissertation, Physical Therapy Students as Moral Agents During Clinical Internships. The conference was attended by researchers and writers from around the world. In addition to attending the conference, the pair and their spouses traveled through Zimbabwe, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Soweto, and were on safari in South Africa.
UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Golden State Podiatric Medical Congress
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2007
Health Education Center, Oakland, California

→ Attendees will enjoy stimulating, cutting-edge lectures, hands-on, interactive workshops and practice management programs designed for podiatric physicians, assistants, podiatric residents and other related healthcare specialists—presented by a stellar faculty and featuring nationally recognized experts in their fields. Additionally, 2007 will feature a top notch podiatric medical assistants’ program as well as an exhibition of the latest innovations in surgery, medicine and management. This year’s Golden State will also include tours of the College’s state-of-the-art Health Sciences Simulation Center and a one-day billing and coding seminar presented by Codingline featuring reimbursement gurus Harry Goldsmith, DPM and Tony Poggio, DPM. You can’t afford to miss it! For more information or to register contact the California Podiatric Medicine Association at 1.800.794.8988 or visit their website at www.podiatrists.org.

Annual Samuel Merritt College Alumni Holiday Dinner
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007
COCKTAILS: 6:00PM DINNER: 7:00PM
Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette, California

→ This Holiday Dinner has been a long-standing tradition for Samuel Merritt College alums. Come celebrate the holiday season with former classmates, as well as with current and former College staff and faculty members.

Providence College of Nursing Annual Holiday Tea
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007—1:30PM TO 3:30PM
Health Education Center, Oakland, California

→ This annual event is open to all Providence College of Nursing alums. Come reconnect with fellow Providence classmates at this festive holiday event.

The Alumni Affairs Office is happy to provide support to alumni who need class lists or mailing labels to rally together classmates for these events. For more information or to request a class list contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 510.869.6618 or cross@samuelmerritt.edu.

Save the Date!