

## CLASS NOTES – FALL 2021

# SIMPSON

## THE MAGAZINE

**H. Roger Grant '66** has won the Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award from the State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees for the best book on Iowa history for 2020. This honors his *A Mighty Fine Road: A History of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company* (Indiana University Press, 2020).

**Keith Kossow '69** retired from West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah, Kentucky in 2014 after 42 years in the classroom as an instructor. He and his wife, Donna Sue now reside in Metropolis, Illinois.



**Dennis Moore '72** had his poem "Friend" published in Simpson College's spring 2021 Sequel, an annual literary and visual arts publication. Dennis was inspired to write the poem

after visiting campus with his family to see a bench installed north of Hillman Hall in honor of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2020. In addition, his poem "Indelible Memories" was selected for publication in the Adult General category and will appear in Lyrical Iowa 2021. The release date for the annual anthology was October 2021.

**Dana Woods '78** recently retired and now resides in Rio Verde, Arizona.

**Jeff Rumprik '79** is the owner/president of Jeffquest Graftix and Design in Sayville, New York.



**Edwin McClure '82** was recently elected to the Arkansas PBS Foundation Board of Directors. Edwin is

an attorney and partner at Matthews, Campbell, Rhoads, McClure & Thompson, PA. The firm is located in Rogers, Arkansas.

**John Hanley '00** was named as Chair of the Lawrence (Kansas) Humane Society, beginning a three-year term as leader for the organization's 13-person board of directors.

John joined the Board of Directors in 2018 and previously led the external and donor relations committees for Lawrence Humane Society following the organization's successful completion of capital campaign and construction of new headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

John and his wife, Judge Amy Hanley, reside in Lawrence. John works as senior VP and senior marketing director for Equity Bank, a regional bank based in Kansas. John and Amy have three cats rescued from Lawrence Humane Society: Sophie (12), Todd (10), and Wallace (3).

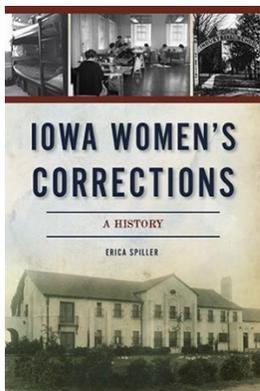
Read more about John's Board Appointment by [clicking here](#).

**Erin Gobel French '01** earned her Ph.D. in apparel, merchandising and design from Iowa State University in 2021.

**Joey Colby-Begovich '02** has been appointed as vice president of guest experience for the Washington Football Team in Washington D.C. In this role, Joey will oversee the complete fan gameday experience – from atmosphere, music and entertainment to food and beverage, parking, and stadium layout.

**Christopher Shaver '05** is a business support manager at Wells Fargo in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Lisa Rasmussen Ott '06** is a music educator for the Nevada Middle School in Nevada, Iowa.



**Erica Spiller '06** authored *Iowa Women's Corrections: A History* that was released on March 15, 2021. The book is perhaps the only comprehensive history of women's corrections in the

state of Iowa. Given the importance of supporting justice impacted communities, Spiller is donating all royalties to an education fund for incarcerated women in Iowa. More information is available by [clicking here](#).

**Zachary Rus '08** is director of philanthropy for Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (YESS) in Des Moines.

**Laura Anderson '10** is operations team leader and office manager for Community Support Advocates in Des Moines.

**Emily VanMaele Robinett '11** earned her Master's of Arts degree in educational technology from the University of Central Missouri in 2020. Her and her husband **Shane Robinett '11** reside in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

**Mandi Deutsch Stein '14** is market implementation manager at Wellmark.

**Conner McDermott '15** is an instructor of chemistry at Grand View University. He earned his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Minnesota in August 2021. His dissertation was titled "New Chemical Matter from Extinct Life and for Extant Life: Paleopharmaceuticals and Bioterrorism Countermeasures"

**Morgan Moline Singleton '17** is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher for the Indianola Community School District. She and her husband **Cort Singleton '17** reside in Indianola, Iowa.

**Laura Finneseth Worden '17** is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade literacy teacher for the Marion Independent School District.

**Sara Moore Van Maanen '18** is a police officer for the Council Bluffs Police Department. She and her husband **Seth Van Maanen '18** reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Katie Mitchell '19** is a DBT case manager for ReDiscover. She resides in Overland Park, Missouri.

**Shelby Jondal Williams '20** is a behavioral support clinician at Compass Counseling Services of Northern Virginia.



The men of Alpha Tau Omega Beta Alpha Chapter held their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual ATO Old Farts Golf Weekend August 28-29, 2021. Those pictured include (front row) **Dave Coil '73, John Kem '80, Jake Jacobson '72, Jeff Cassat '73, Rich Collins '69, Doug Barakat '68, Don Lamb '70, Jim Hamer '68, Steve Mason '77, Craig Tripkosh '75** and (back row) **Bob Kem '75, Jim Spooner '82, John Comer '86, JB Gross '74, Steve Pautvein '88, Jim Mikulanec '70, Steve Montague '72, Sam Carrell '83, Tim Lehman '73, Joel Siemion '76, Mike Butler '89, Mitch Johnk '86**. Photo submitted by **Bob MacKenzie '70**.

## ***MARRIAGES***



**Emily Ledger '11** and David Zabner were married June 6, 2021, at Rapid Creek Cidery near Iowa City, Iowa.



**Curt Castenson '18** and **Annie Stolte '18** were married Aug. 14, 2021. Simpson professor Cal Busby '09 officiated the ceremony. The two met at Simpson during their fall semester of their freshman year.

## ***BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS***



Porter James Ott, Feb. 13, 2020, to **Lisa Rasmussen Ott '06** and Justin Ott, Nevada, Iowa. Joins older brothers Trevor, Carver and Oliver.



Lincoln Emmett Edel, March 23, 2021, to **Logan Edel '09** and Kate Edel, Ankeny, Iowa. Joins sister Peyton.



Reece Miller Terrizzi, Jan. 26, 2021, to **Nicole Cleveringa Terrizzi '08** and Mick Terrizzi, Oakland, California.



Kenani James Kruger, Dec. 15, 2020, to **James Kruger '11** and **Laura McIlravy Kruger '13**, Indianola, Iowa. Joins sister, Hazel.



Rhett Mahomes Ludwig, July 31, 2021, to **Charlie Sandvick Ludwig '13** and Scott Ludwig, Bondurant, Iowa.



Genevieve Lynn Newton, Oct. 30, 2020, to **Keely Goshia Newton '13** and **Joel Newton '14**, North Aurora, Illinois.



Theo Stein, March 30, 2021, to **Mandi Deutsch Stein '14** and Alex Stein, West Des Moines, Iowa.



Jovie Lucille Singleton, July 13, 2021, to **Morgan Moline Singleton '17** and **Cort Singleton '17**, Indianola, Iowa.



Annetta Kay Worden, July 28, 2021, to **Laura Finneseth Worden '17** and Anthony Worden, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Summer Rae Van Maanen, Aug. 5, 2021, to **Sara Moore Van Maanen '18** and **Seth Van Maanen '18**, Omaha, Nebraska.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

**Evelyn Corrie Birkby '38**,  
February 7, 2021, Sidney, Iowa.

**Richard Barker '43**, July 20,  
2021, La Mesa, California.

**Margaret Gray Whipp '43**,  
March 19, 2020, Elkhorn,  
Nebraska.

**Jean Roberts '45**, August 31,  
2020, Mount Pleasant,  
Michigan.

**Roland Horn '49**, January 10,  
2021, Knoxville, Iowa.

**Joyce Hawbaker Irminger '51**,  
January 30, 2021, Holland,  
Michigan.

**Beverly Balmer Rigler '52**,  
August 16, 2021, Olathe,  
Kansas.

**Joan Walter Holstein '53**,  
August 6, 2021, Seal Beach,  
California.

**Beverley Thomas Loseke '53**,  
November 23, 2018, Chandler,  
North Carolina.

**Larry Ferger '56**, February 21,  
2021, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**David Pillar '56**, March 9, 2021,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

**Charles Brodersen '57**, April 25,  
2021, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Sonia Chang '59**, September 12,  
2020, Walnut Creek, California.

**Norman Battles '62**, May 22,  
2020, Johnston, Iowa.

**Nigel Walters, Jr. '62**,  
December 5, 2019, Park City,  
Utah.

**Robert Brown '63**, April 26,  
2021, Clive, Iowa.

**Sharon Wolf Martin '64**,  
February 24, 2021, Joliet,  
Illinois.

**Judith Walden '64**, February 16,  
2021, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Glenn "Butch" Kuehl '66**,  
September 19, 2018, Indianola,  
Iowa.

**Robert Beaver '67**, March 28,  
2021, Friendship, Wisconsin.

**Larry Blinn '67**, March 24, 2021,  
Oskaloosa, Iowa.

**Dan Mehl '74**, February 15,  
2021, Wichita, Kansas.

**Penney Ruth Braaksma '87**,  
May 16, 2020, Chariton, Iowa.

**Darwin Green '89**, June 10,  
2021, Hudson, Iowa.

**Carla Burt Offenburger '92**, July  
24, 2021, Jefferson, Iowa.

### ***Faculty & Staff***

**Keith Ellingson**, May 14, 2021,  
Indianola, Iowa.

**Doug Larche**, Aug. 27, 2021,  
Indianola, Iowa.

**Robert Larsen '56**, March 21,  
2021, Indianola, Iowa.

**Richard "Dick" Starr**, May 23,  
2021, Indianola, Iowa.