Notes from the chair

Department continues to advance, despite challenges

During the 2007–08 academic year, the Department of History witnessed a number of developments and changes. Many of these happenings are consistent with the trends of previous years, while others have directed our attention toward new opportunities and challenges.

Presently numbering 53, our tenure-stream faculty continues to be among the most productive and visible in the historical profession and related fields. The department remains highly ranked amongst the country’s History programs, as has been the case for many years. Our members continue to play leading or prominent roles in a number of campus units, including the African Studies Program, the Department of Gender Studies, the Russian and East European Institute, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and the Jewish Studies Program.

In addition to this interdisciplinary cross-fertilization, History still hosts a large, first-rate graduate program, a top-quality honors track, and a stable cohort of undergraduate majors. To celebrate and further cultivate these intellectual assets, the department sponsored a series of well-attended workshops and roundtables during fall 2007 and the 2008 calendar year, focusing upon topics such as gender history, the history of children, and oral history. In spring 2008, Andrew Bacevich of Boston University delivered our annual Paul V. McNutt Lecture, and the department co-sponsored the Paul Lucas Graduate Student Conference. The semester concluded with our yearly awards luncheon in April, which recognized outstanding accomplishments of our students, along with the contributions of faculty members who have excelled in the areas of teaching and service to the department.

Departmental job searches resulted in the hiring of two outstanding junior scholars. Our recruitment effort in African history paid off with the hiring of Michelle Moyd, a specialist in East African history who joined the faculty as an assistant professor in the fall. Our search for a specialist in Native American history, jointly sponsored by the American Studies Program, recruited Christina Snyder. Snyder is presently completing a post-doctoral fellowship elsewhere and will begin her professorial duties at Indiana University in fall 2009. Additionally, the department is happy to welcome three new adjuncts into our program: Cynthia Bannon and Matt Christ, both of the Department of Classical Studies, and Ron Sela, of Central Eurasian Studies.

Due to the deteriorating budgetary situation, the College of Arts & Sciences has put in place a hiring freeze for 2008–09. This suspension of hiring activities is not an absolute injunction, and the College has allowed for a continuation of our efforts to hire a scholar of world history and a re-opening of our joint search (with the English department) to recruit a senior scholar in 19th-century studies. During our priorities discussions in spring 2008, the department identified Asian history as the field upon which to primarily focus its future hiring efforts. Recent departures have occasioned flux in the staffing of this area, necessitating a commitment to bolster our strength in this important specialization. Over the course of the next three years, the department plans to hire in the areas of European history, Middle Eastern history, and Historical Teaching and Practice. The realization of these commitments will, of course, depend upon the budgetary outlook of the College as well as ongoing internal discussions of departmental priorities.

During 2007–08, the department did not experience any attrition in its tenure-stream faculty. We have maintained a strong collaborative relationship with the Bloomington-based Organization of American Historians, and three of our professors — Ed Linenthal, Eric Sandweiss, and Rob Schneider — continue to provide editorial leadership for the Journal of American History, the Indiana Magazine of History, and the American Historical Review, respectively. Both institutional and private contributions have allowed us to fund most of our incoming and returning graduate students, and a diverse and robust slate of courses has facilitated healthy undergraduate enrollments.

Consequently, as the department engages future challenges, it does so from a position of strength. Our commitment to maintaining a world-class faculty and staff, our high-quality curricula and interdisciplinary connections, and the continuing support of our alumni, contributors, and other well-wishers bode well for our academic enterprise in the new century. — Claude Clegg

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In brief

Thelen speaks on slave trade

David Thelen, emeritus professor of history, was keynote speaker at the departmental awards luncheon on April 25, 2008. Professor Thelen, a specialist in 20th-century history and a former editor of the Journal of American History, spoke about Brown University’s self-study of its historic ties to the transatlantic slave trade.

Roseman named director of undergraduate studies

Mark Roseman, a professor of German and Jewish history, began his tenure as the department’s director of undergraduate studies on Aug. 1. In this role, he will be responsible for overseeing undergraduate curricular developments, providing advisement and guidance for majors, and working with the undergraduate Affairs Committee to craft policies. Professor Wendy Gamber will continue in her position as our Director of Graduate Studies, while Professor Leah Shopkow serves another year as the department’s honors director.

Lynn Struve announces retirement

After 31 years of distinguished service, Professor Lynn Struve retired from the IU Department of History in December 2008. A University of Michigan alumna, Struve began her employment here in 1977 as an assistant professor of history and East Asian languages and cultures.

She served in a number of capacities during her time with us, including as director of the honors program (1993–2006), director of undergraduate studies (1986–87, 1992–93), and chair of our East Asian field committee (1990, 1992, 1996–2000, 2005–06). Struve is also author of three important monographs on Chinese history and many articles.

The department is proud to honor Professor Struve’s achievements as a scholar, teacher, and mentor, and we wish her well as she enters a new phase of her life and career.

In Memoriam

Irving Katz, 1932–2008

The History Department mourns the passing of Irving Katz, an emeritus professor who passed on Jan. 27, 2008. Katz came to IU in 1968 after completing his doctoral work at New York University. He was the author of two important books, August Belmont: A Political Biography and Investment Banking in America: A History, as well as several other scholarly publications.

Dr. Katz had a long record of service to the department, the university, and the larger community and taught a number of courses, including American History, American Jewish History, American Immigration and Labor History, and the History of U.S. Political Parties. After retiring from IU in 2002, Dr. Katz returned to his native New York. He is survived by his son Jonathan, daughter Naomi, and granddaughter Sarah.

Perspectives

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Before 1960

Ralph W. Bentle, BA’36, turned 94 on Aug. 9, 2008 and planned to attend his family’s reunion the following day in Pendleton County, Ky. He wrote that they anticipated more than 100 of the family’s descendants and spouses to attend. Bentle, a retired architectural observer for Odle McGuire Shook Corp. in Indianapolis, lives in Birmingham, Ala.

William C. Eherenman, BA’40, MS’49, retired in 1987 from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He writes that at 91 he is enjoying married life, golfing, and reading frequently. Eherenman lives in Platteville.

Gerald S. Woodard, BA’43, MA’48, and his wife Georgia (Ingram), BA’48, write that they are living comfortably in Bell Trace, a retirement community in Bloomington, Ind. Gerald served as editor and head of the publications section of the Indiana Geological Survey for nearly 39 years, while Georgia volunteered at Bloomington Hospital and served as assistant to the secretary of the IU Board of Trustees.

Patricia Davis Broshears, BA’49, writes that she and her husband, William, BS’49, are retired. Their daughter, Betsy Broshears Swisher, BA’80, is a senior global account manager at MCI Worldcom in Pinellas Park, Fla. Broshears and her husband live in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Eloise Gompf, MA’49, PhD’58, has published a new book, From the Mediterranean to the Jordan: Murder for Survival, a history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She writes that copies can be purchased directly from her. Gompf lives in Pensacola, Fla., and can be contacted at eloigom8@aol.com.

Leonard H.D. Gordon, BA’50, MA’53, professor emeritus of Chinese history at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., is the author of Confrontation Over Taiwan: Nineteenth-Century China and the Powers, published by Lexington Books in 2007. Since his retirement in 1994, Gordon has continued his professional research and writing and is now working on a co-authored book regarding the relationship between China and Taiwan. He lives in Bloomington, Ind., with his wife, Marjorie (Hunt), BA’49, MA’51, a former city councilwoman for West Lafayette, Ind. Their son, David, BA’89, is an associate professor of East Asian history at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Peter H. Von Wahle, BA’57, MA’58, PhD’66, is retired. He lives in Gulf Breeze, Fla.


1960s

Richard M. Hurst, BA’60, MA’62, retired in 2002, having worked as a museum administrator for more than 40 years. He is the author of Republic Studies: Between Poverty Row and the Majors, an updated edition of which was published in 2007 by Scarecrow Press. The book was originally published in 1979. This new edition includes two additional expanded chapters, a new introduction, and an epilogue. Hurst lives in Carmel, Ind.

Ezra H. Friedlander, BA’62, LLB’65, represents the second district of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Fellow alumni Cale J. Bradford, BS’82, JD’86, and James S. Kirsch, JD’74, also represent the second district, while John G. Baker, BA’68, JD’71, serves as chief judge of the court. Friedlander lives in Carmel, Ind.

Theodore A. Wilson, BA’62, MA’63, PhD’66, of Lawrence, Kan., is a professor of history at the University of Kansas. In 2007 he co-edited Presidents, Diplomats, and Other Mortals with J. Garry Clifford, MA’66, PhD’69, of Eastford, Conn., a professor of political science at the University of Connecticut. University of Missouri Press published the book.


Melvin A. Goodman, MA’64, PhD’72, is a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy in Washington, D.C. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc. published Goodman’s sixth book, The Failure of Intelligence: The Decline and Fall of the CIA, in March 2008. He lives in Bethesda, Md.

In January 2007, James F. Collins, MA’65, LLD’99, began work at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., as senior associate and director of the Russian and Eurasian program. The U.S. ambassador to the Russian Federation from 1997 to 2001, he writes, “[My new position] keeps me focused on developments in Russia and its neighboring states and is a strong complement to my continuing work as a member of several non-profit boards focused on several cultural, scientific, and academic exchange programs between the U.S. and Russia, Ukraine, and the other states of Eurasia. IU retains a strong reputation among those involved in this field and deserves great credit for the leadership it shows in international education.” Collins’s wife, Naomi (Feldman), MA’63, PhD’70, is a consultant to cultural and higher-education organizations. She has served as executive director of NAFA: Association of International Educators. Naomi’s book, Through Dark Days and White Nights: Four Decades Observing a Changing Russia, was released in January by New Academia Publishing. She also recently published an article on the Institute of International Education’s magazine, National Policies for International Education, and wrote an entry for the Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History. The Collinses live in Bethesda, Md.

William L. Starr, BA’65, is a retired purchasing agent for Muskegon County, Mich. “I entered IU in the fall semester of 1946 and graduated in the summer session of 1965,” he writes. “I fell in love with the university upon entrance ... Now I like the whole state of Indiana!” Starr writes that he has begun a reading program that focuses on books by Indiana authors, including The Stardust Road and Sometimes I Wonder by Hoagy Carmichael, LLB’26, DM Hon’72; Same Knight, Different Channel by Jack Isenhour; and Being Lucky by former IU President Herman B Wells, BS’24, MA’27, LLB’62. Starr lives in Muskegon.

Daniel Z. Stone, MA’66, PhD’72, retired from the University of Winnipeg in 2007 and has recently been named professor emeritus. He is vice president of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada. He has published many articles on a wide variety of topics from the coverage of the Holocaust (continued on page 4)
in Winnipeg’s Jewish and Polish language press to English folk dance. Stone lives in Winnipeg.


Lawrence P. Merial, MA’68, PhD’75, has retired after 27 years with Occidental Petroleum Corp. in Los Angeles. He spent the last nine years as vice president of communications and publications. Merial lives in Henderson, Nev.

Thomas L. Pytynia, BA’69, JD’73, has joined the law firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis, where he serves as counsel in the firm’s health and life-sciences practice group. He spent the last 30 years as in-house counsel for Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis. Pytynia previously worked as an associate for Baker & Daniels from 1974 to 1977. A former chairman of the Indianapolis Better Business Bureau’s board of directors, he lives in Plainfield, Ind.

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Gregory J. Utken, BA’71, JD’74, is managing partner of legal practices for the law firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. He oversees the firm’s 19 practice groups in seven offices and also serves on its executive committee. Utken is a member of the Board of Visitors for the IU School of Law–Indianapolis and is the former president of the school’s alumni association. He lives in Carmel, Ind., and can be reached at greg.utken@bakerd.com.


Carol Shockey Leadenham, MLS’73, MA’78, is assistant archivist for reference for Hoover Institution Archives in Stanford, Calif. She lives with her husband, Douglas, MLS’73, in Menlo Park, Calif.

Donald J. Raleigh, MA’74, PhD’78, is the Jay Richard Judson Distinguished Professor in the department of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In March 2007 he received the Southern Slavic Conference’s Senior Scholar Award at the conference’s annual meeting. Raleigh lives in Chapel Hill with his wife, Karen (Sanders), MS’74.

Christopher L. Hagenbush, BA’74, JD’79, is a partner at the law firm Patton & Boggs in Washington, D.C. Previously, he was senior counsel for the Coca-Cola Co. Hagenbush lives in Vienna, Va.

In July 2008 Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., appointed Michael R. Drompp, BA’75, MA’78, PhD’86, as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. A professor of history and former dean of academic affairs for postgraduate fellowships, Drompp is an authority on Chinese and Inner Asian history. He joined the Rhodes faculty in 1989 and received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1999. Drompp lives in Cordova, Tenn.

“[I’m] still umpiring [on] Sundays, chasing 50-inch muskies, and wondering how the IU Bass Fishing Club got stomped in the Big Ten tournament,” writes William “Butch” Tallant, BA’75, regarding the Hoosiers’ last-place finish in the 2007 bass fishing Big Ten Championship. Tallant lives and works in La Porte, Ind., where he is a machine operator at Aero Metals Inc.

Catherine A. Albrecht, BA’77, MA’79, PhD’86, is an associate professor of history at the University of Baltimore. She lives in Baltimore with her spouse, Michael P. Romary, MLS’83.

James P. Fadley, MA’77, PhD’90, is director of college counseling at University High School of Carmel, where he also teaches Advanced Placement U.S. history. He lives in Indianapolis.

John “J.B.” Spees, BA’77, retired from the FBI in March 2006 and then taught for the U.S. Navy for a year. He now works as federal law enforcement sales manager for Remington Arms Co. Spees’ oldest child is a sophomore at Utah Valley University, and his daughter planned to attend Brigham Young University after graduating from high school. His youngest child is in fourth grade. “I will always be young in order to keep up with him,” Spees writes. “Life is good in [Simpsonville] South Carolina, but I only get home to Indiana about twice a year.”

Martin E. Calle III, BA’78, is chief creation strategist for Calle & Co. in Greenwich, Conn. He writes that he has helped launch brands such as Tylanol Gelcaps, cold-filtered Miller Genuine Draft beer, and Baked Lays potato chips. Calle can be contacted through his company’s Web site, www.callecompany.com.

Four IU alumni work in the labor and employment department of the law firm Bingham McHale in Indianapolis. The four are Joseph H. Hogsett, BA’78, JD’81, of Indianapolis; Duane R. Denton, JD’88, of Zionsville; Michael W. Padgett, JD’91, of Indianapolis; and James P. Strenski, JD’94, of Indianapolis.

In September 2008 the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., appointed Suzanne Holland, BA’78, as Philip M. Phibbs Research Professor for a period of three years, from 2008-2011. Holland, who has established a national and international reputation as a bioethicist, is also a professor of ethics and chairwoman of the Department of Religion at the university, and received its 2008 President’s Excellence in Teaching Award. She is the co-editor of * and co-author of the upcoming book, *.

Donald M. Missey, BA’78, is CEO of Denver Technology Transfer, an energy technology developer. He lives and works in Denver.

Jeffrey M. Teske, BA’78, JD’82, is a partner for the law firm Hogan Marren in Chicago. In 2007, he was elected as secretary for Community Health Charities of Illinois. Teske lives in Evanston, Ill.

James P. Niessen, MA’79, PhD’89, is world history librarian at the Alexander Library of Rutgers University. He writes that the university granted him tenure in April 2007. Niessen’s essay “The Persistence and Decline of German Scholarship in Hungarian Library Collections and Culture in the Twentieth Century” is forthcoming in the journal *.

1980s

Robert M. Citino, MA’80, PhD’84, is a professor of history at Eastern Michigan University. He has written eight books, including * and *.

Nicholas I. Vosnose, MA’81, PhD’86, is an intelligence specialist and GMI analyst for the U.S. Army in Fort Bragg, N.C. He lives in Sanford, N.C.

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In 2004, Lisa M. Adeli, MA’83, completed her doctorate degree in history at the University of Arizona. Adeli, who earned two master’s degrees from IU Bloomington in a single year, lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Randy H. Munsen, MA’83, Cert’89, is a professor of history at Pima Community College, where he received the school’s Outstanding Faculty Award for 2006–07. He lives and works in Tucson, Ariz.

Adam D. Sisson, BA’83, MPA’86, works as controller of National Genetics Institute, Inc. in Los Angeles, and as controller of Viromed Laboratories of Minnetonka, Minn. He is also the board secretary of the Mental Health Alliance for Teenagers in Pasadena, Calif., where he lives.

In June 2007, Nancy Rose Mitchell, BA’84, became chairwoman of the law firm Greenberg Traurig’s business reorganization and bankruptcy practice in New York City. Prior to joining in the firm in 2001, she served as executive director for CIBC World Markets Corp.

Bradley Schaffner, MA’84, MLS’89, is head of the Slavic division at Harvard University’s Widener Library in Cambridge, Mass. He is also co-editor of Books, Bibliographies, and Pugs: A Festschrift to Honor Murlin Croucher, published by Slavica in 2006. Schaffner lives in Bala Cynwyd, Penn.

Jane Wiaduck Birmingham, BA’87, is a real-estate agent for Gaslight Realty in Riverside, Ill. She and her husband, William, BA’86, have four children. “I feel like a slacker when reading all of these notes,” Jane writes, “but I am stilling a love of learning and history in all my children, all of whom we hope and pray will be at IU!” Jane and her family live in Riverside.

Nicholas J. Miller, MA’87, PhD’91, is a professor and chairman of the history department at Boise (Idaho) State University. He is the author of The Nonconformists: Culture, Politics, and Nationalism in a Serbian Intellectual Circle, 1944–1991, published by Central European University Press in 2007. Miller lives in Europe with his wife, Tami (Shields), BS’93.

Paul J. Gordon Jr., BA/ Cert’86, MBA’88, is a director for the medical-devices company Synthes in West Chester, Pa., and also serves on the board of directors for a start-up medical-devices company. His wife, Elizabeth (Yurko), BS’86, recently joined the faculty at Temple University in Philadelphia, where she was named the Merves Scholar in accounting and an associate professor with tenure. The couple has two children and lives in suburban Philadelphia.

Stephen P. Griebel, BA’86, has become a partner for the law firm Van Gilder & Trzynda in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Indianapolis law firm Sommer Barnard has elected four new directors, three of whom are IU alumni.

Gretchen K. Gutman, BA’86, MPA’87, JD’97, of Indianapolis, is a member of the firm’s government-services practice group; Keith J. Swedo, MBA’89, JD’95, of Carmel, Ind., is a registered patent attorney and a member of the firm’s intellectual-property practice group; and Amy L. Wright, JD’00, of Indianapolis, is a member of the firm’s intellectual-property and business practice groups.


Andrew G. Thiros, Cert/ BA’89, recently began working as an in-house counsel for U.S. Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh, where he specializes in environmental law. He lives in Sewickley, Pa.

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Lt. Col. Jeffery H. Fischer, BA’90, is the commander of the provincial reconstruction team in Qatar, Afghanistan. Previously, he was executive officer for the deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs in Washington, D.C. Fischer lives in Washington, D.C.

Michael C. O’Malley, BA’90, is an archivist for Berry College’s Memorial Library in Mount Berry, Ga. He lives in Rome, Ga.

Steven W. Thalheimer, BA’91, is assistant superintendent for Fairfield Community Schools in Goshen, Ind. He oversees grants, curriculum, and transportation. His wife, Andrea (Rahe), BS’90, is a financial planner. Thalheimer’s son, Adam, is a seventh-grader at Goshen Middle School while his other son, Luke, attends pre-school. The family lives in Goshen.

Barbara C. Allen, MA’92, PhD’01, is an assistant professor at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. She writes that she recently published an interpretive essay called “Revolution and Civil War in Russia, 1917-1921” in Events That Changed Russia since 1855, edited by Frank W. Thackeray. Allen has also published an article, “Friendship in Times of Factionalism and Terror: Aleksandr Shliapnikov and Sergey Medvedev,” in Revolutionary Russia, Vol. 20, No. 1. She lives in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

In February 2007, Sonja R. Fritzsche, BA’92, was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill. In 2006, she married Ronald S. Schwartz and also released a new book, Science Fiction in Literature in East Germany. Fritzsche lives in Bloomington, Ill.

Stephen E. Kercher, MA’92, PhD’00, is an assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh. He is the author of Revel with a Cause: Liberal Satire in Postwar America, published by the University of Chicago Press. Kercher lives in Neenah, Wis.

In November 2007, Ross D. Silverman, BA’92, was named chairman of the Medical Humanities Department of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. He also serves as an associate professor of medical humanities and psychiatry and co-directs the medical and law schools’ joint MD/JD degree program. Silverman is deputy editor of the Journal of Legal Medicine and is co-author/editor of The Law of Medical Practice of Illinois, a text now in its third edition. He lives in Springfield with his wife, Tami (Shields), BS’93.

John K. Cox, MA’93, PhD’95, is a professor and head of the history department at North Dakota State University, where he specializes in modern Europe. Previously, he worked at Wheeling (W.Va.) Jesuit University. Cox lives and works in Fargo, N.D.

Keenan R. Hauke, BA’93, is CEO of Samex Capital Partners in Indianapolis. In 2007, Reuters AdvicePoint recognized him as a Top Advisor. Hauke lives in Fishers, Ind.

Diane E. Pecknold, MA’93, PhD’02, is a postdoctoral teaching scholar in the Commonwealth Center for Humanities and Society at the University of Louisville. She is the author of The Selling Sound: The Rise of the Country Music Industry, published by Duke University Press in 2007, and is co-editor of A Boy Named Sue: Gender and Country Music, published by the University Press of Kentucky.

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The Republic

Mississippi in 2004. Pecknold lives in Louisville, Ky. “December of 2006 marked my seventh year living in Columbus, Ind., and a lot has changed in my life in the past two years,” writes Kirk T. Johannessen, BA’94. “I got married Oct. 1, 2005 to Tammy Abner, a Columbus native. In mid-April 2006 we learned we were going to have a baby and at the end of the month we bought a house. In May I gave up my job as sports editor of The Republic and switched to news reporting, taking a job as a senior reporter. Now I write features, cover politics and business, and am in charge of some in-depth series. On Dec. 13, 2006, Tammy and I welcomed our daughter, McKenna Leanne Johannesen, into the world.

We love every minute with her, even though we don’t get much sleep. I’m amazed where life and journalism have taken me since graduating in 1994. I’ve worked at newspapers in Attica, Jasper, and Columbus and have covered a wide range of stories and have met many interesting people. I’d love to hear from people I knew from my time at IU.” Johannesen can be reached by e-mail at johannesen@therepublic.com.”

Todd T. Pedersen, BA’94, MBA’04, is vice president of business development at AIT Laboratories in Indianapolis. Previously, he served as director of life sciences for the Indiana Economic Development Corp. Pedersen lives in Indianapolis.

On March 1, 2008, Susan Mathew Gibbons, MA’95, MLS’95, was appointed vice provost and Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly Dean of the University of Rochester’s River Campus Libraries. She had served as associate dean for public service and collections development at the university since 2004. Gibbons lives in Pittsford, N.Y.

Aneal V. Krishnamurthy, BA’98, is a consultant in the corporate finance practice group of the consulting firm Dykema in Washington, D.C. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

Julie L. Thomas, MA’95, PhD’05, is the owner of Cartridge World. She lives and works in Bloomington, Ind.

Soccer I-Man Ernest L. Yarborough, BA’95, is primary goalkeepers coach for the men’s soccer team at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Previously, he was a top assistant for the men’s soccer team at the University of Michigan, handling the training of goalkeepers and serving as the team’s recruiting coordinator.

Brad Warren, BA’96, MLS’99, is grants and public-relations librarian at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His wife, Rebecca J. Olson, is a reference librarian at the law firm Alston & Bird. Their son, Archer Lewis Olson Warren, was born on Oct. 25, 2006. The family lives in Charlotte.

In August 2007, Martin J. Blackwell, MA’97, PhD’05, became an assistant professor at Gainesville (Ga.) State College. Previously, he worked for the department of history at the University of Arkansas.

David C. Fisher, MA’97, PhD’03, is an assistant professor of history at the University of Texas at Brownsville. He lives in Brownsville.

Jooson Song, MA’97, is a visiting assistant professor of history at Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind. He lives in South Bend, Ind.

“I am working in a temporary position in the development outreach and communications office of USAID/Afghanistan,” writes Heather E. Ward, MA/MLS’97. “I especially enjoy developing and editing success stories about aid projects around Afghanistan. It gives me a good overview of the work of the whole mission in education, health, agriculture, governance, etc. My husband works in Thailand, where we’ve been living since the spring of 2006. While [in Thailand], I have been teaching Irish dance, taking Thai language classes, and serving on the boards of two libraries.

We especially enjoy traveling around the region and scuba diving. I maintain a blog at lisonsetdansons.blogspot.com.”

Jeff Jensen, BA’98, MPA’00, is manager of data processing services for the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in Albany, N.Y. He and his wife, Lisanne (Carothers), BA’97, had a daughter, Meredith Elise, on Oct. 31, 2006. The Jensens live in Stuyvesant, N.Y. and can be reached at ljensen@nycaprr.com.

Jeffrey T. Leigh, PhD’98, is an associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin–Marathon County in Wausau, Wis. At the 2007 World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, he presented a paper titled, “The Stadion Constitution, the Rechtsstaat, and Neoliberal Press Policy in Bohemia.” Leigh lives in Wausau.

Brian W. Shell, Cert/BA’98, is vice president of The Sifferman Group in Clarendon Hills, Ill. He lives in La Grange, Ill.

Daniel K. Wiseman, BA’98, is Catholic schools development director for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He was engaged to be married in the summer of 2008. “Even though [my fiancée] Amy is a graduate of Georgia State University, she has quickly embraced Indiana basketball,” Wiseman writes. “One of the first gifts I purchased for her was an IU sweatshirt!” Wiseman lives in Marietta, Ga., and can be contacted at dwiseman@yahoo.com.

Timothy L. DeMotte, BA’99, JD’02, is an attorney at law for Thom & DeMotte in Jasper, Ind. He has practiced law for five years. DeMotte married Bethany L. Hecke in February 2007. The couple lives in Jasper.

2000s

Lawrence A. Dailey, BA’00, JD’03, MPA’06, is an unemployment insurance review board member and associate justice for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development in Indianapolis. He lives in Eaton, Ind.

Narisara Murray, MA’01, PhD’04, and her husband, John McDermott, are the owners and operators of McDermott Gallery in Siem Reap, Cambodia. In November 2006, they opened a new branch of the fine arts photography gallery in the old market area of the city. Murray and her husband live in Siem Reap.

Anna Bonfitto Rinkenberg-er, BGS’02, BS’06, is pursuing a master’s degree in zoology at IUB. Her husband, Brandon, BME’01, is a project associate for the IU Center for Evaluation and Education Policy. They live in Bloomington.

On June 6, Zachary L. Worley, Cert/BA’02, graduated from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, Ariz. In July he relocated to Indianapolis and began residency training in emergency medicine through the IU School of Medicine’s training program at Methodist Hospital and Wishard Memorial Hospital. Worley can be contacted at zworley@alumni.indiana.edu.

Rachel E. Clark, BA’03, JD’07, of Chicago, recently accepted a position as associate general counsel for the Illinois Education Association in Chicago. Previously, she was an attorney for the Chicago law firm Jacobs, Burns, Orlove, Stanton & Hernandez.

Ashley Large, BA’03, MLS’06, of Fort Collins, Colo., is an agricultural archivist at Colorado State University.

Zachary D. Scott, BA’03, was one of 31 students recruited for the fellowship program of the Advocacy Project, which supports advocates for social justice and human rights around the world. As a 2007 Fellow for Peace, he spent his summer with the Dale Farm Irish Travelers in the United Kingdom. Scott wrote about his experiences at www.advocacynet.org/blogs. He lives in Indianapolis.

Casey B. Cox, BA’04, JD’07, is an attorney for the law firm Beers Mallers Backs & Salin. He was recently appointed (continued on page 7)
ed by the Fort Wayne (Ind.) City Council to a term on the Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission. Cox is a former trustee of Indiana University and president of the IU Student Association. He lives and works in Fort Wayne.

Megan K. Freyer, BA’04, is a chapter executive consultant for the Appraisal Institute in Chicago. On Sept. 23, 2006, she married Michael R. Backes, BS’04. The couple lives in Chicago.

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Six IU alumni are currently teaching in some of New Orleans’ neediest public schools through teachNOLA, a joint initiative of New Schools for New Orleans and the Recovery School District to recruit teachers for New Orleans public schools. The six alumni are Kurtis H. Estep, BS’99, who teaches special education; Rawley D. Fear, BA’05, a first-grade teacher; Lindsey J. Harreld, BA’08, a teacher of high-school French; Stephen L. Hunyadi, BA’05, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade English language arts; Mark L. Karwoski, BA’94, who teaches seventh-grade reading; and Jenny L. Van Auken, BA’01, a sixth-grade English language arts teacher.

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