

drama, Theresa has been on the Maryland faculty since 1975. In accepting her recognition, she delivered a lecture titled “Medieval Women, Mary Magdalene, and Me.”

**1976 Jonathan Post** (PhD) has edited and introduced *The Selected Letters of Anthony Hecht* (Johns Hopkins University). Jonathan, who took courses with Hecht at Rochester and remained in contact with the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet until Hecht's death in 2004, holds the title of Distinguished Professor of English at UCLA.

**1981 Mary Huth** (MA) is co-editor, with Rochester City Historian Christine Ridarsky, of *Susan B. Anthony and the Struggle for Equal Rights* (University of Rochester). Mary is the retired assistant director of Rush Rhees Library's Department of Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation.

**1995 Sheryl Drobny Sawin** (PhD) has been elected to the Moorestown (N.J.) Board of Education. Sheryl has three children and has taught literature and study skills at the University of North Carolina at Asheville and St. Joseph's University, as well as at Rochester.

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**1996 Yu-Hsiang (Bennett) Fu** (MA), assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the National Taiwan University, has published *Transgressive Transcripts: Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Chinese Canadian Women's Writing* (Rodopi Press). . . . **Scott Stevens** (PhD) has been named the inaugural John and Linda Seiter Endowed Chair in Writing at the University of Redlands. Scott will direct the Writing across the Curriculum program at the university. Most recently, he was the director of composition at Western Washington University.

**1997 Sujeet Kumar** (PhD) is cofounder of Envia Systems, a battery maker in Newark, Calif. The company is working with auto companies to commercialize a high-density rechargeable lithium-ion battery, which it developed in 2012.

**2000 Antonio Williams**, director of the marking elements and integration laboratory at Xerox, has won the company's 2013 Black Engineer of the Year award.

**2009 Kelly Evanovich McNelis** (PhD) is a wellness coach in Pittsburgh and has founded New Leaf Wellness. She's published an e-cookbook, *15-Minute Freezer Recipes: The Healthy Meal Solution for Busy Moms and Moms-to-Be*, distributed through her company's website. She adds: “I live in the South Hills of Pittsburgh with my husband, Andy, and two daughters, Cameron, 3, and Isla, 1.” . . . **Emre Salman** (PhD), assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at Stony Brook University, has published *High Performance Integrated Circuit Design* (McGraw-Hill). Eby Friedman, who is a Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering at Rochester, is coauthor.

## Eastman School of Music

**1967 Evangeline Rimbach** (PhD) (see '60 College).

**1976 John Ferguson** (DMA) has received the F. Melius Christiansen Lifetime Achievement Award from the



**REUNITED:** Bigler (left) hands the inscribed wristwatch he found in Ohio to Salmon, who lost the watch in Vermont.

## Lost and Found

“I have a strange request,” said Terry Bigler into the telephone, to Karen Thering in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Bigler wasn't an alumnus. But he was from the area and had once worked at Genesee Hospital. Later, he'd worked as a truck driver, and near a rest stop in Columbus, Ohio, he'd found a watch. The watch had the University of Rochester insignia on the front, and on the back was the inscription D. B. S. May 1979. Could she help him find the owner?

Within a short time, Thering and her colleague, Francine Lynch, did just that. Thering placed a call to **Del Benjamin Salmon** '79 of Schenectady, N.Y., and left a lengthy voicemail that began



with, well, a strange question. A gentleman had found a University of Rochester watch in Columbus, Ohio, with Salmon's initials and class year on it. Was it his?

Yes, it was. And it was a prized possession, given to him by his late parents. He'd worn

it every day until the day it disappeared in a University of Vermont library when he was a law student nearly 25 years ago.

“I'm the beneficiary of the kindness of strangers,” Salmon said, as he, his wife, **Randie Rudin Salmon** '80, and Bigler met over lunch at the Alumni and Advancement Center in January. Following lunch was a walk around River Campus, offering a chance for Del and Randie to reminisce about their wedding at the Interfaith Chapel and reception in Wilson Commons.

This had been Bigler's second attempt to return the watch. He'd found it in 1995, glistening in the dirt underneath a bush he'd approached in order to photograph a flock of turkeys roaming just beyond it.

“I was on my hands and knees,” said Bigler, who'd stopped at the rest stop for coffee, but was also an avid photographer. He'd called the University then, but the switchboard operator had been unable to help him. This past fall, as he was cleaning his attic, Bigler thought he'd give it another try.

Neither man would hazard any guesses as to how the watch made it from a library in Vermont to a bush in Ohio. Salmon simply noted that the watch, which Bigler found dirty and corroded, was cleaned, polished, and “keeps perfect time.” —Karen McCally