Sara Hooker earns
Davis Projects for Peace Grant

Sara Hooker '13 (Belfast, Ireland) has earned a Davis Projects for Peace grant worth $10,000. A double major in political science/international relations and economics, Hooker will utilize the grant to work with a group of low-income urban farmers in São Paulo, Brazil. Urban farming has grown rapidly in São Paulo, according to Hooker, and serves as an important source of income for poorer areas of the city. The project will work with a small group of farmers in the east of the city to create a system of pooling produce so they can supply three larger organic markets around the city. The project goal is to raise the income of the farmers and their families, as well as strengthening ties in the community itself.

“I am so incredibly excited about this opportunity,” Hooker said. She studied abroad in Brazil in 2012 and became involved with some of the urban agriculture efforts in both São Paulo and Florianópolis. “The opportunity to return and work directly with this movement is so meaningful to me, and I am really indebted to the Davis Projects for Peace foundation which has made it possible.”

Carleton has received seven grants since the program’s inception in 2007, impacting six different countries. Hooker’s grant marks the second time a Carleton student will use the funds in Brazil.

Remembering Professor Roy Grow

Professor Roy Grow died on June 16, surrounded by his family at home in Northfield. Grow began teaching at Carleton in 1979, and retired this spring as the Frank B. Kellogg Professor of International Relations. He was known for his great dedication to students, inviting them into his home, leading them to China, and keeping up with graduates all around the world. Roy Grow will be deeply missed by the Carleton community.

“He inspired his students to pursue their dreams, be it ‘love, adventure or money.’
Today we can take comfort in the knowledge that through these adventurous young Carls, Roy’s influence will live on.”

Barry Dols ‘87

Professor Grow received his PhD in 1973 from the University of Michigan after serving in the military as an interpreter and intelligence analyst. He taught courses in Chinese politics, the Vietnam War, international relations, political economy, Marxist thought, and guerrilla warfare and counter-insurgency movements.

Grow specialized in the analysis of trade policy between China, Japan, and the U.S., including advising American and Japanese firms involved in the China market and writing about Chinese enterprises, economic decision making, and Sino-foreign trade. He served as the campus liaison for the Watson Fellowship. He was also a regular guest on MPR’s Midday Program with Gary Eichten.

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Grow spoke Chinese, and led the Beijing off-campus political economy seminar eight times from 1990-2009, taking almost 300 students to China during those trips. He believed that students could learn the most outside the classroom. He took his students to factories and hospitals and encouraged them to talk to Chinese people on the job.

“Love, adventure, money”—Speakers at the April 4 retirement event quoted Grow’s mantra for a fulfilled life. And he always said that money came last. So his former students all over the world posted Facebook photos of themselves wearing backpacks, to honor the professor who inspired them to pursue their passions.

“As a student, I benefited tremendously from his infectious passion, his unflinching dedication to his students' learning process, and the tremendous breadth and depth of knowledge that he summoned to his teaching role,” said Emma Sando ’09. “I remember taking his course on the Vietnam and Iraq wars, a class which continues to shape how I view conflict, policy making, the human experience of trauma, and larger questions of morality and justice . . . Roy had an ability to balance support and understanding, with challenging his students to think critically and deeply about the subject at hand—a formula for learning at its highest level.”

“Teaching . . . was what he was put on this earth to do,” said Mary Lewis Grow at the June 21 memorial service. “He had a great run and he died a happy man.”


Greetings from the Chair

The last year has been one of transitions. By far the most notable was the loss of one of Carleton’s finest professors ever, Roy Grow. In the thirty-four years that Roy served our department and the College, he challenged, inspired, and surprised with his countless “tricks of teaching” as he would say, thousands of students. Quite a few turned out for his “roast” event on April 4 and still more were on campus during reunion 2013 to bid him a final farewell during his memorial service in the chapel. Roy’s wise counsel and keen humor will be missed by all, but most of all by his colleagues.

Our department’s transition continues with the hiring of a new China specialist, Kent Freeze. And although Kent will not immediately replace Roy’s famous Beijing off-campus program, we will soon enjoy two new OCS programs: Dev Gupta will take students to Europe on her Edinburgh-Budapest program in spring 2014 and Tun Myint will launch his Southeast Asia program in winter or spring 2015.

Although the department will continue with transitions this year (including new carpet, paint, technology, and furniture in our 4th Willis lounge!), some things never change like the exceptional quality of the work that our students do year in and year out. This past year was no exception, with several of our majors landing major awards. Like our students, our faculty continue to receive competitive fellowships and awards. Several have also completed major research projects that have culminated in books and peer-reviewed journal articles. The range of activities is vast with papers presented in domestic and foreign conferences and talks given on pedagogy as well as research. To be sure, a highly accomplished group of majors can only become so with the help of highly accomplished faculty.

In the academic year beginning fall 2013, we look forward to a new hire in international relations/security with a possible focus on the Middle East or sub-Saharan Africa. We are excited to welcome new faculty and an enthusiastic cohort of new majors. Some of our transitions have been difficult this past year, but we love where we are and where we are going!

Al Montero, Chair

Gifts can be made to the Roy Grow Memorial Fund, c/o the Office of Development, Carleton College.
Fulbright Fellowships

Two department majors have been awarded Fulbright Fellowships.

Muir McCammon '13 will pursue graduate work in Turkey as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA). She double-majored in political science/international relations and French/ Francophone studies.

By facilitating cross-cultural dialogues last year for Souriya, a partner of the United Nations' Alliance of Civilizations Initiative, McCammon worked with Turkish students and gained a better understanding of the region.

"What's particularly exciting about the Fulbright in Turkey is that I will be able to teach university students and compare a Turkish institute of higher education to Carleton," she said. She also plans to start a poetry exchange between her students in Turkey and her high school's creative writing students in South Carolina.

Molly Rapaport '13 plans to do research in Burkina Faso on the impact of polygamy on female economic autonomy. Rapaport will work with the almost entirely female-dominated shea butter collectives to better understand women's economic freedom. She double-majored in political science/international relations and French/ Francophone Studies.

Rapaport credited her study abroad program in Mali led by Professor Chérif Keïta as an important influence on the development of her project. In Mali, she first learned about the different types of polygamous familial structures, which sparked her interest in their effects on women, financially and socially.

The Fulbright United States Student Program is the largest United States exchange program offering opportunities for students to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. It selects recipients based on qualities including academic record, personal qualifications, language preparation and advancing the Fulbright aim of promoting mutual understanding among nations through engagement in the host community.

Lee Sigelman Prize

Charles Nathan '14 was awarded the 2012-13 Lee Sigelman Prize in Political Science for his paper "Political Perspectives on Political Philosophy: The Politically Thymotic Perspective of the Republic." He wrote the paper for POSC 350 Ancient Political Philosophy, taught by Professor Larry Cooper.

The Sigelman Prize is awarded for the best political science paper written by a POSC or POSI major before the end of the junior year. During his distinguished career as a political scientist, Lee Sigelman (Carleton Class of '67) was renowned for his scholarship, leadership and wit. He was the editor of the discipline’s flagship journal, the American Political Science Review, 2001-2007.
New faculty & courses

Kent Freeze is our new tenure-track professor in international relations and political economy. He will teach *Methods of Political Research* and classes on inequality, political economy of China and Chinese politics.

Kent Freeze earned his PhD at Duke University. His dissertation, developed from field research experience in rural China, explored the intersection between the politics of inequality and behavior: Why do citizens have the preferences they do over government redistribution and how do governments respond to those preferences? He is also active in other research projects involving measuring the nature of citizen-elite democratic linkages, and the calculation of empirical measures of vertical and horizontal redistribution using the detailed income survey data of the Luxembourg Income Study.

He has taught at Wesleyan University, Wake Forest and Duke University. He supervised DukeEngage in Beijing, an undergraduate service abroad program that placed undergrads at a school for the children of migrant workers on the outskirts of Beijing. Professor Freeze is fluent in Mandarin.

Commander Jon Olson will teach *The U.S. Intelligence Community* this fall term as a visiting instructor. His course will cover the entire spectrum of the U.S. Intelligence Community, including the intelligence cycle; the many collection capabilities; the role of policymakers; intelligence oversight; budgeting; and the ethical and moral dilemmas of things like spying, covert action, interrogation, counterintelligence, and drone operations.

A retired commander in U.S. naval intelligence, he served combat tours in Afghanistan and Bosnia, as well as an operational rotation in East Timor and sea duty assignments off Somalia and Iraq. An intelligence officer by trade, during his career Commander Olson was assigned to the Navy Staff at the Pentagon where he was charged with rebuilding the U.S. Navy’s Human Intelligence (HUMINT) service; an operational tour assigned as the Senior Intelligence Officer with an amphibious squadron staff based in Japan; a staff tour at U.S. Special Operations Command supporting the U.S. military’s special operations units where he also earned his naval parachutist qualification; and his final tour as U.S. Naval Attaché in the Defense Attaché Office at the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland. Jon Olson retired from the U.S. Navy in March 2011.

John Sullivan, Benedict Distinguished Visiting Professor of Political Science, will teach *Political Psychology of Presidential Foreign Policy Decision Making* this fall. The course will examine the intersection of politics, personality and social psychology as applied to the analysis of U.S. foreign policy, exploring such questions as: How do personalities of political leaders affect decision-making? How do processes of group decision making affect outcomes? How do individual differences in social and political perception shape elite decision-making?

One of America’s leading political psychologists, Professor Sullivan is the founder and co-director of the Center for the Study of Political Psychology at the University of Minnesota. He is the co-author of six books and dozens of scholarly articles. His book *With Malice Toward Some* won the best book award from the Political Psychology section of the American Political Science Association in 1995.

Carleton President Steve Poskanzer will teach a three-week course this fall: *Legal Issues in Higher Education*. The seminar will explore pressing legal and public policy issues facing American
colleges and universities. Since the Supreme Court will rule shortly on a major affirmative action case, the class will examine how college admissions are shaped by legal principles. The course will also address ways in which core academic values (e.g., academic freedom; robust exchanges of ideas; the creation and maintenance of a community based on shared values) fit or conflict with legal rules and political dynamics that operate outside the academy. Likely topics include campus speech, faculty tenure, intellectual property, student records, and student discipline.

Paul Petzschmann will teach Political Philosophy, Issues in Post Modern Political Thought and Marxist Political Thought. He is the Robert A. Oden, Jr. Postdoctoral Fellow for Innovation in the Humanities.

Professor Petzschmann has taught at the University of Cape Town and at Oxford University where he obtained his PhD in the Department of Politics and International Relations. He is interested in the intersection between international relations and political thought as well as modern intellectual history. He works on the history and theory of the state and state bureaucracies in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and their role in constructing administrative states in post-war Germany and the post-colonial world.

Seniors honored

Members of the class of 2013 were honored at the Political Science Department Senior Dinner on May 28 and at Honors Convocation:

Molly Curtiss was awarded the Scott Tyler Bergner Prize. It was established in 1978 and is awarded each year to a member of the senior class who has an outstanding academic record and who has demonstrated excellence of thought and character. The prize will be used to further the pursuit of excellence.

Sara Hooker was awarded the Stimson Prize, founded in 1873 by Carleton Trustee Rev. Henry A. Stimson to encourage public speech. It is awarded to the student who contributes most to the quality of debate or public speaking at the College.

Fue Lee was honored with the Technos International Prize. It is awarded each year to a graduating senior with a record of academic excellence and an interest in promoting international understanding. The prize is balanced by a similar award given by Carleton to a student at Technos International College in Tokyo.

Brian Spisiak was awarded the Philip H. Niles Prize in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, which was established in 2001. A brilliant teacher and dedicated scholar of the social history of medieval England, Philip Niles taught at Carleton from 1967 until his retirement in 1998. The prize was established to honor his contributions to medieval studies and to Carleton, and is awarded for the best short essay in any relevant field.

Sophie Pilhöfer was awarded the Pat Lamb Award (established in 1994 by former students, colleagues, and friends of Patricia A. Lamb, Professor of the Department of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation 1962-1994). The award is given annually to an outstanding senior female athlete who has achieved athletic excellence and a high level of academic achievement.

Danielle Smogard was awarded the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The Carnegie Endowment conducts programs of research,
discussion, publication, and education in international relations and U.S. foreign policy. The Junior Fellows Program at Carnegie Endowment is designed to provide a substantive work experience for students who have a serious career interest in the area of international affairs. Each year, Carnegie holds a rigorous national competition to select 8-10 graduating seniors to serve as research assistants.

Sara Hooker was awarded the Davis Projects for Peace award, a $10,000 prize to students for projects that promote peace anywhere in the world during the summer of 2013. Through a competition on 85 campuses, 100 projects are selected for funding. (See full article on p. 1)

Muira McCammon and Molly Rapaport were awarded Fulbright Fellowships. These fellowships are granted each year to American citizens for graduate work abroad. (See article on p. 3)

Membership in the national honor society Mortar Board was bestowed upon the following students:

- Amber Bushey
- Jung Hyun Kim
- Vanessa Kim
- Rachael Klehm
- Kendelle Heid
- Connor Lane
- Devin Holewinski
- Muira McCammon

This national honor society recognizes students who have combined distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service to their colleagues and the College community.

The following seniors were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa:

- Amber Bushey
- Muira McCammon
- Molly Curtiss
- Claire McGillem
- Peter Duggins
- Molly Rapaport
- Jung Hyun Kim
- Brian Spisiak
- Vanessa Kim
- Julian Wyss
- Rachael Klehm

This national honorary scholastic fraternity was founded in 1776. The Carleton chapter was established in 1913 and elects its membership from students who rank in the highest 15 percent of their graduating class and meet other criteria.

Distinction in the Senior Integrative Exercise (Comps) was awarded to the following students:

- Erik Anderson, for his paper, “Understanding Negative Agenda Power and Political Parties in the Legislative Process.”
- Molly Curtiss, for her paper, “Making Islam the Solution: The Influence of Islam on HIV Prevention and Treatment Programs.”
- Yuvika Diwan, for her paper, “Decentralize Now, Recentralize Later: Institutional Change, Local Actors, and Rural Development in Northern India.”
- Peter Duggins, for his paper, “Dictatorships for Dummies: Understanding Political Dynamics and Decision-Making in Authoritarian Regimes.”
- Jonathan Hillis, for his paper, “Empowering Small Groups to Overcome Collective Action Problems: The role of strategic information in driving sustainable decisions.”
- Jacob Hoerger ’14, for his paper, “The Structure of Bacon’s Scientific Revolution.”
- Devin Holewinski, for his paper, “Trojan Horse in Manhattan: The High Line, Post-Industrial Mega Projects, and the Neoliberalization of Urban Development.”
- Satchel Kaplan-Allen, for his paper, “Dollars for Democracy: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Democratic Governance Aid as a US Foreign Policy Strategy.”
- Carin Postal, for her paper, “Development as Gender Equality: Fitting Women into the Discourse of Incentives and Processes of Tanzanian Development.”
- Brian Spisiak, for his paper, “Architect of Architects: Cartesian Ethics and Platonic Virtue.”
- Taryn Trujillo, for her paper, “Teaching Men to Fish: Tocqueville on Combatting Poverty in a Democratic Society.”
- Julian Wyss, for his paper, “Muslim Mobilization in Mali: An Examination of Religious Social Movements and Underdevelopment.”
2012-13 Student Departmental Advisers Danielle Smogard and Andrew Tiano were recognized for their service. SDAs advise first-year students and others about course offerings and the major.

Departmental Curriculum Committee Members Yuvika Diwan, Devin Holewinski and Semira Mohammed were recognized for their service. The DCC evaluates curriculum, advises on requirements, organizes departmental events, and generally serves as the formal voice of students in all Department affairs (e.g., hiring).

Faculty activities

Barbara Allen was awarded a Hewlett Mellon Fellowship to direct a feature documentary about the lives and work of Nobel Laureate Elinor Ostrom and Vincent Ostrom.

Professor Allen was part of a program at Resources for the Future (Washington DC) on media representations of science, focusing on climate change, February 6. She spoke about how information is framed and what we know about cognition, evaluations of risks, learning, opinion formation, and decision making as these points relate to media representations of science/climate change (referencing the Carleton Election Study in her discussion).

Barbara Allen and Stephan Zweifel, professor of biology and head coach of men’s tennis, presented “Harvesting Our Mistakes” at a Learning and Teaching Center program. They discussed the things they wish they had done differently over the years and what they learned in the process.

Professor Allen was honored for 25 years of service at the April 2013 Employee Recognition event.


Professor Cooper became the director of Ethical Inquiry at Carleton (EthIC) and introduced a year-long seminar, “Windows on the Good Life.” The theme of the seminar in its first year was Love and Human Flourishing.
Mihaela Czobor-Lupp was awarded a Hewlett Mellon Fellowship to work on a book manuscript entitled, *Good and Bad Imagining: The Slumber of Creative Imagination Produces Monsters*.


Professor Gupta gave a Carleton Connects webinar on social media’s role in protest movements.

Richard Keiser delivered a lecture "Tempering Overdrawn Conclusions from the 2012 Election Cycle" at the UCC Church in Northfield, in November, 2012.

Professor Keiser also presented a paper entitled "All Politics Is Not Local and the Difference It Makes: Direct Democracy and Stadium Financing in San Francisco and Minnesota" at the annual conference of the Urban Affairs Association in San Francisco, in April, 2013.

Greg Marfleet and Al Montero were presenters in the Learning and Teaching Center program “Involving Students in Faculty Research: Values and Costs.” They discussed the challenges of determining exactly when and how to involve students in faculty research. With the new focus on faculty/student collaboration in Carleton’s Strategic Plan, it is more important than ever to share best practices and to weigh the benefits and costs of working with students throughout one’s career.

Professor Marfleet presented a paper titled “Can Balancing Work” at the International Studies Association Annual meeting in San Francisco in April.

Al Montero and Kathryn Hochstetler of the University of Waterloo, have had their article titled, “The Renewed Developmentalist State: The National Development Bank and the Brazil Model,” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Development Studies*.

Professor Montero presented "The Brazilian Turnaround: A Serious Country at Last?" at the Perlman Learning and Teaching Center in April.

Professor Montero participated in an LTC panel discussion, “More Foreign Languages in Less Familiar Places: Building Students’ Language Skills and Confidence Across Carleton’s Curriculum.” Panelists discussed Foreign Language Across the Curriculum (FLAC) and how foreign language work can play a role in pursuing curricular goals.

Professor Montero was honored for 15 years of service at the April 2013 Employee Recognition.

Tun Myint’s new book, *Governing International Rivers: Polycentric Politics in the Mekong and the Rhine*, was selected by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as one of their suggested readings.

Professor Myint was appointed to the editorial board of *TRaNS: Trans-regional and -national Studies of Southeast Asia*, a journal published by Cambridge University Press. Myint and Brian Lambert ’09, presented a paper titled,
"Government Types and Sustainability," at the 2012 Annual Joint Meeting of International Studies Association-Midwest, Central Slavic Conference (CSC), and Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) on November 2 through 4 in St. Louis.


He chaired a roundtable on the 2012 American elections at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in April.

Professor Schier was named the Swedish Institute for North American Studies (SINAS) Fulbright Chair at Uppsala University. The Chair, which is the only one of its kind in the country, is jointly financed by the Swedish Fulbright Commission in Stockholm and Uppsala University. It entails teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in American Studies, broadly defined, and tutoring students within the grantee's area of research. His appointment is from January to June of 2014.


Professor Schier is president of the Presidents and Executive Politics section of the American Political Science Association.

Kim Smith’s major publications this year were a review of *The State of the World* series (in *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*) and a book chapter, co-authored with Susan Pearson, on the development of the animal welfare state (in *Statebuilding from the Outside In: Agency and Institution Formation between Reconstruction and the New Deal*, ed. Carol Nackenoff and Julie Novkov (U Penn Press)). She also led the ACM SAIL Workshop “Regarding Animals,” in July 2012 (along with a couple Lake Forest colleagues). She was an invited speaker at the Political Theory and Animals Workshop at New York University in February. Professor Smith is on the Board of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences.

Patricia Cavanaugh, Visiting Assistant Professor, was quoted in an August 13 *MinnPost* column on transportation planning in the Twin Cities. Marlys Harris refers extensively to Prof. Cavanaugh’s “Politics and Freeways: Building the Twin Cities Interstate System,” a monograph written for the Center for Transportation Studies and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the U of MN. [http://www.minnpost.com/cityscape/2013/08/highway-battles-past-can-offer-southwest-lrt-solution](http://www.minnpost.com/cityscape/2013/08/highway-battles-past-can-offer-southwest-lrt-solution)

Visiting Instructor Alex Von Hagen-Jamar was a panelist in a May LTC/QuIRK discussion, “Quantitative Reasoning in Context,” a discussion of how and why QR is integrated into various disciplines, and how different assignments contribute to the institutional QR learning goals.
Majors recognized

These Political Science Department majors (Classes of 2014 and 2015) were recognized at Honors Convocation in May.

Mortar Board: Courtney Dufford ’14, Jacob Hamalian ’14, Alexander Siemers ’14

Phi Beta Kappa 2nd Year Prize: Jacob Hoerger ’14

Carleton Social Justice Internship: Bailey Rose Ulbricht ’15 and Samuel Feigenbaum ’14

The Strang Prize: Gabriel Rudin ’14

Larson International Fellowships: Richa Sharma ’14 and Kyohei Yazawa ’14

The Initiative for Service Internships in International Development: Madeline Crowell ’14 and Julia Walters ’14

Jonathan Paradise Israel Experience Fund: Madeline Ulanow ’15

Morris K. Udall Scholarship: Courtney Dufford ’14

David Maitland - Robert Will Prize: Zoey Gold ’15 and Bailey Rose Ulbricht ’15

Technos International Week Fellows: Bradley-Anne Naing ’15

Creating Rewarding Educational Development Opportunities: Carly Davidson ’15

Stewsie Sustainability Award: Courtney Dufford ’14

Class of 1963 Fellowship: Berett Wilber ’14

Richard T. Newman Family Fund for Language Study Internships: Bailey Rose Ulbricht ’15

Carleton Toni Award in the Arts: Julian Pozniak ’14 and Kyohei Yazawa ’14

Writing Portfolio Recognition: Jeffrey Berg ’14, Jacob Hoerger ’14, Anna Jarman ’14, Erik Madsen-Bond 14, and Nelson Wolf ’14

Dale and Elizabeth Hanson Fellowship in Ethics: Jacob Hoerger ’14

Alumni news

1981

Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, Chair, Political Science Department, De Anza College, & Member, Board of Trustees, Peralta Community College District: I recently served on the steering committee of the successful San Jose Minimum Wage campaign in 2012 and am now focused on campaigns in Berkeley and Oakland. Grassroots organizing is a central characteristic of my work—as a community college teacher at De Anza College in Cupertino, CA; as a faculty union leader; on the boards of the Alameda County Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus, the Wellstone Democratic Club and the CA State Democratic Party Central Committee; as a local elected official on the Peralta Community College Board since 2004; and as an environmental activist. Last year I spearheaded my faculty labor union’s student internship project. I have also initiated numerous “Campus Camp Wellstone” student organizer trainings for the De Anza and Peralta campuses.

1982

Ruth Katz, Irvington, NY: I’m now the Coordinator for the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG). NESAWG is a twelve-state network with over 500 organizations participating throughout the Northeast. www.NESAWG.org

1985

Eric Larson, General Counsel, St. Paul Port Authority, St. Paul, MN www.sppa.com

1988

Bruce Bonnett, Los Angeles: In the spirit of Carleton grads following unconventional paths, I continue to use hypnosis & hypnotherapy to help clients with all kinds of issues. Right now, I am focusing on the use of hypnosis to boost the immune systems of patients with cancer and Alzheimer’s. I teach at two hypnotherapy colleges. And, I still get to use my Harvard Law training in my second three-year term as President of the Hypnotherapists Union for the US (part of the AFL-CIO); in that capacity, I monitor and try to influence legislation that might affect hypnotherapists. And, I
love watching Carleton poli sci grad Jonathan Capehart regularly on MSNBC!

1990

Allison Keeley, East Stroudsburg, PA: Last year I accepted a position as the head volleyball coach at East Stroudsburg University. Currently pursuing a MA in International Relations. If you are passing through the Poconos, please look me up!

1992

Christine Popoff, Assistant Director for Human Resources, Oregon Department of Corrections, Salem: I was asked to assume the lead for Human Resources after serving as the superintendent (warden) at Columbia River Correctional Institution and the South Fork Forest Camp about nine months ago. This is a new challenge and I miss being a superintendent. Been with the DOC for 16 years now!

Masami Tamura, Director, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Funabashi, Chiba, Japan.

1995

Max Stein, Boodell & Domanskis, LLC, Chicago: Have now been practicing law for almost 12 years, doing commercial litigation. Recently left a large firm for a smaller firm and am continually amazed at how much I enjoy the differences. Now I find that my new colleagues and I are regularly able to help people on a variety of issues and I am quickly developing a good roster of satisfied clients.

1996

Michael Zwirn, Director of Resource Development, Adeso, Washington: I am putting my International Relations degree to good use again, directing US fundraising and external relations for Adeso, a Kenya-based humanitarian assistance and development NGO. In June-July 2013, I spent a month seeing Adeso’s field sites in Kenya, Somalia, and South Sudan—truly some parts of the world I would have never had the chance to visit. It's exciting to be back in the international sphere after a period focused more on domestic work. In August 2013 my work got me to Minneapolis and I was able to catch up with some Carleton friends. www.adesoafrica.org

1997

Erica Froyd, Associate, Lewis-Burke Associates, Washington, DC: Enjoying my current position at a small government relations/consulting firm that specializes in research and education issues. We only work with non-profit and university clients, and I focus on the National Institutes of Health funding and policies. I live in Arlington with my husband and two boys. We have lots of family and friends in Minnesota and plan and hope to visit soon!

1998

Leif Brottem, Technical Consultant, Tetra Tech-International Development, Madison, WI: In January 2014, I'll be returning to a poli sci department for the first time in 15 years when I start as an Assistant Professor of Development Studies and GIS at Grinnell College. www.leifbrottem.net

Michele Villinski, Hiram L. Jome Professor and Associate Professor of Economics and Management, Co-director of the Environmental Fellows Program, DePauw University: My 10th grader is starting to look at colleges and it’s fun to see that from the other side of the table. Both my kids are active on academic and sports teams (especially soccer) so those activities occupy a lot of family time. Last year I was named Indiana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). http://www.depauw.edu/news-media/latest-news/details/29189/ Life is busy, good, and fulfilling on both the work and home fronts!

1999

Alden Mahler Levine, the Carter Center, Atlanta: After over 5 years at CNN, I have taken a really exciting new position at the Carter Center working on their democracy programs in Tunisia. (I’m still based in Atlanta.)
Megan Clymer Haddock, International Research Projects Manager, The Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, Baltimore: I am currently working on a USAID sub-grant to establish Nonprofit Management courses in universities in Kyrgyzstan, which is challenging and interesting. Scott Haddock '00 and I had a son—Jack Arrowsmith Haddock—December 6, 2012.

Kelly Hallberg, Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research, Chicago: I earned my PhD last spring in Human Development and Social Policy from Northwestern University and returned to working full time at the American Institutes for Research where I lead education policy studies and program evaluations.

Shanna Kirschner Hodgson, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA: My husband Rob and I welcomed our daughter, Eve Taylor Hodgson, on August 24. We haven't started reading her the poli sci classics yet, but probably next week! Carleton class of 2035?

David Strandness, Associate, Internet Strategy & Litigation Group, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Palo Alto, CA: My wife and I recently moved to Silicon Valley, and I joined the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where I am specializing in Internet privacy law. Before I started work, we spent a month in Thailand, Cambodia, and Japan eating great food, learning to scuba dive, and having a fun time.  

Ariel Tesher, Legal and Policy Advisor to Commissioner Ann McCabe, Illinois Commerce Commission: Melissa ('99) and I remain quite happy in Chicago. Our daughter, Daphna, is now 4, and she brings us immense joy. Daphna is thrilled—as are we—to welcome a new baby sister on or about the beginning of September. We have enjoyed watching our other Carl friends grow their families over the past year, and we can’t wait to have our children play together on the Bald Spot during reunion. I’m now a year in to my transition from the private sector to the public sector, and so far it’s going well. Melissa is working hard as an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Chicago. Come visit us in Chicago if you find yourself in the neighborhood.


Jamie Long: Recently moved back to Minnesota to be District Director for U.S. Representative Keith Ellison.

Colleen Miller Adler, Associate, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, VA: On 1 January 2013, I was promoted from Senior Consultant to Associate within Booz Allen Hamilton's Socio-Cultural Development Center, where I support a variety of government clients. In March, my husband and I welcomed our first child, a daughter.

Jon Eichten, St. Paul, MN: I just completed a second legislative session as Legislative Director for the State's newly-consolidated information technology agency, MN.IT Services. MN.IT now has a staff of roughly 2,100 employees serving over 70 state agencies, boards and commissions.

Nathan Kennedy: In May I finished my Master’s at The Fletcher School at Tufts University, focusing on international development policy and management. As of late August, I’ve moved to DC to start at Plan International USA, an international NGO, helping manage their global protection and education programs.

Kate Knutson, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, St. Olaf College: I finished my Master of Theological Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School a year ago.
moved to Minnesota to start a job at St. Olaf (!) in August 2012. I live in St. Paul and enjoy running, cooking, and seeing Carleton friends.

**Seth Lippincott:** This fall, I will begin my graduate studies at The Fletcher School at Tufts University, where I will be pursuing a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy.

**Robert Nachtsheim,** MBA Candidate, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business Washington: I recently finished my first year of my MBA program. In between my first and second years, I interned in corporate banking at JPMorgan Chase in New York City.

**Andrew Navratil,** Academic Dean – STEM, Amistad Academy Middle School, New Haven, CT: In July I accepted a new job as the Academic Dean for math and science at Amistad Academy, a public charter school in New Haven. Amistad was the founding school in the Achievement First network of schools—"no excuses" charter schools that serve low-income students.

**Lucas Sokol-Oxman:** This is a photo of my latest swearing-in as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer in Jamaica. It is taken at the U.S. Embassy in Kingston with the other Response Volunteers who arrived with me, as well as our supervisors and the Country Director for Peace Corps Jamaica. To my left is the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy. I'm in the center.

**Benjie Tarshish,** Tarshish Cody, PLC, Chaska, MN: After graduating from Carleton, I attended law school at William Mitchell in St. Paul, MN and became licensed to practice law in Minnesota and Illinois. I then started my own firm with another attorney and our firm has grown a lot in the past two years. I live in Minneapolis and am currently dating the love of my life of 2 1/2 years, Eugenia Shmidt. She lives in Rochester, MN, which gives me the opportunity to drive through Northfield often.

**Michelle Deeter,** Chinese Teacher, Harrogate Ladies College: I've just finished my Master’s degree in Translation and Interpretation at Newcastle University. Now I teach Chinese to young girls in the UK and translate Chinese-English in my free time.

**Nicholas Netland,** Bloomington, IN: Completed the Global MBA program at the Sungkyunkwan Graduate School of Business in Seoul.

**Alex Zuckerman:** Started law school at Washington University.

**Helen Ashton,** Atlanta, GA: Just started my first year at Emory University School of Medicine!

**Brian Lambert:** I will be attending University of Arizona's School of Government and Public Policy this fall as part of their PhD program.

**Daniel Matthews,** Milwaukee, WI: After a year abroad in Spain as a Fulbright Fellow and two years of service with College Possible in Saint Paul, I am starting my Masters in Nonprofit Administration through the Trinity Fellows Program at Marquette University. I am also excited to begin working with the Centro de la Comunidad Unida, a nonprofit
serving the Latino community in Milwaukee, as Volunteer Projects Liaison. To top it all off, I will be living with a fellow Carl—Jon Isaac ’12. Should be a fun two years!

Alexander Popper, Agency Strategist, Google, San Francisco

Andrew Snyder: After working for political ad guru Bill Hillsman ’76 at North Woods Advertising in Minneapolis for the past two years, I’m starting a Masters in Public Policy this fall at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

2011

Trevor Hill, Project Finance Analyst, SunPower Corporation, Richmond, CA: Returned from Ecuador in early 2013 after a year teaching English with WorldTeach in Quito and started as a project finance analyst at SunPower in Richmond, CA in May. http://us.sunpowercorp.com/

Grace Strome: I just moved to Washington, DC to start a new job at the White House.

2012

James Beck, Academic Consultant, AIC Education, Chengdu, Sichuan, P.R.C.: The summer sun is fading, ginkgo trees yellowing, and last year’s students are starting their respective international student orientations as a part of the incoming class of 2017. I work at an education technology company where my primary position is providing writing training and college consulting to students intending on studying higher ed in the US. This year, two of my students will be heading to Carleton! I also was able to start a few projects, one which led me to a rural northeast Sichuan Province town (called 镇龙镇, Dragon Town) where a few students and I organized a two week summer camp for local students and high school students from larger eastern cities.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of this job has been the continued learning from my very intelligent and humorous students, as well as by nature of being a foreigner in southwest China.

Now as an educator myself, I am humbled by the dedication, guidance, and mentorship I received from my own professors while at Carleton. They are not forgotten though, as I have attempted to emulate my favorite moments and classes in my own teaching styles.

Anyone have advice about graduate programs in political science?

Bill Brinkman, Associate, L.E.K. Consulting, Boston

Marina Gazel, Nonprofit Outreach & Partnership Coordinator at GiveMN, St. Paul: My amazing VISTA year of service with GiveMN is up on December 1, 2013. Looking for another job in the Twin Cities!

Kathryn Schmidt: From August 2013 to August 2014 I will be doing a service year program in Tucson, Arizona to gain experiential education in the immigration justice field. I will be working with an organization called BorderLinks to focus on educational outreach and awareness in the Tucson community as well as lead delegations down to the border and on migration paths through Mexico to expose US citizens to a more comprehensive, firsthand understanding of immigration issues. Additionally, mid-September to mid-October of this fall I will have an exhibit of some of my travel photography up at the Northfield Arts Guild if you’re in the neighborhood and would like to check it out!

2013

Yoni Blumberg: After graduation I’ll be going to Rwanda for 8 weeks with a social entrepreneurship education organization, ThinkImpact. I’ll be living with a family in a rural village and working with a team of community members on developing a small business aimed at meeting a need in the community (using asset based community development).
Peter Duggins: I will be working as part of a research group, The Johns Hopkins University Center for Advanced Modeling in The Social, Behavioral, and Health Sciences. CAM brings together leading scientists in the field of agent-based computational modeling, from fields including epidemiology, computer science, psychobiology, evolutionary modeling, geographical information systems, cognitive decision science, behavioral economics, and experimental psychology. I will continue expanding my political science research entitled "Evolving Governance" by adding depth, sophisticated evolutionary algorithms, and empirical analysis to my model. After a year in Baltimore, I will probably go to grad school to get advanced training in computer science and/or political science in pursuit of a career in computational social science.

Satchel Kaplan-Allen: I have been accepted to serve in the Peace Corps as an education volunteer beginning this coming winter.

Charu Kulkarni: I will be doing a Master's degree in Social Sciences at the University of Chicago, and my focus for the program will be modern South Asian history.

Sana Rafiq: I will be working on the World Development Report for 2015 at the World Bank in Washington, DC.

Doil Wang: I am employed by Samsung Electronics. I will be working in the marketing team in the IT and Mobile department.