

## Carleton Class of 2004... Where are they now?

### **Aaron Leconte**

Location: San Diego, CA

Doing: Graduate School

Best thing: Being really rich and driving expensive cars and doing lots of blow.

Worst thing: How can I possibly drive all of my awesome sports cars? Plus, my huge house occasionally feels very empty.

Learned: Selling out is awesome.

Last Carleton sighting: Last month, at the Deunion.

Future plans: Three more years of indentured servitude (and that's a conservative estimate!). I plan to follow that up with two to three more years of indentured servitude in a slightly different location.

Weirdest experience: Spent an afternoon hanging out with a fetish model and dancing to En Vogue with Venice Beach homeless people.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: I would have to leave the lab to run into someone.

Anything else: Sadly, I am not actually rich, that was just a joke. I had you going there for a minute, right? If you want to know what I have actually been up to, go to [www.pubmed.gov](http://www.pubmed.gov) and enter "leconte am [au]" and hit search. also, i have been working on a sweet moustache, which I assure you, is far superior than the one i tried to grow sophomore year.

### **Abby Taplin**

Location: Denver, CO

What I've been doing: working as a research assistant at an environmental non-profit, and as a T.A. in a third grade classroom

Learned: tigers know how to swim

Last time I talked to someone from Carleton: 3 days ago

Future plans: moving to Portland, OR in August

Weirdest experience: learned how to cook

### **Abra Brisbin**

Location: Ithaca, NY

Doing: Studying probability and genetics, working toward a PhD in applied math at Cornell.

Best thing: Hiking alongside a waterfall to get to work every day.

Worst thing: The improv groups and social dance club here aren't nearly as much fun!

Learned: When TAing a class, I'd rather have too little material prepared than too much.

Last Carleton sighting: I visited Northfield at the end of May.

Future plans: Finish writing a computer simulation of genes under natural selection.

Weirdest experience: Eaten silkworms in Vietnam.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: During the first week of classes at Cornell, I ran into two people I knew from Carleton--both of whom are former members of Harriers.

### **Adam Libson**

Location: Austin, TX

Doing: Physics Grad School at UT Austin

Best thing: Being paid to go to school

Worst thing: I'm living in...TEXAS!!!

Last Carleton sighting: This Morning

Future plans: Several more years of Grad School.

Weirdest experience: Worked as a stock broker for 6 months.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: UT Austin Baseball Game

### **Adosh Unni**

Location: Washington, DC

Doing: I was an English teacher for a year in Chile, a paralegal in DC for 4 months (absolutely awful), and now, still in DC, I'm a reporter on medical devices.

Best thing: Being out of that Carleton bubble.

Worst thing: Chilean fleas and DC rats

Learned: How to speak Chilean Spanish

Last Carleton sighting: Today

Future plans: Go to law school in 2007

Weirdest experience: Talked to Brazilian police.

Weird because I knew I shouldn't have.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: On an airplane back from Chile

### **Alanna Degner**

Location: Portland, OR

Doing: Serving as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA member at the American Red Cross doing youth volunteer coordination

Best thing: when I'm not at work my time is totally my own, no studying stress!  
Worst thing: not seeing Carleton friends  
Learned: how to teach home alone safety skills to small children  
Last Carleton sighting: 2005 Carleton graduation  
Future plans: Looking for a job in another non-profit when my year of AmeriCorps service is over  
Weirdest experience: Moved to Utah for a summer...and served as the Red Cross mascot "Disaster Dog"

**Alina Badus**

Location: Philadelphia, PA  
Doing: working on a PhD in Math at the University of Pennsylvania  
Best thing: living in a big city  
Worst thing: having to deal with real life  
Learned: Minnesota people really were very nice  
Last Carleton sighting: this morning  
Future plans: become a famous mathematician  
Weirdest experience: went on a camping trip and actually enjoyed it  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: in front of my house

**Alissa LeRoux**

Location: St. Paul, MN  
Doing: Working as a staff supervisor in a group home for adults with mental illness  
Best thing: Happy Hour(s)  
Worst thing: a serious lack of beer pong  
Learned: Starting to learn sign language  
Last Carleton sighting: This morning  
Future plans: Getting there...  
Weirdest experience: Fired someone

**Alma Mazer**

Location: Birmingham, UK  
Doing: A year of AmeriCorps at a children's museum, now grad school  
Best thing: Owning a coffee maker  
Worst thing: Those recurring nightmares about not having finished my math/science distros  
Learned: Hand puppets can delight or terrify a toddler, but you usually don't know which until it's too late  
Last Carleton sighting: Like 10 minutes ago  
Future plans: TBA  
Weirdest experience: (Inadvertently) provoke an editor of a British dictionary by referring to the

phrase "you've got another thing coming" as a 'malapropism'  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: The Widmer Brothers brewery tour in Portland, Oregon

**Amy Rosenblatt**

Location: Yonkers, NY  
Doing: Working at a residential treatment center for children  
Best thing: No homework  
Worst thing: Having my friends live father away than Goodhue  
Learned: Keeping in touch is a relative term  
Last Carleton sighting: Right now.  
Future plans: Getting married to Andy Nichols in September, possibly going for an MSW at some point  
Weirdest experience: Got engaged  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: My cousin's graduation at Columbia

**Andrew Wild**

Location: Palo Alto, CA  
Doing: Living in Madison, WI after returning from Thailand in the fall  
Best thing: Having friends all over the place  
Worst thing: Having friends all over the place  
Learned: Thai  
Last Carleton sighting: Last week... Yeah, Stoner!  
Future plans: Starting grad school at Stanford this summer.  
Weirdest experience: Trying to sell Barbies and women's clothing on Ebay (not very successfully)  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Madison- A random dinner with only a few friends, one of whom was married to a Carleton grad.

**Anna Noren**

Location: Minneapolis, MN  
Doing: Working for Common Hope, a non-profit based in St. Paul MN  
Best thing: Free weekends.  
Worst thing: Not having so many of your friends in one place!  
Learned: How to sit at a computer for hours at a time. Wait...I did that at Carleton too.  
Last Carleton sighting: Today  
Future plans: Grad school for Urban Planning  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: El Remate, Guatemala

**Aren Wish**

Location: Twin Cities  
Doing: Grad student in Sociology at University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Best thing: My apartment... and air conditioning.  
Worst thing: The people I'm surrounded by aren't always that cool. Oh, and advanced statistics.  
Learned: I forget.  
Last Carleton sighting: 3 months ago  
Future plans: Grad school... for the rest of my life.  
Weirdest experience: Taught undergrads.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: A concert in upstate NY

**Bill Heerman**

Location: Nashville, TN  
Doing: Medical Student at Vanderbilt University  
Best thing: Getting Married  
Learned: All of the nerves in the human body.  
Last Carleton sighting: A couple of months ago.  
Future plans: Finish med school...do long term mission work.  
Anything else: I was married to a wonderful kindergarten teacher from North Carolina on June 17.

**Brandon Murphy**

Location: Santa Cruz, CA  
Doing: Going to grad school at UC Santa Cruz, coming to terms with becoming a Banana Slug  
Best thing: The weather in California. And the food. I hate to be so uncreative but I gotta say ditto on this one, plus living somewhere with more topography.  
Worst thing: California Rent  
Learned: How to ride a motorcycle  
Last Carleton sighting: Lunch  
Future plans: Get married to Julie Nilsen '04 in July and finish my PhD  
Weirdest experience: Attended a beach front wedding on spring loaded stilts, powerizers  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Middle of the Nevada desert at Burning Man  
Anything else: Californians are generally pretty cool but I miss Minnesota nice.

**Brandy Drake** (formerly Rippy)

Location: Denver, CO  
Doing: I took a year off from school and lived in Glenwood Springs, CO, where I grew up. Chris Drake and I got married on September 4, 2004. I

started medical school at the University of Colorado and just finished my first year!  
Best thing: Not studying all the time and getting to spend time with my husband and family. Oh, and the skiing!  
Worst thing: I miss the people, especially the coop where I lived for three of my years at Carleton. I also miss all the green trees. Colorado is very dry.  
Learned: Being an aunt is really really fun.  
Last Carleton sighting: In April. Mac Henry drove through Denver on her way to New Hampshire from Utah.  
Future plans: Finish med school and residency, have some kids. Get out of the city and back to the mountains!  
Weirdest experience: I've been involved in a project with an elderly woman who wants to donate her body to dissection after her death. We are getting to know her before her death, which brings up really interesting ethical and personal questions. I won't work on her dissection, but will have access to the images if I want.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: I ran into Anne Byrdie (I think she was class of 2002) at Whole Foods in Denver. She was only home from France for a month, and ended up coming to my wedding.  
Anything else: I feel very lucky to have had the privilege to be at Carleton for four years. It prepared me so well academically and also mentally for many challenges. After being out in the real world for a bit, I've really come to appreciate what a unique environment it was and how thoughtful everyone is. I miss that. And to everyone at the coop, I miss all the great food! I really hope everyone is well.

**Brendan Themes**

Location: Minneapolis, MN  
Doing: Designing user interfaces for industrial software, writing for [Utne.com](http://Utne.com), and playing in several bands  
Best thing: No homework  
Worst thing: Harder to meet interesting people  
Learned: Fish look bigger in a small pond  
Last Carleton sighting: Last night  
Future plans: Combining my obsessions with music and design into a new hybrid discipline. I'll call it "musign", or perhaps "dusic".  
Weirdest experience: Visit Northfield

Weirdest Carleton sighting: RNC protests in Manhattan  
Anything else: Don't fake the funk on a nasty dunk

**Brett Landis**

Location: Eugene, OR  
Doing: First year after graduation I did my first year of law school at American University. I wasn't a fan of DC (or summer in DC), so I transferred to the University of Oregon, where I've just finished my second year! Last summer, I had an internship with a prisoners' rights non-profit. This year, I'm interning with a juvenile court judge. Next year, as a part of school, I'll be working in the domestic violence clinic, representing battered women in restraining order hearings.  
Best thing: All the new things I've been learning and getting to help people with my internships.  
Worst thing: The closeness and personal touch everything had in Northfield.  
Learned: Torts, Contracts, Property, Evidence, Family Law, etc.  
Last Carleton sighting: A few hours ago. I live with/date a Carl. Also, I go to school with two of them.  
Future plans: Finish up law school. I'm working on figuring out a post-grad job!  
Weirdest experience: Started arranging "playdates" for my dog.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: At a suburban shopping center in Maryland while carrying frozen peas around. (I was icing my back after it started spasming).

**Britt Kringle**

Location: Northfield/St. Paul, MN  
Doing: Working as an Admissions Counselor at Carleton, taking the LSAT and applying to law school, traveling.  
Best thing: I haven't really left yet, but the paycheck is nice!  
Worst thing: Waking up early everyday, being in the office on a beautiful sunny day.  
Learned: That I have a retirement plan. Weird.  
Last Carleton sighting: All day everyday.  
Future plans: Starting Law school at William Mitchell in St. Paul in the fall.  
Weirdest experience: Joined a Mexican soccer league.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The Lennon Wall in Prague or Fort Snelling  
Anything else: Nope.

**Britta Blodgett**

Location: Okatie, SC  
Doing: working as the assistant stable manager on a small island in sc  
Best thing: seeing different parts of the country  
Worst thing: the scattered friends and the lack of good peanut butter in grocery stores in South Carolina  
Learned: how to successfully back up a tractor with a trailer attached and boiled peanuts are not so bad  
Last Carleton sighting: two weeks ago  
Future plans: going canoeing in Canada this summer and then to Greece  
Weirdest experience: go to New Orleans for vacation only to be stuck there in a hurricane  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: nothing comes to mind

**Cassie Thomas**

Location: Seoul, Korea  
Doing: Teaching English to ceaselessly energetic Korean kids, singing in a Korean band, learning the Korean language  
Best thing: Living in a completely different culture has taught me so much about the world and myself.  
Worst thing: The monotony of going to work everyday. Also, I haven't done a keg stand since graduation. What has come of my life!  
Learned: I came to Korea not speaking any Korean and now I can hold a conversation!  
Last Carleton sighting: Two weeks ago drinking tequila shots with Miles McDonough.  
Future plans: I'm coming back to the US in January and from there the possibilities are endless. I think grad school will be in the works for Fall 2007  
Weirdest experience: I ate dog meat. And did some modeling for a really cheesy Korean accessory company.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Bungee jumping in a park in Korea

**Chris Taylor**

Location: Ely, MN

Doing: '04-5/06 Rural health and education for an international development non-profit in Kabul, Afghanistan. Recently started with Outward Bound in Minnesota.

Best thing: Getting to read whatever you want. Having the chance and money to travel.

Worst thing: I miss the Arb and the Canon River, and seeing everyone

Learned: The oddly shaped knitted object we found in CANOE House has an actual function and a name. It is an "Inti-mitt" for couples in the snow (e.g. "[intamitts.com](http://intamitts.com)").

Last Carleton sighting: Gabe Nelson '04 juggling fire in Boundary Waters. Nitin Jain '06 baking chocolate brownies in Kabul.

Future plans: Instruct wilderness courses with Outward Bound.

Weirdest experience: Juggled in a circus performance

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Glenn Tasky, '81 Kabul, Afghanistan

### **Christine Hong**

Location: Sherman Oaks, CA

Doing: Working as a hedging analyst at Countrywide Financial.

Best thing: The weather. Definitely. And working 20 min from Malibu Beach.

Worst thing: LA traffic. Will never get used to it.

Learned: There's a Chipotle in LA

Last Carleton sighting: 3 weeks ago.

Future plans: Enroll in an MBA program in the next year or two.

Weirdest experience: Taken up the game of golf.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: At a Sam Adams brewery tour in Boston.

### **Clark Ritz**

Location: Madison, WI

Doing: Physics grad school at UW.

Best thing: Living with Megan in our own place. I love having a real kitchen.

Worst thing: This nagging feeling that there's no more safety net. That and commuting.

Learned: That you need buttermilk, a pizza stone, and a really hot oven to make the best biscuits.

Last Carleton sighting: Today. Everyday. I married one. Aside from Megan, last week on the bus to work.

Future plans: Graduating (for the last time) and getting a real job.

Weirdest experience: I got my brain scanned for an MRI study. The picture's up on my website.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: A cheese stand at the Farmer's Market on Capitol Square.

Anything else: I miss Carleton, and I miss all the people. I do like my job though, and I'm looking forward to being a real grown-up one of these days.

### **Colin Kippen**

Location: Portland, OR

Doing: I just finished a 1 year program at Oregon College of Art and Craft for a Post Baccalaureate certificate in Metalsmithing and will be working full time for two jewelers in town.

Best thing: Meeting alums in the weirdest places

Worst thing: Not being around 1900 smart and interesting people all the time

Learned: A liberal arts education makes you a jack of all trades but a master of none

Last Carleton sighting: Today.

Future plans: Starting grad school at UCLA this fall.

Weirdest experience: Went on a 9000 mile road trip from Alaska to Vermont and then back West to Oregon.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The middle of nowhere in Alaska.

### **Colleen Miller**

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Doing: Working on a PhD in PoliSci/IR

Best thing: Opportunities to meet more people from outside the 'bubble'

Worst thing: Friends scattered all around the globe

Learned: Arabic, target shooting

Last Carleton sighting: Twenty minutes ago. :-)

Future plans: Teaching mock trial during the summer and more graduate school in the fall

Weirdest experience: Orchestrated security at the United Nations

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Waiting in line for theatre tickets in New York.

### **Cori Sparks**

Location: Seattle, WA

Doing: Managing an acupuncture office

Best thing: Not knowing everyone

Worst thing: Not knowing everyone

Learned: More than anyone should know about health insurance  
Last Carleton sighting: 3 weeks ago  
Future plans: ?  
Weirdest experience: Walked on fire  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Burning Man.

**Damian Winters**

Location: Boston, MA  
Doing: Teaching English in S.Korea and working as a research assistant at the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies  
Learned: A little bit of Korean  
Last Carleton sighting: Last week.  
Future plans: Starting MA program at the UN University for Peace in Costa Rica this August  
Weirdest experience: Ate a live octopus  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: On a random soccer field in Boston

**Daniel MacDonald**

Location: New Haven, CT  
Doing: Working on a master of divinity degree.  
Best thing: Graduate school.  
Worst thing: Dispersion of friends across the country.  
Learned: The song of the wood thrush  
Last Carleton sighting: Last Friday  
Future plans: Graduate school, marriage, kids, retirement.  
Weirdest experience: Sang karaoke at the Java Lounge in Hollywood.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting:  
Anything else:  
Where is the Tau House newsletter?

**David Greenfield**

Location: Northfield, MN  
Doing: Serving as organist at Vang and Dennison Lutheran Churches; working as a retail associate at Kmart in Dundas  
Best thing: Home-cooked food  
Worst thing: I miss seeing my friends daily!  
Learned: How to use a cash register  
Last Carleton sighting: Tuesday  
Future plans: Starting grad school at Dominican University this Fall  
Weirdest experience: Flew to France with my girlfriend  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Airport terminal at Chicago O'Hare.

**David Steussy**

Location: Boulder, CO  
Doing: Working as Lab Asst at the Low Energy Neutron Source in Bloomington, IN. Grad student in physics at University of Colorado, Boulder  
Best thing: My wife ;-). Lindsay Harris (Olaf, '03)  
Worst thing: Trying to find real jobs.  
Learned: How to get up regularly in time to be at work at 8 AM.  
Last Carleton sighting: About a month ago (Kyle Willet, '05)  
Future plans: Maybe get that Ph.D?  
Weirdest experience: Got married ;-)  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Random talk at CU Boulder.

**Ed Kroll**

Location: Eugene / Portland, OR  
Doing: Law school at UO, and this summer, I work for the Multnomah (Portland) DA, prosecuting cases.  
Best thing: Finding out that 4 years of \$30k+ education actually comes in handy...  
Worst thing: Nowhere I go is as pretty as the campus was.  
Learned: Just how much crime actually goes on every day. Unpleasant.  
Last Carleton sighting: During law school, a few people go to UO Law.  
Future plans: Graduate next year and work for a prosecutor's office  
Weirdest experience: Become responsible and productive instead of eating pizza and playing Mario Kart all day.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: One of the judges in our courthouse has a 40-something clerk who went to Carleton.

**Elise Pallais**

Location: Fargo, ND  
Doing: Supervised guys on forklifts in Chicago, now writing/editing for a local free press  
Best thing: No homework!  
Worst thing: Waking up before noon, and commuting during the Chicago rush hour  
Learned: How to get Oprah tickets  
Last Carleton sighting: April 22, 2006  
Future plans: Grad school for journalism

Weirdest experience: Moved back in with mom, and tried a neti pot  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Manhattan  
Anything else: Attention Hubert Alex Cook:  
Send me an email!

**Ellen Tilton**

Location: Aomori, Japan  
Doing: Working as a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) at the Aomori prefectural government.  
Best thing: I've learned a lot and met some interesting people.  
Worst thing: I miss my friends from Carleton...there are a lot of people I haven't spent time with in a long time.  
Learned: Many more kanji than I used to know...how to use keigo (very polite Japanese) smoothly...and a lot about Japanese poetry.  
Last Carleton sighting: At the end of May...was back in the U.S. for a couple of weddings!  
Future plans: Starting grad school in Japanese lit this fall at Yale.  
Weirdest experience: I've had some random interpreting assignments...last month I translated when a Dutch cruise ship docked in Aomori City for the day.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Another Carl--David Hammer, class of 1990, who I had met in Minnesota my senior year--was placed as a CIR in the same prefecture as me. I was really surprised to run into him at the JET orientation in Chicago last summer and find out that we were going to the same place.

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**Emily Brink**

Location: Ine-Cho, Kyoto Prefecture, Japan  
Doing: Teaching Junior High School and Elementary School English in rural Japan.  
Best thing: The flexibility to travel.  
Worst thing: Being away from such a concentration of interesting, intelligent, and diverse people.  
Learned: How to knit and how to carry on a conversation with Japanese first graders.  
Last Carleton sighting: Last Month  
Future plans: Beginning my PhD in Art History and the Humanities at Stanford in the fall.  
Weirdest experience: Hand-planted rice barefoot in the Japanese countryside.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: At Donald Judd's Minimalist art foundation in the middle of the Texas desert.  
Other: I was engaged to Mike Bianco, a fellow intern at the Chinati Foundation, this past year. We have plans to be married in Texas after we receive our Master's Degrees in 2008.

**Emily Crane**

Location: Berkeley, CA  
Doing: I am finishing my first year of Grad school in the Molecular and Cellular Biology Department at UC Berkeley  
Best thing: I love Berkeley, really all parts, including the people in my program and the city, the varied and delicious cuisine, and of course being close to the family once again.)  
Worst thing: I miss it!  
Learned: How much I like San Francisco, and of course all that science stuff, including the absolute best permanent marker to label tubes, contact me for that jewel of information:)

Last Carleton sighting: Last week  
Future plans: Hopfully getting my Phd, check back in 5 years:)  
Weirdest experience: Zip line through the rainforest in Costa Rica (I highly recommend it!)  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Walking around Berkeley, not too weird but remarkably frequent

**Emily Johnston**

Location: Shela, Guatemala  
Doing: I was a Jesuit Volunteer at a community-based clinic in Oakland, CA for a year, then worked as a recruiter for the program for 8 months. I am now spending a couple of months in Latin America working on my Spanish.  
Best thing: Traveling. All over the US and Latin America.  
Worst thing: Paying my own bills.  
Learned: How to use mail merge for mass mailings.  
Last Carleton sighting: Yesterday.  
Future plans: Starting med school at Stanford in the fall.  
Weirdest experience: Run a marathon after only training for 6 weeks.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: A language school for 14 people in the pacific highlands of Guatemala.

**Emily Newman**

Location: State College, PA - as of August '06 it will be New York City  
Doing: getting my MA in art history at Penn State University  
Best thing: travelling some, new places.  
Worst thing: swimming, the people, the classwork, i even miss minnesota and its weather!  
Learned: german, though not very well. and some very amateur cooking skills.  
Last Carleton sighting: August '05 - at two Carls wedding!  
Future plans: getting my PhD in Art History from The Graduate Center at CUNY.  
Weirdest experience: travelled to London for 30 minutes of time in front of the artworks i wrote my thesis on (i went for a week though, so i had plenty of time to do some nice touristy stuff)  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: the mall in DC at a showing of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof  
Anything else: while i've enjoyed grad school as an oppurtunity to throw myself into specialized

research - it has made me miss the community and people at Carleton anymore. and teaching undergrads at a big school like penn state has certainly made me appreciate the learning environment at Carleton - i.e. people actually want to learn! and enjoy coming to class! (worst experience was someone who listened to their ipod while i was teaching a section, I mean, seriously).

**Emily Rose Skinner**

Location: Chippewa Falls, WI  
Doing: working as a Registration Coordinator at Lorman Education Services, a continuing education seminar company...going to Denver, CO for the summer to pursue acting training at the National Theatre Conservatory  
Best thing: It's been a long time since I left Carleton...I suppose the best thing is seeing all of our friends becoming so successful and doing so well  
Worst thing: Being "independent"...haha  
Learned: How to "cook" ...  
Last Carleton sighting: ...on Facebook...as far as actually meeting up, a few months ago. :)  
Future plans: Auditioning for grad schools in the fall for my MFA in Acting  
Weirdest experience: Was the target of a seduction attempt by Darius Rucker from Hootie and the Blowfish  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: A grocery store in Nashville

**Ernest Asp**

Location: New York, NY  
Doing: Working as a Risk Analyst at Bank of America  
Best thing: Having an income.  
Worst thing: The people...I miss you all!  
Learned: Even though the housing market is supposedly cooling off, rent keeps going up!  
Last Carleton sighting: Yesterday.  
Future plans: Maybe an MBA, depending on the opportunity cost.  
Weirdest experience: Co-chaired the DC Alumni Club.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: DC Metro, ok so not that wierd.  
Anything else: This newsletter better be free! I just got hit up by my High School to update the

directory, and they wanted 100 bucks for a copy of the damn thing.

**Forrest Sondahl**

Location: Evanston, IL  
Doing: Grad. School: Computer Science, at Northwestern University  
Best thing: Outside the Carleton bubble (and in some other bubble instead)  
Worst thing: Not as many exciting/interesting happenings going on. And less frisbee.  
Learned: Python scripting language  
Last Carleton sighting: Currently sitting on couch with one.  
Future plans: Getting a Ph.D. would be cool. I think.  
Weirdest experience: Can't think of anything properly suitable. Sad.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: A post-graduation champagne reception in Indianapolis. And I know, it wasn't really very weird.

**Fouzia P Najar**

Location: Chicago, IL  
Doing: Nannying  
Best thing: city life  
Worst thing: having responsibilities. and I miss my ladies.  
Learned: Hmmmm. How to navigate public transportation?  
Last Carleton sighting: like 2 hours ago. They're everywhere!  
Future plans: Get some health insurance  
Weirdest experience: Placating Kathryn by participating in this glorified chain email.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Ok, this wasn't me, but on his way to meet me for happy hour, Logan (Schutts, '03) almost got run down by rage-a-hol driver Greg (Faron, '03) when crossing an alley downtown. Thankfully both survived and made it to the bar.

**Fu Goto**

Location: Washington, DC  
Doing: Worked at UBS as an investment banking analyst until Feb 06, now at the International Finance Corporation (part of the World Bank), working on investments in emerging markets.  
Best thing: DVR!!!! Cell phone. Embracing technology without feeling like a "tool".  
Worst thing: I miss the people and the sense of a

community. I miss feeling safe. I miss being surrounded by intelligent people that are not jackasses. I miss Willis!!!!

Learned: How to mingle with people I barely know (still not that great at it though). How to drink more than one bottle of beer, occasionally.  
Random Excel functions.  
Last Carleton sighting: Last week.  
Future plans: I'm here in DC until at least June '08...after that, I don't know...grad school maybe?  
Weirdest experience: Gone to Azerbaijan, and while there, accidentally took a picture of my boss sticking a dollar bill in a belly dancer's bra.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: At a Nationals baseball game. In a stadium with thousands of seats, I was sitting just a couple of rows away from people I knew at Carleton. Crazy!  
Anything else: If you're ever in the DC area, drop me a line!

**Gabe Nelson**

Location: Wolfville, Nova Scotia  
Doing: Working on a master's degree in Geology  
Best thing: Being homeless and living out of a my car.  
Worst thing: Much fewer goofy people to climb things with.  
Learned: Most Canadians mistake me for a local.  
Last Carleton sighting: This morning in Wasuasa, Wisconsin  
Future plans: Selling out, and working for the man this summer (Mining Company) in Marquette Michigan. Then I think I should move to Scandinavia (after graduating from school in July 2007). Once there I will buy Finland, sell it to the Danes, and use the revenue to create the Nation of Gabe in Northern Canada. In the Nation of Gabe everyone will wear matching jogging outfits, and own small yappy lap dogs.  
Weirdest experience: I've got two, because one is cool weird and the other is weird weird. 1. I worked as a cowboy on a buffalo ranch. 2. Chris Taylor and I got surrounded by the Mexican Military in Baja.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: In Wasuasa Wisconsin  
Anything else: Everyone is welcome to come and stay at my place in Nova Scotia, I may be busy, but I can always make some time to chill with some Carl's.

**Gio Messner**

Location: Los Angeles, CA  
Doing: Trying to put together a movie  
Best thing: A clean apartment.  
Worst thing: An empty apartment.  
Learned: If not now, when?  
Last Carleton sighting: I'm looking at one.  
Future plans: Finish a novel, finish a movie, finish a script, basically just to finish something...maybe dinner.  
Weirdest experience: Lived in an RV for months, and wore an extremely unflattering speedo in Puerto Rico.

**Hannah Norton**

Location: Austin, TX  
Doing: Working at the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University of Texas.  
Best thing: Absolutely free weekends!  
Worst thing: The arb...how I miss it.  
Learned: The beauty of the breakfast taco.  
Last Carleton sighting: This morning  
Future plans: Hoping to get a master's in library and information science at UT.  
Weirdest experience: Started a fantasy book discussion group for middle schoolers at my local library (and I don't really read much fantasy).  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Although I've seen a number of Carleton people, I can't say I've unexpectedly run into any.

**Holly Magdanz**

Location: Minneapolis, MN  
Doing: Served one year as an Americorps member with Admission Possible (Mpls/St.Paul) and now am working for Project for Pride in Living, a non-profit in Minneapolis.  
Best thing: Actually relaxing on weeknights and weekends!  
Worst thing: My massive student loan payments.  
Learned: The "real world" is expensive.  
Last Carleton sighting: Last night. Thank you, Anna!  
Future plans: Grad school in the near future.  
Winning the Powerball would also be nice.  
Weirdest experience: Posed with Roman soldiers at Ceasar's Palace in Vegas.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Aren't they all weird?

**Ingrid Lindstrom**

Location: Burnsville, MN

Doing: Last year I tutored Elementary students in the Seattle, WA area with AmeriCORPS. Now I am working as an Office Coordinator at Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, MN  
Best thing: Having the time and money to own a horse again!  
Worst thing: Missing friends - no more living right next to each other, eating every meal together, etc.  
Learned: You have to make your dreams come true, not just wish for them.  
Last Carleton sighting: This morning - my fiance, Steven Henry, class of 2004 :)  
Future plans: Getting married! Sept. 23, 2006  
Possibly starting grad school for a M.A. in Marriage & Family Therapy  
Weirdest experience: Bought and started training a young horse (a first for me)  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Muddy Paws in Uptown Mpls.  
Anything else: They really should warn graduating seniors about "Carleton Withdrawl" in the working world. Symptoms include loneliness, apathy, and despair over ever finding friends as intelligent, open-minded, and fun-loving or work as challenging, interesting, and meaningful. There's really no place like Carleton. No wonder so many Carls marry Carls! It's one of the few ways of keeping Carleton alive in post-Carleton life!

**Jamie Long**

Location: Washington, DC  
Doing: Going to law school at George Washington University  
Best thing: Realizing that Carls are everywhere  
Worst thing: Not enough snow  
Learned: Quite a lot about contracts, criminals, etc.  
Last Carleton sighting: Today  
Future plans: Have to figure out where I'm headed after I graduate.  
Weirdest experience: Went to a 50th anniversary Knights reunion.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: A street in the middle of Lima, Peru

**Jeff Justman**

Location: Formerly: Weslaco, TX; Currently: Minneapolis, MN  
Doing: Teaching 4th and 5th grade special

education in Donna, Texas, as part of Teach For America.

Best thing: A real job and an opportunity to make a real impact.

Worst thing: The prospect of not seeing my friends from Carleton for another 3 years.

Learned: How to speak a texmex version of spanish horribly without conjugating any verbs.  
Last Carleton sighting: April 30, 2006 in Austin, TX.

Future plans: Starting law school at the University of Minnesota this fall.

Weirdest experience: Spoken french for an hour in front of 12 awe-struck hispanic American students.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: South Padre Island Taco Bell, Spring break, 2005.

### **Jess Rosenblatt**

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Doing: Working towards 3-year MFA in Interactive Media at the University of Southern California's School of Cinema-Television.

Best thing: Food available after 7pm.

Worst thing: Commuting and the lack of weather in Los Angeles.

Learned: How to use a cell phone.

Last Carleton sighting: 30 seconds ago.

Future plans: Finish MFA next May.

Weirdest experience: Go on a field trip to the National Training Center in the Mojave Desert as research for a negotiation game commissioned by the U.S. Army.

### **Jesse Lamarre-Vincent**

Location: Ondangwa, Namibia (Southern Africa)

Doing: Serving in the Peace Corps as an HIV/AIDS Outreach Volunteer.

Best thing: Being challenged by real life problems.

Worst thing: The lack of opportunity for intellectual discourse and creative expression with exceptional peers.

Learned: How to communicate in Namibian Sign Language.

Last Carleton sighting: My brothers wedding (Nathan Lamarre-Vincent, class of '00), where I was best man. Nate Larsen (our class of '04) was also there.

Future plans: Finish my service in Namibia and

find ways to make the world a better place for those less fortunate than myself.

Weirdest experience: Incorporated large dried caterpillars into my diet.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: A small village in Zambia.

Anything else: The world is what we make it, take the time to make it a better one.

### **Jessica Radway**

Location: Kumamoto, Japan

Doing: Teaching English on the JET Program (read: singing the "What's Your Name Song," distributing stickers to kids who can say "My namu is-zu Takeshi")

Best thing: Having a little more free time, and being a little less broke

Worst thing: Not being able to bump into friends wherever I go. And being reduced to a second-grade reading level

Learned: How to achieve perfect milk texture in a latte (from a 2-hour training video, for my first cliched post-liberal arts degree coffee shop job)

Last Carleton sighting: May of this year

Future plans: One more year in Japan, and then something else

Weirdest experience: Had to dance to a Japanese re-mix of "Hey Mickey" along with two dozen cross-dressing PTA dads in a school festival

Weirdest Carleton sighting: I ran into Yam Ki Chan four times during our supposedly separate trips across Vietnam

Anything else: If you ever find yourself in the south of Japan, please let me know! You can sleep on my extra futon

### **Joey Kim**

Location: Fort Lee, NJ

Doing: Business to business sales with T-Mobile USA.

Best thing: Being truly independent financially

Worst thing: not having enough time

Learned: everything about blackberries front and backwards

Last Carleton sighting: yesterday

Future plans: starting at a new job this summer...hopefully a permanent career path in medical consulting

Weirdest experience: read books for pleasure and take drum lessons

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Not really someone

from Carleton exactly, but I did run into Patrick Dougherty (the guy who built the stick installation next to the bald spot) in Ohio and he was wearing a Carleton T-Shirt.

Anything else: I miss Carleton...when's our reunion?

**John Gabrielson**

Location: St. Paul, MN

Doing: Working from the home.

Best thing: I don't have to fly to NJ to see my bride.

Worst thing: Working from the home.

Learned: Don't work from the home.

Last Carleton sighting: daily.

Future plans: Working from the home while attending grad school/seminary.

Weirdest experience: learned that my little brother's dog can open beer bottles.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: In my shower.

**Jonathan Munetz**

Location: Washington, DC

Doing: Teaching English in Japan on the JET Program. Now, looking for a job and a permanent place to live in Washington, D.C.

Best thing: The food in Japan.

Worst thing: Unemployment and that fish out of water feeling when you move to new place.

Learned: A little Japanese.

Last Carleton sighting: Today. I'm temporarily renting a room in the basement of the house of a '96 Carleton alum.

Future plans: Gainful employment in DC in some sort of public policy, international affairs, non-profit or NGO-type of place. Or just a job with a paycheck and some benefits.

Weirdest experience: Eaten raw ostrich.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: On an escalator for the Metro.

**Jorge Silva**

Location: Manchester, UK

Doing: Doing my M.Sc. in Theoretical Particle Physics.

Best thing: The pubs and the fish and chips.

Worst thing: I miss the contact between the students and faculty (and between the students as well).

Learned: How to produce some beautiful-looking reports using

LaTeX.

Last Carleton sighting: September '05.

Future plans: Doing a one-year course at Cambridge (the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Applied Mathematics) and, afterwards, a Ph.D. Weirdest experience: I wore a traditional English outfit (with a top hat) at a wedding.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: I have yet to run into someone from Carleton.

**Joseph Graly**

Location: Encinitas, CA

Doing: Using my geology skills to help in the design of dams and other public works projects.

Best thing: Mountains.

Worst thing: Have to drive to work.

Learned: How to use a helicopter to move a drill rig.

Last Carleton sighting: Over the weekend

Future plans: Can't say...

Weirdest experience: Driven into Canada in a car without license plates.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Nothing comes to mind

**Josh Ourisman**

Location: San Francisco, CA

Doing: Working as a global IT Executive for LEWIS PR, a global PR firm based in London.

Best thing: Being back by the ocean.

Worst thing: Having to wake up at 6:30 every day for work.

Learned: Networking is by far the most important skill you can have.

Last Carleton sighting: Last week.

Future plans: Hopefully moving to Boston soon.

Weirdest experience: Spending 6 hours in a car driving from Madison to Land O Lakes, WI to go to a high school graduation for someone I'd never even met before.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The streets of London.

**Katharine (Riddlebarger) Bond**

Location: Seattle, WA

Doing: I just finished a my Masters in International

Studies at the University of Washington and will be starting law school

in June at Seattle University School of Law.  
Best thing: The weather in Seattle is great!  
Other than that, the best thing about life so far has been becoming an Aunt, getting married, and visiting friends and family.  
Worst thing: Not being as close to so many great people every day. Making new friends has been tough.  
Learned: I've learned a lot of things since graduation. The most important being that comfy nap couches are the best things to have in libraries and that the UW libraries have none. :)  
Last Carleton sighting: This past memorial day weekend, my husband and I went back visiting. Plus, we're part of a Carleton Book Club that meets once a month so we get to spend plenty of time with Carls from all sorts of class years.  
Future plans: Finish law school and become a lawyer. Beyond that, we plan to stay in the Seattle area for as long as we can, possibly forever.  
Weirdest experience: Answer an ad to put paper in the grad lounge printer and suddenly become co-President of the Graduate Council.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Uh...I haven't really gone anywhere weird.

**Katherine (Katie) Jumbe**

Location: Belize City, Belize  
Doing: Peace Corps Volunteer  
Best thing: No school work.  
Worst thing: I'm still poor.  
Learned: How to make guacamole.  
Last Carleton sighting: January, 2006  
Future plans: Ummm...yeah.  
Weirdest experience: Handpicked termites out of my laundry.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: A random bookstore in LA

**Kathryn Brooks**

Location: Los Angeles, CA  
Doing: Just started my PhD in Social Psychology at UCLA. Previously, I was doing research at Stanford.  
Best thing: The weather in California...

Worst thing: I miss you all!  
Learned: How to stare at spreadsheets for hours at a time.  
Last Carleton sighting: This weekend.  
Future plans: Lots of school.  
Weirdest experience: Got certified as a masseuse.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Random Indian restaurant in Seoul, Korea.

**Kathryn Spotts**

Location: New York, NY  
Doing: Teaching middle schoolers as part of Teach For America.  
Best thing: The City.  
Worst thing: Rent.  
Learned: Coffee helps.  
Last Carleton sighting: A couple of weeks ago.  
Future plans: Unknown.  
Weirdest experience: Break up fights.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: At my gym.

**Katie Haldy**

Location: Denver, CO  
Doing: I worked in the Microbiology/Immunology Dept at Stanford last year, and since, have returned to Colorado where I have completed my first year of dental school at University of Colorado at Denver Health Sciences Center.  
Best thing: Living in a bigger city  
Worst thing: No more knowing every single person you pass by  
Learned: I've learned all about teeth!  
Last Carleton sighting: Last week.  
Future plans: Complete dental school - 3 more years to go  
Weirdest experience: Learned all about teeth....  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: At a breakfast place in San Francisco

**Kishan Madamala**

Location: Pasadena, CA  
Doing: Working as a field merchandising manager for Target.  
Best thing: Financial Independence. SoCal Weather.  
Worst thing: No more serendipitous interactions. You've got to "arrange" to meet people.  
Learned: The complete southern California freeway grid.

Last Carleton sighting: Two weeks ago.  
Future plans: Business school in a year or two.  
Weirdest experience: Played bocce ball in the middle of a vineyard.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Dallas - Ft. Worth Airport

**Kristen Hummel**

Location: Cambridge, MA  
Doing: Went to U of MN for a year then moved to Cambridge and started teaching high school math in a town just north of Boston.  
Best thing: Not working as hard on the weekends  
Worst thing: Not having as fun of a social life--I miss being able to go just about anywhere and know at least someone.  
Learned: It's not as easy as I thought it would be to stay in touch with all my Carleton friends.  
Last Carleton sighting: About 5 seconds ago (I live with a Carl.)  
Future plans: Enjoying my summer off (it's good to be a teacher) then hopefully teaching honors calculus to some seniors in the fall.  
Weirdest experience: Gone back to high school--I'm glad I don't have to do that again.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: On the T. (The subway)

**Kristen Randall**

Location: Boston, MA  
Doing: Graduate Student at Northeastern University in the department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology  
Anything else: Best wishes for the class of 2004!

**Kristine Paulsen**

Location: St. Paul, MN  
Doing: Slaving away as head administrative assistant at an architecture and engineering firm in downtown St. Paul, all the while eagerly awaiting my return to school.  
Best thing: The stories I see every day just by riding the bus and observing the myriad people who share it with me.  
Worst thing: My office has no windows!  
Learned: A whole slew of architectural and engineering jargon.  
Last Carleton sighting: Just this morning on the bus to work.  
Future plans: This August I'll be making the trek across the US to move to Missoula, MT where I

will be attending the University of Montana in pursuit of a Masters degree in Photojournalism.  
Weirdest experience: Attended a wedding held in a cave.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: The sky way - but that's not weird.

**Leighanne Law**

Location: Indian River, MI  
Doing: Some travel, some writing, some working at a bookstore.  
Best thing: Living in the woods  
Worst thing: Having to create my own structure  
Learned: How to build a fire.  
Last Carleton sighting: March  
Future plans: Working in Publishing or Travel Writing  
Weirdest experience: Hard to choose, hard to choose, but I think it was living in Florida working at a bar called the Paradise Tiki Hut.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Chicago Airport in the Security Line

**Lizzy Erickson**

Location: Winston Salem, NC  
Doing: Going to graduate school at Wake Forest University for my Ph.D in Molecular Medicine  
Best thing: Independence and experiencing new places  
Worst thing: All of my friends that I miss so much!  
Learned: How to get a mortgage, drive in NC and do a western blot  
Last Carleton sighting: Less than a month ago  
Future plans: Four more years of grad school then post-doctoral work (maybe in DC)  
Weirdest experience: ??? too many to name just one  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Waiting for the metro in DC

**Loren McWethy**

Location: Washington, DC  
Doing: I have been getting really into triathlons lately. I'm doing 2/3rds of an ironman (swim and bike only) with Dave Auerbach in a few weeks! I'm also working as a Program Assistant for Youth For Understanding, a study abroad organization for high school students. I work mostly on orientations for students going to Japan and Finland, which is a

little strange as I didn't know anything about these countries when I started.

Best thing: Getting a paycheck is pretty sweet.

Worst thing: Having all of my wonderful Carleton friends spread all over the world. Also, it is a little daunting to not have a defined path and defined measurements of success/progress like at Carleton.

Learned: How to swim! Andy Clark gets most of the credit for starting me in the right direction.

Last Carleton sighting: Two days ago

Future plans: I'm still working on my future plans. Grad school eventually but I'm not sure what I want to study yet. Perhaps something related to public health.

Weirdest experience: I'm not sure it's the weirdest thing, but I worked at Sawbill Canoe Outfitters for eight months, which was a lot of fun (that's where the Carleton Pre-Frosh canoe trips start!). So I started and ended my time at Carleton in the same place.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Running into people from Carleton is almost a daily occurrence in DC, so it no longer seems weird.

Anything else: If you're ever in DC and want to hang out, send me an email ([loren.mcwethy@gmail.com](mailto:loren.mcwethy@gmail.com)).

### **Lyndsey Kleppin**

Location: Seattle, WA

Doing: Not grad school (yet?). Odd jobs abroad and at home.

Best thing: Mountains, glaciers, oceans and \$10 Easy Jet flights.

Worst thing: Streaking gets you arrested.

Learned: How to: fix espresso machines/ make ice cream using liquid nitrogen

Last Carleton sighting: ie, last time I saw my roommate: this morning

Future plans: Going kayaking. That's it.

Everyone's invited.

Weirdest experience: a tie: teaching college chemistry labs in alaska/ bartending at a club in India with Martha Montgomery '04

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Scalping lift tickets in Montana.

### **Mac Henry**

Location: All over

Doing: Ski patrolling/leading extended wilderness canoe trips/a little radio journalism

Best thing: setting my own schedule and goals

Worst thing: Friends all over the world instead of within 4 blocks

Learned: How to use digital recording equipment, how to ski powder Last Carleton sighting: today

Future plans: Keep paddling.

Weirdest experience: Moved 7 times... its getting old

Weirdest Carleton sighting: National Public Radio

Anything else: Be well, everyone.

### **Maggie Goodspeed**

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Doing: I lived in London for a bit, then came back to the Twin Cities and started working at an architecture firm in Uptown. I'm now spending a third of my time there, a third working at a coffee shop, and a third preparing for grad school.

Best thing: The live music of which I've become accustomed.

Worst thing: Friends are way too far away, though visiting them is a plus.

Learned: Carleton people really are different than most.

Last Carleton sighting: Right now (I work for one.) Last night (was out with one and ran into another.) Every week (for a dinner night.)

Future plans: The Courtauld Institute of Art this fall. I'll be studying British architecture in London.

Weirdest experience: Sang back-up for a friend--one song was called Osama bin Enron. And become a 'bouncer' at the 400 bar...

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Tower of London during a Beefeater tour.

### **Mars Johnson**

Location: Honolulu, HI

Doing: Just finished my first year of law school at the University of Hawaii; Working as a summer associate at Carlsmith Ball LLP on Guam

Best thing: Being warm in January and being near the ocean.

Worst thing: Temp Jobs

Learned: Audio books are great for long road trips AND mind-numbing office computer jobs.

Last Carleton sighting: July 24, 2005

Future plans: To practice law in Hawaii or Guam.

Weirdest experience: I took a picture with Chief Justice Richardson, former CJ of the Hawaii Supreme Court and namesake of our law school,

while I was wearing a skin tight pink dress and cheerleading for a law school alumni women's flag football game. Incidentally, I also met and took a picture with Justice Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court a couple months later...but not in the dress.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: umm...Chipotle?

**Martha Mishkin**

Location: Fairfax, VA

Doing: Worked at the YMCA in the gymnastics/dance department, now working at The Little Gym teaching and managing a kids' motor development/gymnastics program.

Best thing: No homework!

Worst thing: Having to pay rent and feed myself.

And no Ebony:(

Learned: How to do my taxes.

Last Carleton sighting: Last Saturday.

Future plans: Surviving.

Weirdest experience: I do weird things every day.

Today I followed a turtle across a golf course, used an Elmo easter basket as a purse, and impersonated a dinosaur.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: On a Birthright trip to Israel.

Anything else: Can't wait to check in with everyone in 2009! Hope you are all doing well.

**Matt Hooley**

Location: Madison, WI

Doing: Grad school for English

**Michael S. Toce**

Location: Madison, WI

What are you doing now: Working in a hospital lab playing with peoples'

specimens...eeeewwwwww

Best thing: Meeting different people with different backgrounds who have no knowledge of Carleton.

Worst thing: Realizing that working is a terrible way to earn a living.

Learned: A 15lb ball clears out the ten-pin much better than a 12lb ball.

Last Carleton sighting: Everyday. I live with three Carleton Alumni, have two Carleton Alumni squatter friends, and am constantly running into others around Madison.

Future Plans: Starting Bacteriology graduate school in the fall and then hopefully medical

school in the fall of '08

Weirdest experience: Visited Chippewa, WI for a mind expanding adventure and traveled to Hurley, WI to become intimate with a Peep.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The red-light district in Amsterdam.

**Michelle Elkins**

Location: New York

Doing: Working in arts education at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts

Future plans: Getting my Phd in Art History at NYU starting this fall

**Michelle Phillips** (or Michelle Craine now!)

Location: Melbourne, Australia

Doing: Working for a modeling agency.

Best thing: marriage rocks, Melbourne is pretty fun, I love the accent, though now I have it.

Worst thing: The people...I miss you all! and the Arb and the accent (aww)

Learned: All sorts of funny Australian terms

Last Carleton sighting: Lauren Miller came to visit about a year ago around Christmas with a high school friend. Also saw Derek Haars (not a Carl but a Northfield resident) when he was sheep farming in a little town in the middle of nowhere, New South Wales (a diff state). He also stayed with us about a week.

Future plans: Maybe teach in Japan a few years with my husband, maybe move to Europe (he can get an EU passport).

Weirdest experience: my job! getting married to a man I didn't really know that well.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Melbourne Art program in Melbourne. A few years back (senior year?) I was coming home from working at an organic CSA farm and stopped off with the farmer to grab an ice cream at a Dairy Queen and ran into another Carl in our year (sorry I've forgotten your name!) who was there with his family on a long drive home from some family road trip. I was covered in dirt and chicken shit, but it was neat to run into each other.

Anything else: My husband Earl and I are coming to the US from Sept 27-Oct 22, and will be in MN for part of that. Email me to catch up and come to the

wedding reception in Minneapolis! Anyone coming to Melbourne, even if we never hung out? Email me

[michelle.craine@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.craine@gmail.com) and I'll help you out and you can crash with me and my husband or just learn the best pubs. And I really do miss you all...

**Mike Eastman**

Location: Birmingham, UK  
Doing: Taught English in China for one year, grad school for other year.  
Best thing: The food in China.  
Worst thing: The food in England.  
Learned: If you do not understand Chinese and someone speaks very slowly or writes it down for you, you still do not understand.  
Last Carleton sighting: 2 minutes ago, I live with one!  
Future plans: Moving to London to begin work as a street performer.  
Weirdest experience: Argued with a monk over the price of a room at a Buddhist temple on the top of a holy mountain in Sichuan, China.  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: On the streets of Lijiang, China.

**Miranda Roth**

Location: Seattle, WA  
Doing: Graduate student in physiology and biophysics at UW  
Best thing: Not actually leaving school but getting paid to be here  
Worst thing: not being able to walk everywhere i want to go  
Learned: drive stick shift  
Last Carleton sighting: last night  
Future plans: continue on PhD track, keep playing ultimate, keep coaching, hopefully visit Carleton people in Korea and Java soon  
Weirdest experience: drove from atlanta to seattle with my dad in 3 days  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: duisberg, germany

**Molly Patterson**

Location: Yaan, China  
Doing: Working as a teacher (high school, university, adults, little kiddies...I've done it all) in a small town in southwest China for the last two years.  
Best thing: Being totally befuddled, challenged, and feeling out of my element in every aspect of life in a foreign country, and then settling in so that I now feel as comfortable and at home in rural

China as I once did in the safe confines of Northfield.

Worst thing: I haven't seen my family and friends for two years.

Learned: How to bargain like a loud-mouthed old Sichuanese woman, how to teach, how to live without heat or hot water, how to catch rats in my apartment, how to speak the local dialect, and how to ride a bike (finally).

Last Carleton sighting: February, when Fu came to visit!

Future plans: Going back to the States in August, moving to San Francisco, and finding a job.

Weirdest experience: Sung "The Lovesong of Kangding" in Chinese onstage in front of 4,000 screaming fans and discovered that pig brain is one of my favorite foods (two unrelated things, but both weird).

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Doesn't so much happen here.

**Nicki Catchpole**

Location: Los Angeles, CA  
Doing: Working at different jobs in Minneapolis and LA  
Best thing: Sundays are mine! The free time  
Worst thing: Not seeing my friends whenever I want  
Learned: How to drive a forklift and stockkeeping vehicle  
Last Carleton sighting: Today  
Future plans: Move back to MN for a while this fall, start planning for grad school  
Weirdest experience: Work as a supervisor in an industrial supply warehouse  
Weirdest Carleton sighting: Hiking in Runyon Canyon in Los Angeles

**Petek Kalaycioglu**

Location: Brooklyn, NY  
Doing: Public Health Master's at SUNY and program assistant at a non-profit  
Best thing: The city!  
Worst thing: Work and study, yet no money  
Learned: Chinese!  
Last Carleton sighting: everyday!  
Future plans: going abroad soon.  
Weirdest experience: I poisoned a mouse. and killed it.aaah!

Weirdest Carleton sighting: at the ribbon cutting for the non-profit I work for (what a bad sentence!)

Anything else: call me back in 20 years, I'll have more to say.

**Phil Schrader**

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Doing: I attend the Carlson School of Management's Human Resource and Industrial Relations program.

Best thing: Flexibility

Worst thing: Having to attempt to justify / explain to friends and family what I'm doing with my life.

Learned: How to roast coffee

Last Carleton sighting: Roommate is sitting across the table from me. Chris "Biz" Lundberg, class of '05. I also live with Dan "Chapel" Church, also class of '05

Future plans: Planning to marry a carl and help the proletariat do proletarian things.

Weirdest experience: Enrolled in business school.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Doctor's office this morning

Anything else: Don't let Carleton become an East Coast School!

**Rachel Voorhies**

Location: Northfield, MN

Doing: Working as an Educational Associate for the Arts and Exhibits program in the Libe, as well as working as an Evening Supervisor for Loan Services.

Best thing: Having my cat living with me.

Worst thing: Having to cook your own food.

Learned: How to write labels for exhibits.

Last Carleton sighting: Technically, I'm still at Carleton.

Future plans: I'm starting grad school at the University of Kansas this fall.

I'll be studying East Asian Art History.

Weirdest experience: Continued to take classes at Carleton—it's one of the employee perks. :)

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The Wal-Mart Supercenter in Fayetteville, AR.

Anything else: I hope everyone is enjoying their post-Carleton life, and I suppose we'll all be seeing each other in another three years or so for Reunion. Best of luck to you all, and take care.

**Robin Weber**

Location: Austin, TX--a fabulous city that you all should visit!

Doing: Working for various camps and now working for Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

Best thing: a job that sends me on international service-learning trips

Worst thing: in the real world, friends all live much farther than a stone's throw away. Also, fewer people who appreciate good, nerdy, in-depth analytical conversations.

Learned: The value of great supervision at work  
Last Carleton sighting: Memorial Day weekend, when Sabrina Larson came to Austin for a conference

Future plans: Staying at Hillel in Austin for now... eventually, grad school (in non-profit management or something like it)

Weirdest experience: Move to Texas

Weirdest Carleton sighting: can't think of one at the moment

**Sabrina Larson**

Location: San Francisco, CA

Doing: Working at a publishing company in the editorial department. We publish college-level science textbooks.

Best thing: Living in a city, the food.

Worst thing: Missing friends and professors, no summer vacation, missing Carleton in general.

Learned: Working sucks.

Last Carleton sighting: A few days ago.

Future plans: I have no idea.

Weirdest experience: Gone to a conference of the Human Anatomy & Physiology Society.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: I've run into many Carls but not in any places particularly interesting.

Anything else: If anyone is looking for a job in publishing they should email me.

**Sabrina Singh**

Location: San Francisco, CA then New Delhi, India (September 2006)

Doing: Working as the client services coordinator for a non-profit in San Francisco called Women's Initiative for Self Employment. In September I am heading to India through a fellowship with the American India Foundation where I will be working with a women's NGO in Delhi for a year.

Best thing: City life, weekends, time to read books for pleasure.

Last Carleton sighting: I live with two gals from our class!

Future plans: Working in India.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: My house.

**Sally Charles**

Location: Frederick, MD

Doing: Serving a mission in Belize and Honduras for the Mormon church Researching potential Ebola vaccines for the US Army

Best thing: Hammocks . . . mmmmm

Worst thing: Washing my own dishes

Learned: Only in losing ourselves in something much greater can we ever really be found.

Last Carleton sighting: August 2004

Future plans: Med school?

Weirdest experience: Taught Honduran street urchins a new catcall-- "I respect you! I respect you!"

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Street corner in Salt Lake City

Anything else: Just thanks to everybody.

**Sara McIntyre**

Location: Jackson Hole, Wyoming (Grand Teton National Park) soon to be in Santa Monica, California

Doing: Currently I am a graduate student in Environmental Education at the

Teton Science School where I live in an historic log cabin and play with kids outside.

Best thing: Waking up to the Tetons every morning, cutting short bike rides because bison are in the road, tracking wolves while on an everyday hike,

learning about myself and my passions.

Worst thing: I miss my girls [mei, noel, susan, rachel, and marma], but perhaps the worst experience was working for marty birrell in lawrence kansas.

Learned: how to handle birds of prey, waitress effectively, track a wide variety of wild animals, and other general naturalist skills. oh, and i'm a sporadic correspondent.

Last Carleton sighting: Earth Day 2006

Future plans: Moving to Santa Monica, CA to teach middle schoolers science at a rockin' cool private school.

Weirdest experience: played with a raw thanksgiving turkey in order to demonstrate birds' flight muscles [the pectoralis and supracoracoid]

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Earth Day 2006 - I was dressed in tie-dye long johns, an orange boa, and aviator glasses picking up trash on the side of Antelope Flats Road [in GTNP] when Greg Nickerson, a Carl I had never met, drove down the road, hanging out his window, calling my name into crowds of funnily-dressed people. It was fantastic! And Greg is a super person - if you haven't met him, perhaps you should.

Anything else: If you find yourself in L.A. 2006-2007, please look me up. You don't find many Carleton folk in Kansas or Wyoming, but Carleton folk are some of my favorites, so I'd love to see you.

**Sarah Leibson**

Location: Boulder, CO (40 03' 17.25" North, 05 12' 21.50" West, Elevation 5180ft...Gotta love Google Earth)

Doing: I just finished my Master's program in Elementary Education - aka corrupting small children.

Best thing: Finally I'm smarter than the people I'm working with (see above - new career path).

Worst thing: I miss the Las Delicias burritos and unfortunately people don't shower in Boulder either.

Learned: Ha! I didn't really need to be fluent in French after all! And - I'm only slightly more mature than 2nd graders - slightly.

Last Carleton sighting: Last week - Maria CM stopped by on one of her whirl wind journeys.Has anyone not seen her?

Future plans: Well, I'm marrying Sean Bryan (04') this summer because I'm just sick of living in sin. This fall I will be a 2nd grade teacher (Have you read about Ms. Frizzle from the Magic School Bus books?)

Weirdest experience: Sean Bryan

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Their butt.

Anything else: My new favorite joke since Carleton:

A Norsky, let's call him Ole, is driving home after downing a few at the local pub. He turns a corner and much to his horror he sees a tree in the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid it and almost too late realizes there's another tree

directly in his path! He swerves again and discovers that his drive home has turned into a slalom course, causing him to veer from side to side to avoid all the trees. Moments later he hears the police siren and stops his car. Officer Johnson approaches Ole's car and asks him what on earth he was doing. Ole tells his story of the trees in the road when Officer Johnson stops him mid sentence and says, "Fer pete's sakes, Ole, that's yer air freshener!"

**Sarah Ravely**

Location: Burnsville, MN

Doing: Working as a repair technician at a small company that sells & repairs construction laser levels and surveyors' GPS & laser positioning equipment. (See what you can do with a liberal arts education?!)

Best thing: Having cats, and being able to read for pleasure.

Worst thing: Having to commute to an 8-5 job.

Learned: How to solder wires to a circuitboard.

Last Carleton sighting: Today.

Future plans: Keep working here until I can't stand it anymore, and then go for either a Master's of Library Science degree or a tech degree in furniture repair & restoration at Dakota County Tech.

Weirdest experience: Car-tripping back from a wedding in Tennessee, we decided on a whim to take US Route 52 (definitely the scenic route) all the way from northern Indiana to Minnesota instead of taking the freeway.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: I ran into the same person while working 2 different jobs (first I sold him cigarettes while I was a part-time gas station attendant in Nfld. the summer after graduation, and then at my current job he delivered sandwiches to our office manager when he was working for Jimmy John's.)

**Sarah Tilman**

Location: Washington, DC

Doing: Teaching science to eighth graders in DC Public Schools

Best thing: Not having to write so many papers

Worst thing: The people...I miss you all!

Learned: Junior high kids do some crazy (and funny) things

Last Carleton sighting: Last week

Future plans: Continue teaching in DC, at least for

another year

Weirdest Carleton sighting: At an ecological research station in Panama

**Sarah Wong**

Location: New York City for the summer, Virginia rest of the year

Doing: Law student at Washington and Lee in Virginia

Best thing: Definitely the food

Worst thing: I miss Carleton

Learned:

It's possible to pull an all-nighter drinking only water, no coffee

Last Carleton sighting: Last weekend

Future plans: Finish law school

Weirdest experience: I signed up for this shooting club at law school. The first membership email scared me, so I took myself off the list.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Bus stop in Stockholm

Anything else: John Nason (President of Carleton, 1962-1970) is the grandfather of the wife of an attorney I've been working with this summer at Bear Stearns.

**Stefanie Narvey**

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Doing: After graduation I lived in Chicago for a year and got a Master's degree in Medical Sciences at Loyola University, and then I went back to Winnipeg where I just finished my first year of med at the University of Manitoba.

Best thing: Having a relatively large apartment ALL TO MYSELF... loved my roomies but this is grand. And my kitten Bandit, the absolute cutest creature on the planet!

Worst thing: I miss my peeps. And my bar: house party ratio is way too high.

Learned: Most recently, the sublime intricacies of the Pap smear... mmm. Also, importantly, why it's unwise to take a homemade raft and cheap plastic paddles out onto Lake Michigan on a cold and windy day (although I did meet a lot of firemen that day).

Last Carleton sighting: Spring break in Las Vegas/Grand Canyon!

Future plans: You mean besides being in school for the next 6-8 years?

Weirdest experience: This summer I'm working at nursing stations in Coral Harbour and

Sanikiluaq, Nunavut (both on islands in Hudson Bay), enjoying things like 24-hour sunlight, freezing temps in June, 15\$ gallons of milk, and not going for a run because I may get eaten by a polar bear.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Visiting my brother at Duke.

Anything else: My middle brother is going to Carleton next year and I'm so proud and excited!!!

### **Susan Gunn**

Location: Seattle, WA

Doing: Spent a year teaching in Nîmes, France; now living in Seattle

Best thing: The mountains and sailing.

Worst thing: Scattered friends and boring jobs

Learned: Even if you're sick, homeless and friendless in a foreign country, things will work out and be AMAZING.

Last Carleton sighting: January

Future plans: It'll work itself out.

Weirdest experience: Counted cars in every Seattle parking lot

Weirdest Carleton sighting: Block EC3-114 of the King County Jail

Anything else: Ok, I lied. I've never been to jail.

### **Susan Johnson**

Location: Cambine, Inhambane, Mozambique

Doing: teaching secondary school biology as a Peace Corps Volunteer

Best thing: So much time for reading for fun!

Worst thing: Malaria

Learned: How to kill my own dinner

Last Carleton sighting: January

Future plans: Graduate school in Entomology

Weirdest experience: Bounced through the bush in a beat-up truck with a dude I just met to a goat sacrifice for the ancestors with a baggie of live tube worms at my feet

Weirdest Carleton sighting: In my psychedelic malaria prophylaxis-inspired dreams

Anything else: Write to me! It's lonely out here.

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### **Tanner Schieck**

Location: La Crosse, WI

Doing: A month after graduation I moved to Dallas, TX to begin my job with Hormel Foods

and since then I have been transferred to Kansas City, KS and then on to La Crosse, WI. I work in foodservice sales and sell to restaurants, hotels, casinos, schools, etc.

Best thing: No homework and/or studying. Once the work day and work week are over I have the freedom to do whatever I want without the thought of, "I should be studying" in the back of my mind.

Worst thing: Realization that the college days and all the fun and memories that went along with it are over.

Learned: How to be a first time homeowner -- how to search, finance, own, and maintain a house on my own.

Last Carleton sighting: 6/26/06 At a summer league basketball game.

Future plans: My future plans are up in the air but as of now I will continue with my current job until another opportunity arises or I get the itch to look into graduate school.

Weirdest experience: Enjoyed an evening watching a country music concert and line dancing at the world's largest Honky Tonk in Fort Worth, TX.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The parking lot at Kaufmann Stadium while tailgating before a Kansas City Royals baseball game

### **Theresa Graif**

Location: Chicago, IL

Doing: Post-bacc pre-med program; working in prostate cancer research at Northwestern; pretending to be a urologist in front of thousands of real urologists at a urology conference; learning the guitar; irish fiddling; swimming, walking, running -- you know, the usual stuff.

Best thing: Balance

Worst thing: I miss all the things that I never really took proper advantage of while at Carleton - - lectures, concerts, performances, gatherings, etc.

Learned: the bohr effect

Last Carleton sighting: this morning

Future plans: med school, i hope i hope!

Weirdest experience: continued to play beer pong. seriously, who does that after graduting from college? apparently my roommates. they even built their own table.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: they're all over the place here. this place is crawling with them. i did

run into, like, five of them separately and randomly in the course of one evening. Anything else: if anyone is ever in Chicago and wants to play beer pong, we've got a table! (you can't stay in our guest bedroom though, because that's where the kegator is located. yes, we have a kegator.)

**Trevor McNeil**

Location: San Francisco, CA

Doing:

- 1) I'm teaching 8th grade humanities and loving it ([presidiohill.org/classroom/trevor](http://presidiohill.org/classroom/trevor))
- 2) I'm about to finish a certificate of theological studies from Pacific School of Religion
- 3) I did get my teaching credential
- 4) I just got back from a crazy trip (even for me) = 12 countries in 2 months
- 5) In June I got elected to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee ([trevormcneil.com](http://trevormcneil.com))

**Victoria Rehfeld Smith**

Location: Seattle, WA

Doing: Attending law school at Seattle University School of Law, now beginning my 3rd and final year.

Best thing: Having a gritty, quirky, but manageable city at my disposal, I feel as though I am much more independent, much more liberated. I take a few steps and the world is open to me. I don't feel encased in that infamous Carleton Bubble.

Worst thing: The worst thing is that a lot of what I experienced at Carleton has become memories that are quickly being lost, replaced by new information. It seems that my brain can only hold so much. It wasn't a perfect time, but it had its good moments and one can always have regrets - moments could have been better, could have been more plentiful...ah well.

Learned: I've learned a lot about the value of money.

Last Carleton sighting: Not since graduation have I physically seen someone from Carleton, at least that I know about....

Future plans: Graduate from law school, pass the bar exam, become employed, move to a new place every once in a while, keep working on my

comics, learn how to drive maybe..., my main future plan is to Live.

Weirdest experience: I've thus far had two tarot card readings with psychics, quite interesting experiences.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: The only place has been online, if that counts. Good ol' internet.

**Violet Blosser**

Location: South Bend, IN

Doing: working as a construction assistant for Habitat for Humanity.

Best thing: marrying Mike Schorsch (Class of '04).

Worst thing: missing friends.

Learned: how to build a house and how to really get to know a city.

Last Carleton sighting: this morning.

Future plans: find an affordable house/community in the Midwest with the possibility to raise goats and kids and still get around by bike.

Weirdest experience: went to both of my parents' weddings.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: on a train heading from Chicago to Colorado.

Anything else: we'll always welcome visitors who are driving across the country.

**Whitney Dicterow**

Location: Los Angeles

Doing: Getting my masters in Clinical Psychology at Pepperdine University, working as a behavior therapist with children who have autism and ADHD, doing research at UCLA in the marriage and family lab.

Best thing: Being on my own makes me feel like an adult!

Worst thing: Not living within a few blocks of all of my best friends. I miss the feel of the Carleton community!!

Learned: I've discovered how much I love the academic world!

Last Carleton sighting: Yesterday!

Future plans: I plan to get into the PsyD program at Pepperdine University, get my doctorate in Clinical Psychology and start a private practice.

Weirdest Carleton sighting: In Ecuador on the street!

**Thanks to all who contributed!**