FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Honorees,

It is my privilege to continue the tradition of Yale’s annual Long-Service Recognition, now in its twenty-fifth year, as we honor the talented and devoted employees who are celebrating milestone anniversaries at Yale. We are proud to recognize the efforts of 270 Yale staff members who have made the university a welcoming and excellent community.

Over the years, you have demonstrated collegiality, dedication, generosity, and innovative thinking. Collectively, you have contributed 8,325 years to the university. This includes 106 of you who are marking twenty-five years of service and seventy-three who are celebrating thirty-year milestones. Fifty-two of our colleagues have been here for thirty-five years, and twenty-six of you have devoted four decades to Yale. None of you have reached forty-five-year career milestones, and one colleague has been at Yale for half a century.

This year, we honor two individuals who are marking fifty-five years at Yale. One very special colleague is celebrating an extraordinary sixty years of service to the university. I commend you all on your remarkable tenures.

Each day, I am reminded of the incredible commitment and expertise of our staff, who are the lifeblood of Yale. In your different roles—assistants, chefs, coaches, custodians, directors, groundskeepers, librarians, managers, police officers, researchers, and more—you help us achieve Yale’s mission, “improving the world today and for future generations through outstanding research and scholarship, education, preservation, and practice.” Together we have achieved great things in the decades during which you have worked here, and together we will continue to realize Yale’s mission in the years to come.

On behalf of university leaders and our colleagues across this campus, please accept my gratitude and warmest congratulations!

Sincerely,

Peter Salovey
President, Yale University
Chris Argyris Professor of Psychology
YALE UNIVERSITY

2021
Long-Service Recognition

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60 YEARS

Judith Schiff
Library, Manuscripts & Archives
As Yale's chief research archivist and New Haven's city historian, Judy has spent her career documenting and teaching Yale and Elm City history while making history herself as the longest-serving staff member in recent memory.

Judy has worked on acquisitions, donor relations, research and reference, and the projects she most loves - exhibits. “My favorites,” she says, “were the milestone anniversaries of Yale women, the 150th birthday of Emily Dickinson, Anne Morrow and Charles Lindbergh’s pioneering environmental work, and retrospectives of Yale and New Haven history.”

In addition to full-time responsibilities, Judy is a member of the team studying Yale and its slavery history, a project announced in 2020 by President Salovey and chaired by David Blight, Gilder Lehrman Center director.

Born in New York City, Judy moved to New Haven when she was four. The family lived in the Westville section, near the Yale Bowl, and she attended Hillhouse High School, which stood where Morse and Stiles colleges are today. After graduating from Barnard College with a B.A. in American history, Judy began working for Cowles Foundation for Economic Research. In six months, she moved to Sterling Memorial Library to catalog the papers of Yale linguist William Dwight Whitney. “I was fascinated,” recalls Judy, “to read the contents of thousands of letters from scholars and scientists all over the world, and to know that I was the first person to open them since the 19th century.”

Judy’s fascination grew when she developed professional relationships with such donors as the Lindberghs; Millicent Todd Bingham, whose mother Mabel Loomis Todd was the first editor of Emily Dickinson’s poetry; writer Walter Lippmann; and renowned scholars. Soon she was studying at night for a master’s in library science at Southern Connecticut State University. Judy also holds a master’s in history from Columbia University.

After Charles Lindbergh’s death, William Jovanovich of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich asked Judy to be coeditor to ready Lindbergh’s unfinished “Autobiography of Values” for publication. This led to a close friendship with Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and Judy’s seminar, “The Lindbergh Experience.” Appointments as visiting lecturer in the American Studies department, Timothy Dwight College fellow, and History department adviser followed.

Judy’s emergence as Elm City historian was recognized with the publication of New Haven: An Illustrated History in 1981. Her chapter “The Social History” focused on women’s, ethnic, and black history, and on education, health, and the environment. In 1987, she received the Elm Ivy Award for contributing to “increased understanding and cooperation between Yale and the City of New Haven.”

Judy was the inaugural winner of the Edward Bouchet Legacy Award for publicizing the story of this early African American Yale graduate and the first to earn a Ph.D. in the United States. She has also garnered the Linda Lorimer Award for Distinguished Service and the Yale Medal, Yale Alumni Association's highest honor, for breathing new life into “Old Yale,” her Yale Alumni Magazine column.

Judy’s fascination with archives has not waned in 60 years: “The most rewarding aspect is that my personal interests as a historian - women’s history, Black history, ethnic history, and New Haven history - are important to Yale and its mission.”
The year before Margit joined Yale, she emigrated from Germany. She had a sponsor in Florida, but when that did not work out, she went to stay with a friend in New York City. Margit and her friend traveled to New Jersey for a visit one weekend and Margit met her now late husband. They were married a year later and moved to New Haven where he knew librarians at Sterling Memorial Library. Her German language skills came in handy, and she was hired to work with German serials.

Margit had wanted to move to an English-speaking country ever since she was a child in a POW camp after World War II when she heard British soldiers speaking. America had always promised a more lucrative life. Eventually, a job opened up in the map collection in Sterling, and she was encouraged to apply and was hired, learning under curator Alexander Vietor, who became her mentor. Since that day, Margit has worked in the Yale Map Collection, which moved to the Beinecke five years ago.

In the ensuing years, Margit became an expert on Yale’s antiquarian map collection and one former colleague noted that her “almost superhuman knowledge” came naturally from loving something so completely for so long. Margit has said herself that the maps became like “my own babies.” While she was learning everything about the map collection, she was also working toward her undergraduate degree in behavioral science and then her master’s in library science. She credits Yale with making this education possible and says, “I’m forever grateful for that. It stays with you for your whole life.”

Margit’s expertise was critical during a time described by a former Yale librarian as “the greatest affront to dedicated stewards of antique maps in many of the greatest libraries and archives around the world”—the theft of priceless maps. The most notorious perpetrator was E. Forbes Smiley, once considered a respectable antiquarian map dealer and someone that Margit knew well and had early suspicions about. The book *The Map Thief* tells the story and features her on 11 of its pages. It was Margit’s deep institutional knowledge that helped Yale recover many of its stolen maps as she was able to produce documented evidence from her tracking of websites, use of little-known boxed catalogs, microfiche of an earlier inventory, and the start of digitization of portions of the collection.

“When I began to get suspicious of Smiley,” Margit recalls, “I would look at his dealer catalogue and know that some of his maps were actually ours.”

Through it all Margit has prided herself on producing excellent work for the patrons of the Yale Map Collection, students, faculty, and researchers. Many of her best memories are of the students with whom she interacted and often became friends.

“I have the highest praise for Yale,” Margit says, “for giving me a wonderful, wonderful life experience.”

**ALSO BEING HONORED  OR 55 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Jeannette Ponzio  *Cushing Medical Library*
The Center’s longtime deputy director, Cecie started her distinguished career at Yale when she joined the American Arts department at the Yale University Art Gallery as a curatorial assistant in 1971.

She was born at Grace-New Haven Hospital and grew up in the Elm City. Cecie credits inspiring art history teachers in high school and college, as well as internships at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Tate, for her pursuit of a museum career which began the day when she was hired by Charles Montgomery, renowned curator and Yale history of art professor. “I had a chance to assist with both the reinstallation of the American decorative arts collection and to help with the organization of the Bicentennial exhibition which traveled from the Art Gallery to the V&A in London,” recalls Cecie. “In my first museum job, I worked alongside curators and exhibition designers, undergraduates and graduate students, and that was very exciting.”

Following a three-year assignment in the Museums and Historical Organizations Program at the National Endowment for the Humanities, Cecie began her tenure at the Yale Center for British Art in 1979. She worked for Director Edmund P. Pillsbury and every director of the Center since the museum opened to the public. She has also served as interim director on three occasions.

In her initial role as an assistant director, Cecie focused on the public dimension of the museum: publications and publicity, exhibitions and programs, and membership and special events. She also administered the Center’s docent and visiting fellowship programs, and mentored many students, some of whom went on to museum careers. Among Cecie’s most memorable experiences have been visits to the Center from founder Paul Mellon, noted architects, politicians and other VIPs, as well as Commencement festivities during the years she has served as a University Marshal.

In 2003, at the request of Director Amy Meyers, Cecie turned her attention to the conservation of the Center’s landmark building, designed by Louis I. Kahn (1901–1974). Together with the London-based architects Peter Inskip and Stephen Gee, she crafted a building conservation plan, published by the Center in association with Yale University Press in 2011. The first of its kind in the United States, this stewardship document is intended to guide the future care and conservation of the Center’s internationally recognized building.

Following the policies set forth in the conservation plan, and in collaboration with Knight Architecture LLC, Yale Office of Facilities, and Turner Construction Company, Cecie worked on the Lower Court rehabilitation, the new imaging room for X-radiography and infrared reflectography of the works of art, the refurbishment of two curatorial departments, and the 2015–16 building-wide conservation project that included the renewal of the public galleries and Lecture Hall, an upgrade of the Center’s infrastructure, and improvements to fire protection, security systems, and accessibility—the most extensive building project ever undertaken by the museum.

“My experiences at the Art Gallery and the Center have underlined the importance of embracing new challenges,” says Cecie. “I have been so fortunate to have been given wonderful opportunities. The Center’s multi-year building conservation project was the most challenging and rewarding—a definite highlight of my years at the university.”
45 YEARS
The year was 1975. Kingman Brewster was Yale’s President; the School of Management did not exist; and the Yale Center for British Art was under construction. That same year, a 16-year-old local high school sophomore, William Felder, Jr., started working part-time on weekends at what is now Grace Hopper dining hall. His father, William Felder, Sr., then executive chef in Trumbull College, got him a job in the kitchen washing pots and dishes, the same job he started with at Yale. William’s mother, Ida Mae, worked as a custodian at the Yale Child Study Center until her retirement in 2009. Currently, three brothers (Alan, Larry, and Bruce), one sister (Linda), and a nephew (Brandon) work at Yale. William notes that the Felder family has over 250 years of combined service. Almost a quarter of that service belongs to him with a full-time career that began in the dining halls, then included custodial services, the mailroom, and now physical plant. “My happiest memory at Yale is when I transferred to Physical Plant,” says William. “It meant a lot to me; I feel blessed to work here.”

Angela grew up in West Haven living with her family above their grocery store West End Market. She likes to recall how she came to work at Yale: “As a 16-year-old with a car and no job, I was always approaching my parents for money. One day, I went to my mom, who was working the cash register, and asked for $20. The person she was checking out was my former Brownie leader Betsy (Tartagni) Jasiorowski. My mom said, ‘Angela, you’ve got to get a job.’ Betsy asked if I was looking for a job. Mom said, ‘Angela isn’t, but I am looking for her.’ Betsy worked for Alvan Feinstein and hired me as a clerk typist.” Alvan Feinstein was director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and Angela continued to work with him for 11 years. Today, working with Amy Justice, she is the program manager for the Veterans Aging Cohort Study, an ongoing longitudinal study of United States veterans with and without HIV infection. Angela feels extremely privileged to work with the best and brightest scholars both at Yale and beyond. What she finds most inspiring? “Hands down the people. No one is insignificant.”
Mary Ann came to the university in 1976 as the spouse of a student. They had the whole first floor of a Victorian house on Whitney Avenue, where students were moving out just as they were inquiring about living space. Mary Ann’s first job at Yale was in the Graduate School Financial Aid Office. She would later work in Human Resources, Therapeutic Radiology, the Chemistry Department on Science Hill, and the Office of Development, where she has been for 24 years. Two memories top her list: “In 1995, my family and I volunteered to process IDs for the Special Olympics, and the university surprised us with tickets to the opening ceremony, which was amazing. And in 2007, I attended the Yale graduation of one of my international student workers as his ‘honorary mother.’” Mary Ann feels “very fortunate and proud” to serve on several university committees and to have “such interesting faculty, physicians, staff, and students as my colleagues and friends.”
When the company Helen was working for closed, a friend told her about an opening in the business office of the Yale dining halls. She applied, got the job, and has worked for Yale Hospitality ever since, primarily in the Law School dining hall. “The students have always been a pleasure,” Helen says, “and I appreciate all who come into the dining hall.” Annual Commencement exercises are among her favorite memories, as was the renovation and expansion of the dining hall, which she found to be an “exciting time” because of the new menu of hot items, a salad-and-sandwich bar, and ready-to-go station. Helen cites a visit to the Law School by Hillary Clinton and two celebrations with the Red Sox World Series Championship Trophy as the most fun she has had at Yale. The sentiment that guides her is, “Be kind to each other.”

Steve works in General Building Maintenance (GBM), the first shift at the School of Medicine, and is a member of Yale’s Joint University Health and Safety Committee. He began at Yale as a part-time dishwasher in the Kline Biology Tower dining hall while attending Wilbur Cross high school—a job his mother helped him secure as she was a Yale dining hall employee for 30 years. Steve never stopped working Friday nights and weekends at Yale even when he went to Sacred Heart University, entered the banking business full-time for 13 years, became a member of the American Bankers Association, and received an advanced banking-specific degree from the University of Oklahoma. Then came the time that small banks were getting bought up by large conglomerates nationwide and Steve decided it was time to make a career change. He applied to Yale full-time. “It was the best decision I ever made,” he says. “The GBMs are unique at Yale. Many of us have worked together for over 30 years. It is a wonderful group of people. I feel like we’ve grown up together. We are the frontline workers for building issues and deal directly with Yale departments.”
Mike says that one of the life lessons he has learned at Yale is that “hard work and determination definitely pay off.” He fondly remembers when he passed the test to be in the trades-helper program because it gave him the opportunity to move up to a higher labor grade and become a tradesman. As a lead locksmith, Mike is currently responsible for the layout, setup, and installation of all locks at the School of Medicine and at Yale-leased properties along with the keying of new buildings and renovations. He also oversees the key-request service and the distribution of keys to the medical-campus community. Over the years, Mike has had the most fun at the annual summer picnics and holiday parties, which always included staff members’ families. He says a rule he lives by is, “Treat others the way you would like to be treated.”
40 YEARS
Debra shares fond memories of when she worked in Grounds Maintenance at the athletic fields in the '80s. She says, “I was learning to mow with what they called a ‘gang mower,’ which was very large for a young woman to operate. I took down a few fences, but eventually, I successfully accomplished that task!” Debra also shares an important life lesson, “Try to do what’s morally right and forgive yourself; we all learn and make mistakes.”

“I have had many wonderful opportunities during my career at Yale,” says Richard. “One was to be asked to travel to Cusco, Peru, for three weeks to assist in setting up displays for a new museum, which would display objects from Machu Picchu. While there, I was able to tour and attend ceremonies at Machu Picchu commemorating the 100th anniversary of its discovery by Yale’s Hiram Bingham.” Richard adds, “The most fun I have had is being an integral part of the team constructing new Peabody Museum facilities.”
“Patience is a virtue; lead by example; and never assume” are a few life lessons that Lisa has learned during her 40 years at Yale. She believes that the most inspiring aspect of the university is its diversity: “So many people of different races, cultures, and backgrounds come together and function as units that make strides in their areas of expertise and study with often worldwide effects.” The most fun Lisa had was planting at West Campus the tree she chose as her 35-years-of-service gift.
Lynette Holloway  
*Transport, Receiving & Storage*

“My childhood love of science has been more than fulfilled over the last 40 years working in the lab at Yale’s Department of Neurosurgery, says Christine. “The experience I’ve gained has enabled me to pass along my interest in the scientific world to the next generation when I participated in my daughter’s elementary school career day. I will always remember the keen interest her classmates showed. It is my hope that this may have sparked a lifelong interest in the sciences in some of them.”

Guy Jeudy  
*Physical Plant*

Guy says that Yale has taught him that “life is full of opportunities for individuals and families. I came to the university with a lot to learn and Yale gave me the tools to grow and give back to the community. I’ve encountered a lot of amazing people who have become like family.” Some of these people are “the guys over at the plumbing shop” whose camaraderie has been a source of fun, as were all the summer picnics.

Lynette encourages everyone who comes through Yale’s doors to learn, understand, and take advantage of opportunities—“enjoy your time working here, whatever your job may be and in whatever season of life you find yourself.” Being at Yale has allowed Lynette to venture out and explore: “Life at Yale has been a journey well-traveled. I have traveled through over 300 buildings and departments, meeting colleagues and making new friends and acquaintances. My favorite memory was meeting Harry Belafonte at Battell Chappel.”
“In 2016, when the Beinecke Library reopened after an extensive renovation, it hosted a dinner to thank the Beinecke family. Represented by four generations, the family was led by 102-year-old William S. Beinecke, the son and nephew of the three brothers who endowed the library. After dinner, Mr. Beinecke spoke eloquently and humorously about his father and uncles and about what Yale meant to his family—a remarkable testament to the ability of Yale alumni and their University to create and sustain intellectual excellence across decades.”

Kay shares a favorite memory: “On October 3, 2003, Jeopardy taped its annual College Championship at the Lanman Center in Payne Whitney Gym. I witnessed the transformation of the Lanman Center into the Jeopardy stage, which took about a week. It was very exciting to have been chosen to help with the tournament set up. The Jeopardy coordinators traveled the country searching for the best collegiate players across America, and fifteen students competed. I met Alex Trebek and we had a photo taken together, which I will always cherish.”

“Forty years have flown by so quickly and made me realize how important it is to your soul to be happy, grateful, and kind.” Patricia adds that she has worked with “an extraordinary group of faculty, which includes a prior assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division lead by Robert Kennedy during JFK’s Administration.” After Robert’s death, his family gave Patricia a framed picture of him walking with his dog Freckles at the Eugene Oregon airfield in May 1968. It still hangs above her desk.
Beth’s favorite quote is by Walt Whitman: “Keep your face always towards the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you.”

“Forty years at Yale! I can’t say I saw that coming when I started on July 1, 1980,” says Robert. “Mainframes and tape drives have been replaced by laptops, virtual meetings, and the cloud. It’s been quite a ride. I work with a great team of dedicated professionals that keep Yale’s computer infrastructure and network running smoothly and securely. That sense of accomplishment makes it easy to come to work every day. I guess that’s how forty years flew by.”
Jacqueline Watrous  
*Yale Medicine*

Mary Sydnor-Lurry  
*Yale Health*

Julie Sweidan  
*Library, Collection Services*

Also being honored 40 years of service

Michael Darien  *Custodial Services*
Tina Evans  *Beinecke Library*
Lawrence Levenson  *Yale Health*

B. Kim White  *Yale Medicine*

Kim remembers that her grandmother and mother used to say, “It will all come out, come wash day.” “It may not be a famous quote,” she says, “but it has kept me going through the years.” What has also sustained her was working in a small unit where everyone acknowledged birthdays and special occasions. “When I found out I was going to be a Granny, this group threw a baby shower for me to help get my house ready for twins. I was never so touched.”
Patricia is inspired at Yale by the “most beautiful scenery, buildings, and meeting students, researchers, and staff from all over the world.” She has kept in touch with many of them throughout the years. The most fun she has had is “working with amazing people” and enjoying campus walks and lunches with these colleagues. She lives by the quote, “Enjoy each day like it’s your last.”

Joanne looks for fun every day and never forgets to “live, love, and laugh.” She finds inspiration in “supporting the teaching and research of Yale’s great faculty, the wonderful network of colleagues and friends who support each other and fortify our remarkable community, and simply walking around campus.”

Pamela finds it rewarding “to be part of a team and to work for the greater good of the department and the university.” Her favorite story to tell is when her department was expecting scientists from Russia: “They were due to arrive on this particular morning and they never checked into their hotel. We were frantically calling area hotels looking for them, and come to find out, they were at Long Wharf walking along the harbor.”
“Very early in my time at Beinecke,” says Diane, “I was drafting basic records for new acquisitions when the usually no-nonsense technical services librarian approached me with a fat volume bound in blue morocco. “This is special — be careful with it,” she warned, and handed it to me. It was the just-donated original manuscript of Thomas Hardy’s *Far from the Madding Crowd*. I believe it took me twenty minutes to actually turn the pages.”

Ilana has had the most fun during her career when she’s coordinating all the various functions and events that she works on in the Office of the Provost. She says she is inspired by “Yale’s worldwide distinct and famous reputation.” During her 35 years working, Ilana has learned that “no matter your original background, hard work and dedication are the secrets to a successful career at Yale.” She also finds this quote good to live by: “Never put off for tomorrow what you can do today.”
35 years

Howard el-Yasin
Graduate School

Margaret Emery  Physical Plant

Jacky Fields
Faculty Research Management Services

William Gambardella
Yale College, Business Operations

Michael Greco  Physical Plant

Terri Henderson
Custodial Services

Terri has learned to broaden her horizons during her 35-year tenure, and finds it most inspiring that the Yale community is so welcoming and accepting of everyone. A fun memory is when she worked as a mechanical helper in 2009. Her words of wisdom?, “Don’t let perfect prevent you from doing good.”
“One of the memories that is nearest to my heart is the Glenn Miller Re-Creation show we produced in Woolsey Hall in April of 1994, says Stephanie. “This show was part of a larger project (envisioned and created by Director of Bands Tom Duffy) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy (June 6, 1944). The project culminated in a May/June tour during which the Band performed the show throughout England and France.”

Every year has brought Dawn new experiences and new growth opportunities. She and her best friend, Nicole White, met 35 years ago and have remained close ever since. She says, “I’m grateful for the opportunity to work for the university. There are endless and equal opportunities for all. I’m most thankful for my Mom, Ann Hendricks, and my Nonnie, Phyllis Lucibello, (both retired dining hall employees). They always encouraged and supported my career with the university.”

Shawne fondly remembers when she first started working at the Yale Alumni Fund under Director McCance. “We were one big happy family there at 155 Whitney Ave.,” she says. “We worked together and got the job done. We helped each other out when needed and celebrated at the drop of a hat. I loved that place and I still have a brick from the building when it was torn down for the School of Management.”
Ray manages the structural trades and grounds maintenance at Yale School of Medicine Facilities. When he reflects back on his 35 years of experience, he says, “Yale has given me all the tools I’ve needed to be successful at my job.” One thing he believes in that has guided his work life is: “Lead by example and take care of people first.”

What Kenneth finds inspiring is working with his fellow custodians in Berkeley College. He describes his day-to-day as “just coming to work and being happy.” While he has been on hand for strikes and walkouts over the years, he says that “most of all Yale has been good to me and my family. I’ve made the adjustments to survive, and to me that’s a life lesson in itself.”
Judith’s favorite memory is “the extraordinary kindness shown to me many years ago by the director of the Transplant Service. He offered to perform a kidney transplant on my eight-month-old puppy, Max, who was suffering from renal failure. Although Max did not survive long enough to receive the transplant, I will always remember the caring offer.” She applies this quote to her department: “Ethics above all else; service others before self; and quality in all that we do.”

Constance thinks that the most inspiring part of Yale is working with “amazing staff, professors, and students.” She believes that working with these “amazing people” has allowed her to learn new things every year. A life lesson? “Being able to grow personally and professionally has been the greatest lesson of all,” she says.
“During the interview for my first campus job,” says Harley, “I met the hiring manager in the large computer installation at Gibbs Laboratory. He was decommissioning older equipment and needed help. I could barely hear from the din of cooling units. He asked me a question. I pointed to my ear suggesting I couldn’t hear. He grabbed my arm by the wrist and feigned taking my pulse. Did I have a pulse? I said ‘I did.’ I got the job and started the next day.”

Being part of the formation of Yale Shared Services is one of Robin’s favorite memories. She says, “A lot of departments were brought together into one for the creation of this new department at Yale. It was a challenge at first, but out of the challenges and hard work, I have made many friends for life! We have truly been a team through good times and not so good times!”
Lisa Sobel  
Medical Informatics

Monica Talmor  
Pathology

Dean Takahashi  
School of the Environment

Meng-Ghon Tang  
Library, Scholarly Resources

Jan Taschner  
Custodial Services

Monica has been a part of what she calls “science at work” through her department’s research analyzing ticks for Lyme disease. “When my son was in nursery school,” she says, “we found a deer tick on him and he was given an antibiotic to prevent Lyme disease. A few years later, the same thing happened to my daughter, and she was not prescribed antibiotics because the new tick test was negative. I feel proud to have played a part.”
“The life lessons I’ve learned,” says Nicole, “are to adapt and adjust positively to things that constantly change, and have patience and tolerance since everyone has some great gift.” What has inspired her during her 35 years is that “Yale is always at the top when it comes to the newest big thing.” Nicole also cites a couple of rules she lives by: “Be grateful, everything is not perfect. Work hard, it never killed anyone.”
Cynthia feels that it would be impossible to choose a single favorite memory because there have been so many. “I have made lifelong friends during my time at Yale and lifelong acquaintances,” she says. “It has been an honor to have worked at Yale all these years. It has been a great ride. Thank you.”
30 YEARS
ASLO BEING HONORED FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jenny Edwards Chavira  Alumni Association
Julia Lewis  Dermatology
Althea Morgan  Office of Research Administration
Wayne Morse  Physical Plant
Kari Nordstrom  Capital Management
Margaret Otzel  Yale Press
Mary Pasti  Yale Press
Ann Putio  Dermatology
Sheila Rogers  Psychiatry
25 YEARS
Mariann Adams  School of the Environment
Kathryn Armstrong  Child Study Center

Renee Anastasio  School of Management

Millie Anderson  School of Medicine, Finance

Angela Ben-Elohim  Yale Hospitality

Patience A Benassi  Neuroscience

Terry Camarro  Radiology & Biomedical Imaging
Angel Canales  Transport, Receiving & Storage
Donna Cardona  Yale Medicine
Donna Carranzo  School of Medicine, Student Affairs
Sandra Carter  Animal Resources Center
M. Virginia Chapman  Capital Management
Nicole Chardiet  Yale College, Business Operations
Tian-Min Chen  Nephrology
Michael Cicarella  Information Technology Services
Robert D’Amico  Animal Resources Center
Eric Darden  Finance
Regina DeBenedet  Shared Services
Nancy DeMatteo  School of Nursing
David Dicks  Environmental Health & Safety
Doris Dumas  Yale Medicine
Jim Eckert  Geology & Geophysics
Wanda Ferreira  Yale Medicine  
Patricia Fontaine  Center for Clinical Investigation  
LaTricia Fredlaw  Yale Medicine  
Linda Friello  Yale Medicine  
Brian Funaro  Information Technology Services  
Doreen Generoso  Divinity School  
Edward Ginter  Chemistry  
Jean Giovanelli  School of Medicine, Finance & Administration  
Stephanie Glover  Yale College  
David Goerig  Security  
Heidi Grantz  Child Study Center  
Holly Grossetta Nardini  Cushing Medical Library  

Veronica Holmes  Yale Medicine  
Christine Hoyt  Yale Medicine  
Brian Jameson  Pathology  
Sharon Jennings  Geriatrics  
Kent Keith  Yale Medicine  
Stanley Kobylanski  Information Technology Services  
Michelle Koss  School of Nursing  
Oleg Kruglov  Pathology  
Lisa LeMontangue  Finance  
Heather Lopez  Shared Services  
Carol MacLeman  Academic Business Operations  
Ernest Marinko  Information Technology Services  
Laura Marshall  Yale Medicine  

Lucinda Harris  Yale Hospitality  
Rachel Hart  Psychiatry  
Daniel Hebert  Development  

Janine Martinez  Academic Business Operations  
Kristine Massey  Yale Medicine  
Gladys Mercado  Parking & Transit  
Claudia Merson  New Haven & State Affairs  
Sharon Murphy  Office of Research Administration  
Kathleen Mylen-Coulombe  Yale Art Gallery  
Julie Niemeyer  Philosophy  
Paul North  Development  
Anthony Notarino  Yale Police  
AJ Nugent  Pathology  
Richard Oliver  Custodial Services  

Anna Maria Hummerstone  School of Medicine, Finance & Administration  
Preston Griffin  Custodial Services  
Victoria Martin  Custodial Services  
25 YEARS
Dorothy Ovelar  Academic Business Operations
Jill Pagliuca  Office of Research Administration
Diane Parrette  Yale Health
Tiffany Penn  Development

Kelly Proctor  Yale Medicine
Anne Prodoti  Nephrology

Kailasnath Purushothaman  Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning

Leslie Radcliffe  School of Engineering & Applied Science
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Gary Rose  Custodial Services
Swapna Samanta  Genetics
Edgar Santaella  Law School
Mary Savoye  Pediatrics
Susan Sawyer  General Counsel
Nancy Scanlon  Global Strategy
Jay Scott  Yale Health
Andrew Shimp  Marx Science & Social Science Library
Pasquale Simone  Custodial Services
Jolanta Skonieczna  Berkeley College
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LONG-SERVICE RECOGNITION IN 2020–2021

The Long-Service Recognition yearbook has been a staple (and a highlight) of the university’s recognition program, which turns 25 this year. Pandemic or no pandemic, this tradition carries on. However, due to safety concerns, we were not able to take new photographs of honorees celebrating 30–60 years of service. So, the portraits you see in the yearbook are from five years ago. One plus is that they were black and white in 2016, but are now being published in color.

As for our 25-year honorees—who had no previous Long-Service photos—we attempted to take their photos safely outside on campus in the fall, but just as we were getting started, we were asked to stop due to a surge in COVID-19. This is the reason that some of our honorees have photos, but most do not.

We appreciate all Yale honorees, and it was our pleasure to feature the staff members you see here. Thank you and congratulations on your years of service!

And thank you to all Yale health care workers for all you have done!

The watercolor artwork present in the yearbook was painted by Yale senior Asher Lifin. Asher is a young artist currently based in New Haven. He will graduate from Yale in 2021 with a double major in visual art and cognitive science. He grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and from an early age became fascinated with the joys of observation and drawing. Lifin’s art explores themes of replication, the influence of film and photography on painting and culture, and art history. These themes are executed through Lifin’s own unique methods that span precise oil paintings, loosely configured swirls in drawing, and digital collage.
Dear Honorees,

It is my privilege to continue the tradition of Yale’s annual Long-Service Recognition, now in its twenty-fourth year, as we honor the talented and devoted employees who are celebrating milestone anniversaries at Yale. We are proud to recognize the efforts of 271 Yale staff members who have made the university a welcoming and excellent community.

Over the years, you have demonstrated collegiality, dedication, generosity, and innovative thinking. Collectively, you have contributed 8,355 years to the university. This includes 106 of you who are marking twenty-five years of service and seventy-four who are celebrating thirty-year milestones. Fifty-two of our colleagues have been here for thirty-five years, and twenty-six of you have devoted four decades to Yale. Nine of you have reached forty-five-year career milestones, and one colleague has been at Yale for half a century.

This year, we honor two individuals who are marking fifty years at Yale. One very special colleague is celebrating an extraordinary sixty years of service to the university. I commend you all on your remarkable tenures.

Each day, I am reminded of the incredible commitment and expertise of our staff, who are the lifeblood of Yale. In your different roles—assistants, chefs, coaches, custodians, directors, groundskeepers, librarians, managers, police officers, researchers, and more—you help us achieve Yale’s mission, “improving the world today and for future generations through outstanding research and scholarship, education, preservation, and practice.” Together we have achieved great things in the decades during which you have worked here, and together we will continue to realize Yale’s mission in the years to come.

On behalf of university leaders and our colleagues across this campus, please accept my gratitude and warmest congratulations!

Sincerely,

Peter Salovey
President, Yale University