

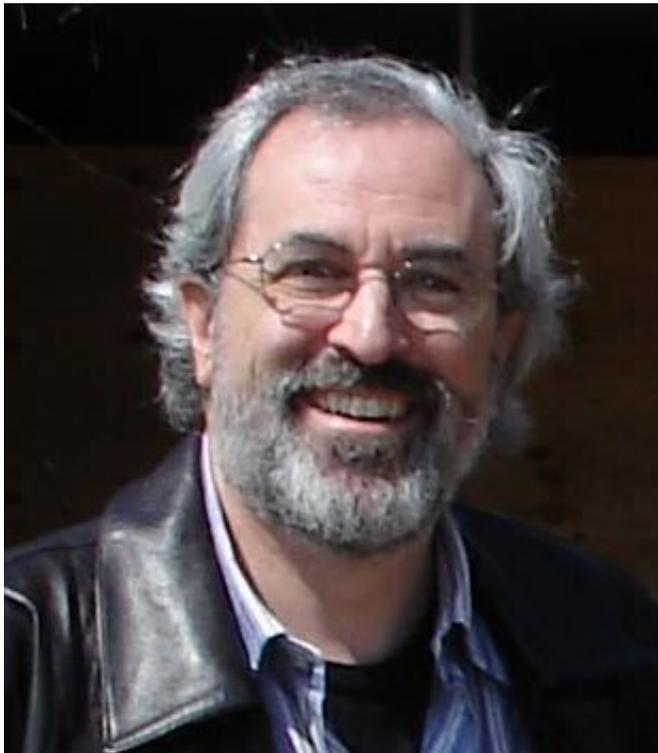
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ClassACT Newsletter

September 2019

Rick Weil is ClassACT's Newest Board Member

ClassACT is thrilled to announce that long term collaborator and The Roots of Music sponsor **Rick Weil** is joining our board. Learn more about Rick's work below!



Rick Weil is an associate professor of sociology at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. After college at Harvard ('73), he went to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for a year and then returned to Harvard for a PhD in sociology ('81). He was an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Chicago before moving to LSU. He conducted research on transitions to democracy in Germany after Hitler and the fall of the Berlin Wall, as well as other countries in Europe. As of the mid-1990s, he has been doing research on community in

America. Since Hurricane Katrina (2005), he has studied community recovery and neighborhood change in New Orleans, conducting surveys, making videos, and partnering with over 200 community groups and nonprofits. He is now making photographic portraits of New Orleans neighborhoods and studying

grass-roots mentoring in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Chicago. Along the way, he has been a cartoonist/printmaker/ animator and played guitar and harmonica. He is divorced and has three amazing grown daughters: a photographer, an artist, and a computer scientist. Some of his work can be seen at www.rickweil.com.

Nadia Rehman is the 2019 - 2020 BBLP Fellow

ClassACT and the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program are pleased to announce that the 2019-20 Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program Fellow is **Nadia Rehman** of Islamabad, Pakistan. On August 6th, **Marion Dry**, BBLP Director and ClassACT Co-Chair, and **Leigh Hafrey**, BBLP Steering Committee member and ClassACT board member, welcomed Nadia with a lunch at Legal Seafoods in Cambridge. We plan to introduce her to classmates in the Boston area in October.



Leigh Hafrey, Nadia Rehman, and Marion Dry

Nadia is a mid-career master in public administration candidate and Edward S. Mason Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School for Government. She earned a B.S. in computer science from Lahore University of Management Sciences, an M.S. in computer science from Duke, and an M.S. in trade law from Italy's Turin School of Development. Since August 2018, Nadia has worked as a trade and investment policy adviser to the federal government for the Asian Development Bank. In this role, she oversees a research unit that advises the government of Pakistan on free trade agreements, and assists in developing the national tariff policy and trade-related investment framework. Previously, Nadia worked for USAID, developing an investment policy framework for the provincial governments of Puniab and Khyber Pukhtunkhwa. She also spent

three years as a senior trade specialist with the World Bank Group.

Nadia states, “*My mission in life is to build constituencies of peace through pragmatic economic and foreign policies that will stabilize the region and demilitarize the borders. I aim to join the Senate of Pakistan to ensure that religious and ethnic tolerance remains the main force behind national and foreign policy.*”

Nadia cites Professor Dani Rodrik as a major factor in compelling her to apply to the Kennedy School. Rodrik is a well-known, widely published economist whose research focuses on globalization, economic growth and development, and political economy, and he currently serves as President-Elect of the International Economic Association.

Farewells from our 2018-2019 BBLP Fellows

With Nadia Rehman’s arrival, we bid adieu to the 2018-19 BBLP Fellows, **Roohi Abdullah** and **Natasha Jehangir Khan**, both of Pakistan.



*Holly Weeks, Roohi Abdullah,
Natasha Jehangir-Khan, Marion Dry*

Says **Roohi**, “In Seneca’s wisdom: ‘Every end sows the seed for a new beginning.’ So while this year of study, supported by ClassACT's Benazir

Bhutto Leadership Program, comes to an end, it is also a beginning to many new unexplored avenues and paths for myself which I never considered as a possibility.

It was divine providence that led me to Harvard at a time when life was at a crossroad. It was the support of the Benazir Bhutto Fellowship that allowed me to take the leap. **I am truly grateful to everyone who has supported ClassACT programs and continues to do so selflessly—a personal thank you!**

I have learned so much in a year, and I hope I am a better version of myself going out. **What I am taking with me is a potpourri of purpose, passion, and bittersweet memories, along with a mega-dose of inspiration and fire in my belly to be the change I want to see in this world.”**

Natasha says, “The BBLP fellowship has been an exceptional experience for me. Aside from the intellectual stimulation from the classes I attended at the Kennedy School, the networking opportunities, the human contact and the meaningful conversations I have had over this year have been a key takeaway for me. As a BBLP fellow, I was lucky to gain that insight and learning not just from my own class, but also from the class of 1973, with whom I was able to interact frequently during the fellowship period. **The experience has expanded my perspectives on the world around me and taught me to view the world in so many different ways, which I had previously neither considered nor thought about.** Overall therefore, the fellowship has been life-altering for me and I am much better equipped to take on my goals and ambitions in a meaningful and effective way.”

ClassACT Board Maps Future

During the last week of July, the Board of ClassACT HR73 met to discuss the direction of the organization. In the immediate future ClassACT will focus our commitments in four areas: education, social justice and civic engagement, climate protection, and health care. If you are interested in engaging with classmates on initiatives that will address these topics, or if you have specific suggestions, please contact classacthr73@gmail.com.





ClassACT Board Members at the July Retreat

The ClassACT HR73 Board includes co-chairs **Marion Dry** and **Jonathan Sprague** and treasurer **George Putnam**, plus **Sallie Gouverneur**, **Leigh Hafrey**, **Stan Mark**, **Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani**, **Carl Muller**, **Therese Steiner**, and **Rick Weil**.

As we continue to promote approaches for classmates creating change together and move toward our **50th Reunion**, we are committed to working with you to demonstrate how our class can make a difference.

United Nations Association of Boston is Newest Bridge



ClassACT's newest Bridge organization is The United Nations Association of Greater Boston. Sponsored by classmate **Richard Golob**, who most recently served as the President of **UNAGB**, the organization **promotes global awareness in the Greater Boston area**. UNAGB has dedicated more than 60 years to building its Model UN-based youth

programs and community programming focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With a core staff of six employees supported by a team of interns and more than 200 volunteers, UNAGB annually engages more

than 200 volunteers, UNAGB annually engages more than 7,000 residents from ages five to 95.

Richard and UNAGB's executive director, Caitlin Moore, have asked ClassACT to **help them find topical experts to serve as speakers for their adult and student programs, and more generally to furnish volunteers and supporters.** We already have provided a connection to Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program Associate and international water expert Erum Sattar. UNAGB is developing a water curriculum so they are delighted that Erum has agreed to be the keynote speaker at their annual meeting.

UNAGB invites ClassACT members to attend its Annual Meeting!

**Monday, October 7th
5:30pm-8:00 pm**

**Commonwealth Salon,
Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street, Boston
02116.**

This year's keynote speaker is **Erum Khalid Sattar**, Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program Associate and Visiting Fellow at Harvard, and the topic of her talk is "From the Local to the Global: Competition for Water and How Societies Manage It."



Classmates interested in UNAGB should reach out to Richard (richard.golob@gmail.com) or Caitlin (caitlin.moore@unagb.org) for more information.

Tune in to Two JusticeAID Concerts this Fall

JusticeAid, a ClassACT sustained collaboration started by classmate Stephen Milliken, is presenting two fantastic jazz concerts in October!

Matthew Whitaker in New York City on Oct. 15

The Baylor Project in Washington, DC on Oct. 22





Come hear great music and learn about JusticeAid's 2020 Voter Suppression initiative and JusticeAid's continuing mission to eradicate injustice through the arts. For tickets go to justiceaid.org

Kids Care Everywhere to hold Berkeley Gala

KidsCareEverywhere, founded by **Dr. Ron Dieckmann** to provide worldwide distribution of free software to help diagnose and treat pediatric illness, will hold its second annual autumn soiree in Berkeley, California on **Saturday September 28th, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. If you're a classmate in the Bay Area, consider attending and learning more about KidsCareEverywhere's mission!





Clayton Spearheads HBCU Conference

On September 10th in Washington, D.C, during the **2019 HBCU Week Conference** sponsored by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, classmate **Bobby Clayton**, CEO and founder the Sports Analytics Club Inc., moderated a panel on **“The Benefit of HBCUs Developing Data Science Programs.”**

The Sports Analytics Club Program (SACP) develops and supports SACP Sports Analytics Clubs at high schools and middle schools across the United States, each with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) teacher-advisor and university faculty partner. SACP’s primary mission is to address the under-representation of young women and African-American and Latinx youth in advanced STEM studies.

Over the past year, ClassACT has supported the work of Clayton and the development of an innovative Sports Analytics

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“Increasing the number of degree offerings with data science competencies at HBCUs will assist in diversifying a career field that is currently made up of less than 7% of under-represented minorities.”
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Club Program. (For more information see the [ClassACT Five Year Report](#)). ClassACT board member **Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani** recently finished a one-year term on the inaugural SACP board, where he served with classmates **Rick Melvoin** and **George Haywood**. During the past year, 25 additional classmates have provided assistance with various aspects of SACP's development. Since the beginning of ClassACT's support, SACP has become an independent not-for-profit organization, with significant legal help from classmate **Len Easter**. ClassACT will keep track of SACP's progress in future newsletters and will continue to encourage the engagement of classmates in assisting SACP, as it joins JusticeAID as one of our Sustainable Collaborations. Meantime, if you want to see SACP's NBA predictions for the 2019-20 season, [click here](#).

Help! We Need Somebody!

ClassACT HR73's communications committee is **looking for volunteers** to assist with getting out our message. If you're interested, contact chairman **Stan Mark** at stan@directservices.com.

Got a Project We Should Know About?

If you have a nonprofit or an idea that you think fits under the ClassACT HR73 umbrella, please tell us by emailing classacthr73@gmail.com.

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