

## HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE 2011-12

### CORPORATION MEMBERS

**Margaret G. Warner '71 B.A. (Chair)**



Elected Alumni Fellow in 2006, Margaret Warner is a senior correspondent and on-air anchor on public television's *PBS NewsHour*. She is also the lead correspondent for the *NewsHour*'s overseas reporting unit, which has taken her over the past two years to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, France, Britain, Germany, China, Kenya, Iran, Yemen, and the Vatican. In 2008 Ms. Warner won an Emmy Award for her coverage of the turmoil in Pakistan and the Edward Weintal Prize for International Reporting from Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy for her overseas reporting. Ms. Warner joined what was then *The Macneil-Lehrer NewsHour* in 1993 after a career in print journalism. She spent a decade at *Newsweek* as political and campaign correspondent, White House reporter, and chief diplomatic correspondent. She previously reported for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The San Diego Union*, and *The Concord [N.H.] Monitor*. She is a trustee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. At Yale she serves on the President's Council on International Activities.

**Mimi Gardner Gates '81 Ph.D.**



Elected Alumni Fellow in 2007, Mimi Gardner Gates is Director Emerita of the Seattle Art Museum, which she directed from 1994 until July 1, 2009. Currently she oversees the museum's new Gardner Center for Asian Art and Ideas. Prior to moving to Seattle, Ms. Gates spent two decades at the Yale University Art Gallery, where she became the Henry J. Heinz II Director in January 1987. After completing her B.A. at Stanford University, Ms. Gates earned honors studying Chinese language and culture at the École Nationale des Langues Orientales Vivantes in Paris, and completed a master's degree at the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. in the history of art at Yale. Ms. Gates is a former president and trustee of the Association of Art Museum Directors. She has served on steering committees of the Museum Program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Getty Leadership Institute Advisory Committee. Ms. Gates serves on the Board of Directors of the Blakemore Foundation and the Northwest African American Museum. At Yale she serves on the Yale University Art Gallery Governing Board and was awarded the Wilbur Cross Medal in 2006.

**Neal L. Keny-Guyer '82 M.P.P.M.**



Elected Alumni Fellow in 2009, Neal L. Keny-Guyer is a social entrepreneur and chief executive officer of Mercy Corps, among the world's largest international relief and development agencies. After graduating from Duke University, he began his career in public service with Cities In Schools, working with at-risk youth in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta. He then moved to Thailand for CARE/UNICEF to focus on Cambodia's refugees. After earning a degree from the Yale School of Management, he led high-impact relief and development programs for Save the Children in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia. Mr. Keny-Guyer joined Mercy Corps in 1994 as CEO. Mercy Corps is known for its rapid relief-to-recovery humanitarian responses and for its efforts to catalyze social innovations. It provides assistance to 17 million people annually with signature programs in transitional environments like Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, and Somalia. He serves on the boards of ImagineNations and the Nike Foundation Advisory Group. At Yale Mr. Keny-Guyer serves on the President's Council on International Activities and is a member of the Board of Advisors for the School of Management.

**E. John Rice Jr. '88 B.A.**



E. John Rice, Jr. is the founder and CEO of Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT), a national non-profit organization that equips under-represented minorities with the skills, coaching and relationships to become leaders in corporations, entrepreneurial ventures and nonprofits. After graduating from Yale with a degree in Latin American Studies, Mr. Rice went on to receive his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1992. Following Harvard, he worked with the Walt Disney Company in new business development and then joined the NBA from 1996 to 2000, first in Latin America as director of marketing and then in Tokyo as managing director of NBA Japan. While studying at Harvard, Mr. Rice wrote the business plan for what was to become MLT. In 1994 he launched a mentoring program for minority undergraduates. In 2000 he resigned from the NBA to devote himself entirely to the MLT organization, which began with fifty participants in 2002; today its three programs serve over 2000 students and professionals nationwide focusing on key transition points in a young person's life: college to early career, early career to MBA and mid-career to senior leadership. In 2005 Mr. Rice co-founded CareerCore, a technology company where he continues to serve on the board. He serves on the Board of Visitors of Duke University's Terry Sanford Public Policy School and in 2010, Mr. Rice was appointed to President Obama's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He is the lead independent director of Walker & Dunlop. Mr. Rice is a former member of the Yale University Council and was elected Alumni Fellow in 2011.

## **AYA MEMBERS**

### **Melvin Chen '91 B.S., '94 M.A.**



An acclaimed soloist and chamber musician, Melvin has performed at major venues around the globe. He is on the piano faculty of the Bard College Conservatory of Music, where he is associate director, and has previously served on the piano faculty at the Yale School of Music. He is also the artistic director of the chamber music program at the Hotchkiss Summer Portals.

Mr. Chen completed a doctorate in chemistry from Harvard University, and also holds a double master's degree from The Juilliard School in piano and violin, where he studied with Seymour Lipkin and Glenn Dicterow, respectively. At Juilliard, he was the recipient of the U.S. Department of Education Jacob Javits Fellowship, as well as the William Petschek Piano Scholarship and the Ruth D. Rosenman Memorial Scholarship. Previously, At Yale, Melvin received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and physics. Upon graduation he was awarded the New Prize by the fellows of Jonathan Edwards College. During his tenure at Yale he studied with Boris Berman, Paul Kantor, and Ida Kavafian.

### **Margaret H. Marshall '76 J.D.**



Margaret H. Marshall is the retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Born in South Africa, she earned a B.A. from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and a master's degree in education from Harvard University. After graduating from Yale Law School, she practiced law for sixteen years and was a partner in the Boston firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart. She served as vice president and general counsel of Harvard University from 1992 until 1996, when she was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court. Chief Justice Marshall, who became a U.S. citizen in 1978, is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1994 she received both the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award and the American Jewish Congress's Louis D. Brandeis Award. She has been a member of the Yale Law School Association Executive Committee since 1991, served as Alumni Fellow on the Yale Corporation (July 2004 until June 2010), and received the Yale Law School Alumni Award of Merit in 2006.

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

### **Stephen Hendel '73 B.A.**



Steve co-founded and manages Hess Energy Trading Co., a joint venture energy trading business with Amerada Hess Corporation. The firm is a leading international commodities company trading crude oil, petroleum products, natural gas, and weather in New York, Boston, London, and Singapore. He graduated from the University of Connecticut Law School in 1978. Steve is a member of the University Council and the Yale School of Music's Board of Visitors. His wife Ruth is an independent theater producer who has been involved in a number of Broadway and Off-Broadway productions including "The Exonerated" and she serves on the boards of a number of theater organizations. Ruth and Steve are very active in the NYC theater community. Their three children have attended Yale College, Joseph '07, Samuel '02 and Abigail '99. Steve is the University Council representative to the Committee.

## FACULTY

### **Elizabeth Alexander '84 B.A.**

*Chair and Professor of African American Studies*  
*Professor of American Studies and English*



A graduate of Yale College in 1984, Elizabeth is a scholar of African-American literature and culture. She has read her work across the United States and in Europe, the Caribbean and South America, and her poetry, short stories and critical prose have been published in dozens of periodicals and anthologies.

Elizabeth is the author of four books of poems, "American Sublime" (2005), which was one of the American Library Association's 25 Notable Books of the Year as well as one of three finalists for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize, "The Venus Hottentot" (re-issued in 2004), "Antebullum Dream Book" (2001) and "Body of Life" (1997).

Her collection of essays on African American literature, painting, and popular culture, "The Black Interior", was published in 2004. Her verse play, "Diva Studies," was produced at the Yale School of Drama in May 1996 and she was a dramaturg for Anna Deavere Smith's play "Twilight" in its original production at the Mark Taper Forum. In 2008, Dr. Alexander was selected by President Barack Obama to compose and read a poem for his inauguration on January 20. Alexander has taught at the University of Chicago, where she won the Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, New York University's Graduate Creative Writing Program, and Smith College, where she was Grace Hazard Conkling Poet-in-Residence, first director of the Poetry Center, and member of the founding editorial collective for the feminist journal Meridians. Professor Alexander

is an inaugural recipient of the Alphonse Fletcher, Sr. Fellowship for work that “contributes to improving race relations in American society and furthers the broad social goals of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Brown v. Board of Education decision of 1954.” She teaches courses on African American poetry, drama, and 20th century literature, as well as the survey introduction to African American Studies.

**Paul Bloom**

*Professor of Psychology*



Paul received a B.A. in Psychology from McGill University in 1985 and earned his Ph.D. in cognitive psychology at MIT in 1990. He is a professor of psychology. His research explores how children and adults understand the physical and social world, with special focus on morality, religion, fiction, and art. He has won numerous awards for his research and teaching. He is past-president of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, and co-editor of *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, one of the major journals in the field.

He has written for scientific journals such as *Nature and Science*, and for popular outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *The Atlantic*. He is the author or editor of four books, including *How Children Learn the Meanings of Words* and *Descartes' Baby: How the Science of Child Development Explains What Makes Us Human*.

His newest book, *How Pleasure Works*, was published in June, 2010.

**Richard A. Flavell**

*Sterling Professor and Chair of Immunobiology  
Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute*



A Sterling Professor and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigator Richard heads one of the world’s top programs in immunology research. His lab studies the molecular basis of T cell differentiation. They have used genomic approaches to identify genes selectively expressed in T cell lineages and gene targeting, transgenic mice, and retroviral technology to elucidate the function of given genes and their target sequences.

His lab also studies effector mechanisms of cell death using mice lacking the death-effector molecules known as caspases 1, 3, 6, 7, and 9. His research studies the molecular and cellular basis for autoimmune disease. Regulatory mechanisms of innate and adaptive immunity contain the severity of autoimmunity. They are currently elucidating the nature of these regulatory cells and their effector mechanisms.

After earning bachelor's and doctoral degrees in biochemistry at Hull, Flavell did postdoctoral work in the Netherlands and Switzerland and then joined the faculty of the University of Amsterdam. From the Netherlands, he moved to London, where he was head of the Laboratory of Gene Structure and Expression at the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill. Then came an offer to join a commercial enterprise, the biotechnology startup Biogen, in Cambridge, Mass. The then-Yale Dean Leon E. Rosenberg, M.D., asked him to head the medical school's new program in immunobiology.

**Christine Hayes**

*Robert F. & Patricia Ross Weis Professor of Religious Studies  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Judaic Studies*

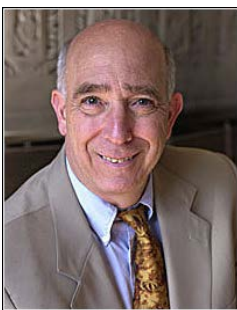


Christine's research covers Talmudic-midrashic studies; History and Literature of Judaism in Late Antiquity.

Her published works include two books and several articles in *Vetus Testamentum*, *The Journal for the Study of Judaism*, *The Harvard Theological Review*, and various scholarly anthologies. Her first book, entitled *Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds* (Oxford University Press, 1997) was honored with a Salo Baron prize for a first book in Jewish thought and literature, awarded by the American Academy for Jewish Research (1999). Her second book, *Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud* (Oxford University Press, 2002) was a 2003 National Jewish Book Award finalist. With the support of a New Directions Fellowship from the Mellon Foundation, Hayes spent 2005-2006 at the Yale Law School, working on a third book, provisionally entitled *Rabbinic Authority, Rabbinic Anxiety*. Hayes is active in professional and academic organizations, currently serving on the program committee of the Association for Jewish Studies. A specialist in talmudic-midrashic studies, Hayes offers undergraduate courses on the literature and history of the biblical and talmudic periods (including Introduction to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and Introduction to Judaism) as well as advanced text courses and graduate-only seminars.

**Daniel J. Kevles**

*Stanley Woodward Professor of History  
Professor of the History of Medicine, American Studies, and Law (Adjunct)*



Professor Kevles received his B.A. from Princeton University (Physics) in 1960, training at Oxford University (European History) from 1960-61, and his Ph.D. from Princeton (History) in 1964. His research and writings encompass the interplay of science, technology, and society past and present with a focus on the United States. His particular research interests include the history of physics, biology, scientific fraud and misconduct, plant and animal breeding, biotechnology, intellectual property, and science, arms, and the state.

His teaching areas are the history of modern science and technology, including genetics, physics, science and technology in America, innovation and intellectual property in living organisms, science and national security, and the United States in the 1970s.

**T. Kyle Vanderlick.**

*Dean of the School of Engineering & Applied Science*

*Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Professor of Engineering*



T. Kyle Vanderlick is the Dean of the School of Engineering & Applied Science at Yale University and the Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Professor of Engineering. She received her B.S. ('81) and M.S. ('83) degrees in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and her Ph.D. ('88) from the University of Minnesota. After a one year NATO post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Mainz in Germany, she joined the faculty in chemical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania in 1989. In 1998 she joined Princeton University and became Chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering in 2004. In January 2008, Vanderlick took the helm as Dean of Engineering at Yale University.

Noted for her research in interfacial phenomena, currently centered on biological and synthetic membrane-based materials, Vanderlick received the Presidential Young Investigator Award ('89) as well as the prestigious David and Lucile Packard Fellowship ('91). She is also the recipient of numerous teaching awards including the highest such honors at both Penn (1993 Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching) and Princeton (2002 President's Award for Distinguished Teaching). As Dean of Engineering, she led the establishment of the new Yale School of Engineering & Applied Science, and is directing new initiatives in both teaching and research to shape the School's distinctive identity and its premier role in engineering education.