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and Zach, and so much of my “free” time is spent having fun with them. My wife Zoë and I support the Cheltenham Festivals and we’re looking forward to the Jazz Festival in May where we’ll see many established and new musicians including Van Morrison, Laura Mvula, and Jamie Cullum. If time allows I also like to go and watch my football team, Arsenal; I know that Karen also shares this interest although it’s rather painful watching them play at the moment!

KP: As Khal says, we both support and follow the Arsenal football team. I live in Highbury (in London) within a mile of Arsenal’s Emirates Stadium, and for me football matches are both an opportunity to see live sport, but also keep in touch with family and friends on their way to or from the games. I’m also a great fan of dance and my favourite venue for this is also local; Saddlers Wells is a great venue for contemporary dance (I’m particularly fond of Matthew Bourne and Ballet Rambert).

Travel over the last year has all been for work, and continuing with the theme of the local, for once I took my holiday as a “staycation” in London, which has to be one of the most interesting places I’ve been to! I recommend London city walks, with long lunch breaks, and a good café stop to end the day off. 🍀

Editor’s Note: Be sure to read Khal’s personal profile in this issue, page 62. — KS

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Speaking of the Charleston Conference 2013, it’s coming up! We just posted the call for papers yesterday — April 15! Here is the link! http://www.katina.info/conference/callforpapers.php

Heard from the full-of-ideas Audrey Powers <apowers@usf.edu> who is working on a preconference and also guest editing the November issue of Against the Grain. She says she needs to get most of this done before August because they are going to Martha’s Vineyard to celebrate Audrey’s son’s wedding to a wonderful Chinese woman. Audrey’s son (is his name Austin, I think I remember?) and his wife-to-be are in Beijing and are coming here with a whole group of Chinese family and friends.

Most of you have renewed your subscriptions to Against the Grain! Thanks!! If you haven’t renewed yet, please do so! Leah Hinds, Tom Gilson, and I have been working with Charles Watkinson and Purdue University Press on a plan to digitize back issues of Against the Grain. Be tuned for an announcement hopefully at the 2013 Charleston Conference!

Speaking of April 15, a bit of trivia. Did you know that it was April 15, 1912, when the Titanic went down. Most expensive tickets for the voyage were at $4350, equivalent to $100,000 in today’s currency. Read all about how/where do I see the industry in five years: Scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2013/04/08/a-matter-of-perspective-elsevier-acquires-mendeley-or-mendeley-sells-itself-to-elsevier/ http://blog.mendeley.com/tag/mendeley-and-elsevier-faq/ And read all about the “three tech-savvy rebel scholars” who founded Mendeley in 2008. “When the Rebel Alliance Sells Out,” at http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/elements/2013/04/elsevier-mendeley-journals-science-software.html

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