

the UVic Student Society's Clubs Days in 1991, because that started me on this leadership path. My day job is director of intergovernmental fiscal relations for the BC Ministry of Finance."

**AISLINN HUNTER**, BFA '96, (Writing) has seen her novel *Stay* re-released by Anchor Books in advance of the premiere of the movie adaptation at the Toronto International Film Festival. *Stay* stars Taylor Schilling and Aidan Quinn. It's also showing at The Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax. Aislinn's new novel *The World Before Us* will be published by Doubleday in 2014.

**MERLE MATEJKA**, BMus '95, married Lisa Stoltzfus on July 13 in Lancaster, PA.

**SAM PORT**, BSW '95, wrote: "I work as a therapist at an outpatient psychiatry clinic at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. I returned to social work as a profession after ten years in business. Having a degree from UVic led to an MSW (Wilfrid Laurier University) and together these proved to be very marketable degrees, even if you leave the profession for a time."

**JOHN WENSVEEN**, BA '96 (Geography), is the executive vice-president of airline start-ups at Mango Aviation Partners, a London-based firm specializing in the development and management of airline start-up and restructuring projects around the world. He is also author of the popular aviation industry textbook, *Air Transportation: A Management Perspective* (Ashgate Publishing), now in its eighth edition. He resides in Key West, Florida.

## 2000s

**SABA FARMAND**, BA '04 (History in Art), is a partner in a new four-part educational/documentary video series project called *Surroundings*, which tells the stories behind some of Metro Vancouver's well-known public places from the perspectives of the landscape architects who designed them.

**DAISY KUDINDA**, BSW '00, wrote from Coquitlam: "Eleven years with (the Ministry of Child and Family Development) and looking for a career change. Teaching adults/students in college is of interest or going into geriatrics in the hospitals. Mentored a few students over time so I want to share my knowledge and experience."

**JEFF GAULIN**, MBA '02, climbed to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. "Ever since I read Ernest Hemingway's short story *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, it was a life goal to climb



JEFF GAULIN, '02

that mountain. It's incredible to think I made it to the top and back without so much as a blister. Jeff wrote from his home in Calgary. He says he didn't suffer from any altitude sickness and climbed the Machame Route solo with a guide and porters. "It was a great solitary journey for me, to mark what I've achieved to date in my life and to prepare for what still lies ahead."

**SAM PATCHELL**, BSc '01 (Geography/Environmental Science), wrote: "I have been very busy with the navy in the past five years. As a lieutenant I completed two years as the deck officer with HMCS Preserver and sailed as the force protection officer with HMCS Athabaskan in support of Canada's response to the earthquake in Haiti. I then spent a year on the operations room officer course in Halifax before returning to Victoria and deploying with HMCS Vancouver as the operations officer for (the ship's) support of NATO forces off of Libya. I flew home shortly after the mission ended and was promoted to my current rank of lieutenant commander. I was appointed as the commanding officer of the patrol craft training section where I was responsible for the operations of the eight orca class patrol ships on the West Coast. I just wrapped up my tour as CO after a year and a half and I am now in Newport, Rhode Island completing a master's degree in strategic studies at the United States Naval War College."

**MARK REID**, BMus '03, received a Juno award as MusiCounts Teacher of the Year in April and recently assumed the role of president of the Canadian Music Educators' Association.

**TROY WILSON**, BA '11 (English), has signed a picture book contract with Scholastic Canada.

## FAREWELL

**JERETTA FAYE "JERI" BASS**, MA '73 (Anthropology), Dipl. in Education '77, died on March 27, 2013 in Yarmouth, NS. After graduation she moved with her partner Diane Wells to the remote Inuit village of Paulatuk, NWT, where Jeri served for several years as a supervisor in the school system. Returning to Victoria, the couple operated an antiquarian bookstore, Wells Books. Jeri had a lifelong habit of looking for patterns and exploring subtle connections — an inclination that was supported by her education, voracious reading and love for antiquarian books. †

## Beautiful BC Plates

**CHRISTOPHER GARRISH's** passion for licence plates drives his entertaining *Tales from the Back Bumper* (Heritage House). Quirky facts and motoring trivia — and more than 200 images — bring to life the 100-year history of British Columbia licence plates.

In chronicling the history of the design, manufacturing and distribution of licence plates, Garrish BA '97 (History/Geography), BA '00 (Political Science), identifies a number of firsts. The first provincially-issued plate (1913). The first time the province's name was used on a plate (1924). The first time a slogan was used (1958), to honour the province's "Centenary," and the debut of the "Beautiful British Columbia" slogan (1964).

Wife and fellow grad **HEATHER QUINN**, BA '99, BSW '02, "has tolerated the hobby, but doesn't really get it," says Garrish. "That said, she did provide valuable input. Licence plate collectors aren't the most diverse group (we generally tend to be middle class, older white males) and I was trying to appeal to a broader audience. So, if she found a chapter or vignette to be interesting, I knew I was on the right track!"

