

# Back Talk



**(our Table of Contents in reverse)**

Welcome to the end of your alumni magazine journey; we hope you enjoyed it. Or, for those starting at the back and reading forward, please enjoy this reward for breaking the rules. Here are a few moments in the magazine that we wanted to make sure you caught.

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**“Brink” of disaster**

A Kenyon alumna is the new ambassador to Ukraine. In her confirmation hearing she put her own spin on poli-sci’s famous “quest for justice.”



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**Go to college to find yourself**

And lose everything else, apparently.

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**What if “Charlotte’s Web” had it right?**

Mellon Science and Nature Writing Fellow Geetha Iyer recommends the book “Spider Silk,” which tracks the evolutionary history of spiders using their silk as a narrative (and genetic) thread.



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**Ishmael has some notes**

Essayists mull the motivations of the most famous whale hunter in literature, searching tirelessly for insight like ... well, you know.

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**GLORY DAYS**

A new book for Kenyon’s bicentennial invites you to submit reflections on the places, people and even objects that say “Kenyon” to you. (Not literally — unless there’s a talking Philander doll out there somewhere?)

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**Or what a Zoom is**

Donald A. Fischman '57 and his friends couldn't have known 65 years ago that what they were learning at Kenyon would help foster respectful discourse via Zoom.



**No Cheating!!!**

But here are the answers for the crossword on the cover.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: HOWARD KORN; JULIA HOLTON; SHUTTERSTOCK