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## ALUMNI IN ACTION

**Maria Gurovich '08** missed the College so much after finishing her anthropology degree that she decided to continue here as a grad student. She's now completing her M.Ed. in languages degree with a concentration in ESOL, and has been applying that knowledge as an ESOL instructor at Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach on Johns Island.

**CLASS NOTES – See what your classmates are up to!** And, if you want to submit updates regarding a birth, marriage or a professional move, [contact us](#).

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John Rashford

## FACULTY FOCUS

Ethnobotanist **John Rashford** is recognized as one of the world's experts on the baobab tree, often referred to as the tree of life. Last summer, he traveled to Pernambuco, Brazil, to continue his research on that unusual species. This region of eastern Brazil has the country's greatest concentration of these trees.

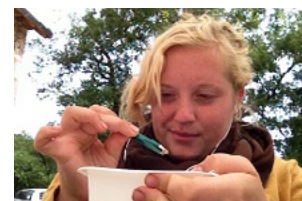
[Learn more about Rashford's work and the significance of the baobab tree.](#)

## RESEARCH ROUNDUP

**SURF's up!** The Summer Undergraduate Research with Faculty (SURF) program awards funding to students to work collaboratively on projects with professors. Last summer, **Caty Marshall '13** received a SURF grant to investigate the factors that lead to success for Central American and Mexican immigrants seeking legal status in the U.S. Working in tandem with professor Hector Qirko, she conducted interviews with eight subjects.  
[Click on this link to read more about Caty's project.](#)



Caty Marshall presents her findings.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Support from the Jon Morter Memorial Award helped **Olivia Adams '15** take a unique trip to Cabrerets, France, last summer where she participated in an excavation study at Petit Cloup Barrat. Read her [first-person account](#) of the experience as a member of the archeological team.