

UW International Studies Alumni News

Some alumni profiled here received their degree when the international studies major (then called international relations) was part of the Political Science Department. International studies became an interdisciplinary program in 1995. Since then the number of majors has almost tripled. It is hard to keep track of everyone, so we appreciate your letting us know what you're doing now. Keep those cards, letters and emails coming!

Chris Carney (BA '82) was recently elected to Congress from Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional district. Prior to his election, Chris served as a senior counterterrorism and intelligence adviser

at the Pentagon and is currently an associate professor of political science at Pennsylvania State University.

Chris Rothfuss (BA '94) received a Master's in Chemical Engineering from UW. He works for an oilfield service company based in Laramie that does work globally. He also teaches part-time for the Political Science Department and International Studies Program.

Nouray Ibryamova (MA '98) completed her Ph.D. at the University of Miami in 2005 and is now assistant professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington.

Machelle Allman (MA '00) is a member of the inaugural cohort of the Ed.D Higher Education for International Educators at the University of Minnesota which begins in Fall 2008.

Sonja Steinbrech (BA '00) took an MA degree in International Communications at American University, School of International Service (SIS) in Washington, D.C. She is now the Assistant Director Graduate Admissions and Marketing at the SIS.

Craig Wilderman (BA '00) lives in McLean, VA and works as a consultant for Bearing Point, a company that devises search solutions for global business.

Benjamin Whitfield (MA '00) After graduation Ben served as an Arabic linguist in the military

and also in civilian government both as a Foreign Service Officer and Case Officer for the CIA. He currently works for Diligence in Washington D.C., a Business Intelligence firm focused on emerging markets.

Durand Duin (BA '02) works for Google, in Gurgaon, near Delhi, India.

Wei Kang (BA '02) is the Associate Director of Admissions at Fairleigh Dickenson University in Vancouver, B.C.

Nadia Oweidat (MA '02) will be starting a Ph.D. program at the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Oxford in Fall 2008. She will focus on Middle Eastern Studies. Nadia received the Weidenfeld Leadership Scholarship which covers all expenses at Oxford and provides for intensive leadership skills training and long-term mentoring and networking opportunities.

Munya Basmuat (MA '03) is a Program Officer for Terre des hommes in Nepal. Terre des hommes is an international, nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of children.

Nathan Manly (BA '03) received a Post-baccalaureate Premedical Certificate at Bryn Mawr College in 2007. He is an HIVCorps intern at the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia. Nathan plans to get a Master's in Public Health at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

John Stinner (BA '03) is in the graduate program at the School of Public Policy at George Mason University pursuing an MA in international commerce and policy.

Yuka Tatsuno (MA '03) is employed at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in Washington D.C. Her husband, Zach Hubbell, is working for the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation in D.C.

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Living in Togo is crazy, like nothing I could have imagined, read about, or prepared myself for. I have found myself in some crazy circumstances. For example: walking 12km through the bush with a bag of corn on my head to a village market with my host mom, being stared at and almost hyperventilating, fitting 20 people in a 15 passenger van because we all know that's safe and of course economical, being totally uncomfortable, and being lost in translation. I have also adopted some roommates chez moi. I have mice, cockroaches and oh yeah scorpions all living in my house with me. It's truly an adventure and I can honestly say there's never a dull moment!

I am looking forward to what the next two years will bring and only hope I can impact the lives of the Togolese in the way they have already impacted mine. I will be starting my Girls Club in the next few weeks and really look forward to building relationships with these young, radiant girls. Their lives are by no means easy and I am blown away by their strength, physically, mentally and emotionally.

—Jillian Gleason, (BA '06), Peace Corps Volunteer, Togo (Africa)

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Kenna (Maughan) Troup (BA '04) is working for the Central Scotland Police as the Business Development Manager for the Forth Valley Area.

Garrett Schiche (BA '04) is a Disaster Preparedness Program Manager under American Red Cross' Tsunami Relief Program in the provinces in southern Thailand.

Nathan Manly (BA '03) completed a Premedical Certificate Program at Bryn Mawr College and is currently an intern with the HIV Corps for the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Lusaka, Zambia. He will attend Columbia University in the fall pursuing a Master's in Public Health.

Andrew Anderson-Sprecher (BA'04) is an International Economist on the China Desk of the Foreign Agricultural Service



under USDA. Andrew received his MA from Johns Hopkins School

of Advanced International Studies in December 2007 and worked as a trade consultant for a Washington D.C. law office before moving to his new position in September 2009.

Brandon O'Neil (MA '04) spent a year as an AmeriCorps volunteer before completing his Master's. He completed a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School in 2008, where he studied international law with a specialization in conflict resolution. After graduation he will work for an international law firm based in New York and London. He and his wife Salina had a baby daughter on May 26, 2008

Ashley Wilms (BA '04) completed her MA in International Business Administration at Thunderbird's Garvin School of International Management, Phoenix, AZ.

Jane Daniels (MA '05) was the Director of the Main Street Program in Laramie, an organization dedicated to historic preservation of downtown areas.

She recently had a baby and is living in Denver.

Kim Henry (BA '05) is completing her MA degree at the University of Virginia in Public Health Leadership.

Brian Stauffer (BA '05) is in the graduate program in Latin American History at the University of New Mexico.

Sully Taulealea (MA '05) is at the University of Melbourne, Australia, with his wife Jennifer and daughters Iliana and Hannah, where he is in the Ph.D. program in Business Marketing.

Shannon Valenti (BA '05) is attending the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins in Bologna, Italy.

Nana Baramidze (MA '06) is Project Manager for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in the Europe-sponsored Aarhus Center in her native country of Georgia.

Boris Brouk (MA '06) is in his first year of the Ph.D. program at the Center for Public Administration and Policy at Virginia Technical University in Blacksburg.

Shaojin Chai (MA '06) is in his first year of the Ph.D. program in political science at University of Notre Dame.

Casey Cleary (BA '06) did an internship at the China-US Sustainable Development Center in Portland, Oregon.

Josie Maus (BA '06) traveled throughout Asia last summer and fall and is planning to enter graduate school in the fall of 2008. Josie spent the summer as a raft guide with **Sarah Cronick** (BA '01) in Breckenridge, CO.

Christine Michel (BA '06) is now married and living with her husband, Angel, in London where she plans to study International Law and Human Rights at the Liverpool Law School.

Diane Olson (BA '06) is in the graduate program in Spanish at the University of Wyoming, working on her MA and teaching Spanish.

Kate Olson (BA '06) is in the contemporary jazz program at the University of Michigan's School of Music.

Diane Reed (BA '06) is in the MA

program in French at UW and plans to begin the French language program at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in the fall of 2007.

Evgeniya (Arzamazova) Tyson (MA '06) is an Educational Advisor at the American Councils for International Education in Vladivostok, Russia. She lectures and organizes lectures with U.S. speakers on educational opportunities in the U.S.

Matt Parsons (BA '07) is enrolled in the Black Hills State Select Program, a teacher training program. He intends to be a high school Spanish teacher.

Petru Culeac (MA '07) is pursuing a Ph.D. at the Vienna School of Governance, Universität Wien in Austria.

Brian Joseph (MA '07) completed his Master's in Business Administration in Fall 2007 and is currently a Business Technology Analyst for the City of Dallas.

Ross Kutzler (BA '08) is an Imports Logistics Coordinator for Sierra Trading Post in Cheyenne, WY. Ross is responsible for shipments, payments and general communication with the company's international manufacturers.

Leah Ramsey (BA '08) is an Institutional Relations Assistant for Apache Oil in Buenos Aires. Leah works in Corporate Outreach on projects that promote social responsibility.

Adriana

Magana (BA '08) is a teacher's assistant and ESL instructor at Escuela Tlatelolco in Denver, CO. As a dual major in Chicano Studies, Adriana received the UW Chicano Studies Outstanding Service Award and the 2008 Willena Stafford Commitment to Diversity Award.



Tommy Talley (BA '08) will pursue a Master's in Public Policy at Long Beach State in Fall 2009.

Kelsey Day (BA '09) will be employed with **Teach For America** in Brownsville, Texas when she graduates in May. Teach for America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and professionals, from all academic majors and career interests, who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunities.

Susannah Tobey (BA '09) will be working for the U.S. Army Civilian Corps in supply logistics management.



Danielle Jensen

Danielle Jensen (BA '09) will enter the Masters program in anthropology at UW. She plans to eventually attend law school and specialize in indigenous law with the goal of working to protect indigenous cultures.

Brianna Jones (BA '09) is the Communications Director for the Wyoming Democratic Party.

Jahna Locke (BA '09), a graduating senior, received a Fulbright Fellowship for the 2009/2010 academic year. Jahna will be an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) in Madrid, Spain and will be placed as an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teacher in an elementary school classroom. Her responsibilities as an ETA include teaching various subjects including social studies, the sciences, different technologies, mathematics, the arts, and physical education. She will also work with permanent teaching staff to integrate English into school curriculum and structure.

Macy Sukut (BA '09) is a staff assistant in Senator John Barrasso's office in Washington D.C.

James Ward (BA '09) is a staff assistant in Senator Mike Enzi's office in Washington D.C.

Jamie Wolf (BA '09) is the Outreach Coordinator for the Wyoming Outdoor Council. Jamie focused on International Development and the Global Environment and received a concurrent degree in Environment and Natural Resources.