Staff news...

We are pleased to welcome back Linda Iltis as Undergraduate Adviser for International Studies, Canadian Studies, Comparative Religion, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, and South and Southeast Asian Studies. Linda returned in Winter Quarter from Ghana, where she and her husband Ter Ellingson, Professor of Anthro. and Ethnomusicology, led a study abroad program last fall (see article at right).

After her brief stint advising students in International Studies and Canadian Studies during Autumn 2003, Betsy Bridwell is back to her regular duties as Career Services Director. Max Savishinsky, Assistant Director of the Latin American Studies Program, also advised students in Latin American Studies, Comparative Religion, and Jewish Studies while Linda was away.

Jim Donnen remains Student Services Director and Undergraduate Adviser for China, Japan, Korea, and General Asian Studies, European Studies, and the Honors program.

Anna Berdick continues as part-time Secretary Senior, handling textbook ordering information, faculty desk copy requests, program flyer revisions, and LAS and REECAS course lists.

Kristin Wintersteen, Secretary Senior, will be leaving Student Services this summer to begin a Ph.D. program at Duke University in the fall.

Graduate Program Assistant Paula Milligan has successfully completed another year of graduate admissions and is looking forward to welcoming our new students this fall.

Mary Ann Curtis, the FLAS Coordinator, congratulates the 2004-05 awardees. She recently changed her office hours to Mon. & Fri. 1-6 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 12-5 p.m.

The Student Services staff bids a fond farewell to former student assistant Malin Mao, who graduated in March 2004. She plans to travel to Cambodia and Thailand with her family this Spring. We happily welcome our new and incredibly efficient student assistant Sarah Slezak to our office!

Drumming up Religion and Identity in Ghana

From August to December 2003, Professors Linda Iltis (JSIS) and Ter Ellingson (Anthropology and Ethnomusicology) led a group of twelve students on a new foreign study program to Kumasi, hosted by Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST). Living side by side with West Africa’s largest market in Kumasi, students from a variety of majors participated, ranging from Law, Society and Justice, to Sociology, to Music, CHID, Anthropology and JSIS. Linda and Ter taught a joint course on Religion & Identity and Urban Anthropology, focused on the Ashanti region. In addition to taking electives in Music, Art, Ethics, Politics, Culture and Literature with KNUST senior lecturers, students conducted individual research projects in the community. Claire Suni (Law, Societies & Justice) and Annika Rudback (Int’l Studies) teamed up to do a project about HIV/AIDS awareness, based on an internship with the Office of Social Welfare that provided them the opportunity to conduct interviews with a wide range of HIV/AIDS victims. Ghana Radio interviewed them live on World AIDS Awareness Day. Lucas Braden (Int’l Studies) visited a Liberian refugee camp and did a life history project about a Liberian refugee, and the effectiveness of development projects in maintaining national security. Susan Heller (Comparative Religion and CHID) teamed up with Rachel Fergusson (Anthropology) to interview KNUST faculty and students about the concept of home from a cross-cultural perspective and published an anthology of narratives. Other projects included a study of drum and xylophone making (Miki Sugahara, Music), a study of a northern village for accused witches (Danielle VonLehman, Int’l Studies and Comp. Religion), Adinkra fabric symbols (Sara Blankenhorn, Philosophy), Akan proverbs and ethics (Leif Moa-Anderson, CHID), the trans-Atlantic (cont’d on p. 8)

AFRICA CONNECTIONS!

From the revival of the African Studies program to exciting student and faculty research in Africa, JSIS maintains its connections to the continent. See this page and inside for Program News and descriptions of research and travel in Africa by JSIS Students Colin Baynes, Vincent Gonzalez, and Annika Rudback...

Professor Daniel Chirot Researches Ethnic Conflict in Africa

During the past year, Daniel Chirot, Professor and Chair of the International Studies Program, has been a consultant for CARE in the Ivory Coast. In April and May, 2003, he conducted a political analysis of the civil war for the organization. After interviewing some 150 people in both the rebel and government zones, Dr. Chirot proposed various projects aimed at further reconciling the two sides and avoiding a repetition of some of the ethnically- and religiously-based killings that have taken place since the start of the war in September 2002. He returned to the Ivory Coast in October and November, 2003, to help in the initial implementation of some of these projects. Fortunately, the World Bank has agreed to provide funding for some pilot projects in and around Bouaké, the rebel capital. He returned again in February and March, 2004, to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the pilot projects, and also to explore the possibility for additional projects near the Liberian border, where some of the worst massacres and fighting took place as the civil wars in the Ivory Coast and (cont’d on p. 8)
African Studies Program Revived

During Winter Quarter 2004, the African Studies Program (formerly Program on Africa) restarted with financial support from the Jackson School, the Dean of Social Sciences, and the Graduate School. Interest in the new program is strong as evidenced by the 35 faculty, staff, students, and community members who attended the relaunch meeting in early February. The meeting’s discussion focused on how build to a program that would be outward-looking, concerned with making connections between academic departments and professional schools across campus, and between people working on Africa-related issues in diverse geographic locales. The discussion revealed the wide array of Africa projects already taking place across campus, including Marine Affairs research in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, an undergraduate study abroad program at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana (see story on p.1), the African Studies Reading Group that meets here in Seattle on a bi-quarterly basis, and the Brown Bag Series held on Fridays this quarter.

Over the next year, the Program will focus on strengthening the African Studies minor and securing additional financial support. The African Studies Program is chaired by Lynn M. Thomas (Associate Professor, History). Adam Taylor (M.A. student, Evans School of Public Affairs) is the Program’s graduate research assistant for Spring Quarter. Please stop by the Program Office in Thomson 302D or e-mail africa1@u.washington.edu to learn more about the African Studies minor and other Program activities.

Southeast Asian Studies Program Expands Language Opportunities

The Southeast Asia Center is pleased to announce an expansion in Tagalog (Filipino) language instruction: funded by the Center and offered through the American Ethnic Studies Department, courses will be offered at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels during the 2004-05 academic year. (See the UW Time Schedule for details.)

PROGRAM NEWS

Japan Studies in Transition

Professor Kozo Yamamura, the Job and Gertrud Tamaki Professor of Japan Studies, retired in August 2003 after 32 years of teaching at the University of Washington. A search for a new Tamaki Professor is ongoing. Also retiring in 2003 was Professor Susan Hanley, who left both UW and her position as co-editor of The Journal of Japanese Studies, which is housed at UW. Professor Marie Anchordoguy, chair of the Japan Studies Program, is now co-editor of the journal.

Japan Studies has hosted a variety of events during this transition period. The Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation made possible a distinguished lecture series, the Tateuchi Lecture, titled “The Changing Dynamics of U.S.–Japan Relations,” which began in May 2003. The first lecturer was former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Thomas S. Foley. On May 19, 2004, the second annual Tateuchi lecture will feature Lester Brown, President, Earth Policy Institute. The Program has partnered with the Japan-America Society to present former U.S. ambassadors to Japan and former Japanese ambassadors to the U.S. In association with the JSIS Comparative Religion Program, in November 2003 the Japan Program presented a colloquium on “Religion, Conflict, and Violence in Japanese History and Society.” In February 2004, Chalmers Johnson spoke about his latest book, The Sorrows of Empire, and issues of U.S.-Japan relations in the 21st century. The 30th anniversary of Okinawa’s reversion to Japan was commemorated with a series of lectures and a UW Libraries exhibit of Okinawan textiles.

In April, Japan Studies, in partnership with China Studies, presented the “Sino-Japanese Relations Lecture Series” with speakers from University of California, Santa Barbara and Princeton University. Japan Studies continues to collaborate with off-campus community partners, such as the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle. Along with TDA, we will welcome Don Westmore, President, American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, who will present a briefing on Japan’s economy on May 4.

More information online at: http://depts.washington.edu/japan.

Korean Studies Program Growing

The Korea Program has received its first installment of $250,000 of its $500,000 endowment grant for a position in Korean history from the Korea Foundation. The UW has promised to open a position in Korean history once the $1 million mark has been reached, and with a $125,000 matching grant from the UW and a successful ongoing community fundraising effort led by Ick-whan Lee, the program aims to achieve this by 2005.

The Program has also been happy this year to have available not only Wonmo Dong, our Korea Scholar in Residence, but also Intaek Han (Ph.D., Berkeley), our Korea Research Foundation Assistant Professor, and Ha Yong-chul, Visiting Professor from the Department of Foreign Relations of Seoul National University. Also, Scott Swaner will begin next year as Assistant Professor of Korean Literature in the Asian Languages and Literatures Department. A recent graduate of Harvard University, Dr. Swaner’s specialty is in modern Korean poetry and its relationship to Korean politics.

Latin American Studies News

After the retirement of Latin Americanist historians Dauril Alden, Charles Bergquist, and Carlos Gil last year, Latin American Studies is pleased to report that the History Department has successfully recruited two new specialists in Latin American history. Ileana Maria Rodriguez-Silva (Ph.D. 2004, University of Wisconsin-Madison), whose work focuses on identity in post-emancipation Puerto Rico, and Adam Warren (Ph.D. 2004, UC-San Diego), whose work focuses on colonial Andean Peru, will begin in Fall 2004. Although their course plans have not yet been announced, we are sure that their much-needed expertise will contribute greatly to the History curriculum—a fundamental component of the LAS major. We also welcome former LAS Assistant Director Gigi Peterson as well as Amy Caldwell de Ferias, both of whom will return this summer to teach History Courses (see the UW Time Schedule for details).
A message from the Jackson School Student Association...

The Jackson School Student Association (JSSA) seeks to enrich the educational and social experiences of Jackson School Students by hosting a number of events each quarter. Aside from the regular dinners and social nights, this quarter we are hosting a lecture series, “Development in Action,” organized by Academic Vice President Colin Baynes. During Spring Quarter we are holding regular office hours for the first time, and we hope you will turn to us as a resource (see schedule below).

This month we will also be holding elections via email for next year’s JSSA officers. The deadline for candidate submissions is Monday, April 26 at 5 p.m. Voting will commence on that day and end on April 29 at 5 p.m. Be sure to cast your vote!

Another upcoming event to keep an eye out for is the infamous end-of-the-quarter student-faculty softball game. The date has not yet been determined, but will likely fall near May 30. More information on this event will be forthcoming via e-mail and postings on bulletin boards in Thomson Hall. The JSSA office is located 124 Thomson. E-mail jssa@u.washington.edu for more information.

2003-2004 JSSA officers:
- Elliott Peacock, President
- Russell Everett, Social Vice President
- Colin Baynes, Academic Vice President
- Brenda Higashimoto, Secretary
- David Howard, Treasurer
- Ansley Lacitis, Fundraising Director
- Vanja Stejić, Public Relations Officer

Spring Quarter office hours:
- Mondays: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 12:45-2:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

New LAS Program in Costa Rica

During Winter Quarter 2005, the Latin American Studies Program will offer a new study abroad program in Costa Rica, to be run by Assistant Director Max Savishinsky in collaboration with the Comparative History of Ideas (CHID) Program. The program will be open to students from all areas of study but is particularly suited to LAS and CHID students, offering them the chance to earn credits toward their degree requirements while improving their language skills, pursuing experiential learning opportunities (internships), and getting first-hand experience in one of the hemisphere’s most important geographic, demographic and political crossroads. Any UW student who has successfully completed a 200-level Spanish course at the UW is eligible. Applications are due May 28. For more information on the Costa Rica program and other opportunities, visit the newly-redesigned LAS webpage: http://sis.artsci.washington.edu/programs/latinam/index.html

JSIS Scholarships

The Fosseen Endowed Scholarship pays in-state tuition for an undergraduate in any JSIS program; citizens, residents, and international students are eligible.

Three Japan Scholarships are available: the Murakami Scholarship of $1,000 for graduates or undergraduates in Asian Studies (Japan) or Japanese Language and Literature; the Kozo Yamamura Scholarship of $500 for graduates and undergraduates whose studies focus on Japan (Social Sciences); and the Beckmann Scholarship of $500 for undergraduates in Asian Studies (Japan). The Mitsui (USA) Scholarship of up to $2,500 for educational expenses is available to a selected graduate or undergraduate student in any JSIS program (applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents).

APPLICATIONS for the above five scholarships are available in Tho. 111. DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2004.

2004 Jackson School Commencement and UW Commencement

The Jackson School Convocation will be held Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the HUB. Majors and graduate students in the Jackson School’s programs who graduated in Autumn 2003 or Winter 2004, or who have applied to graduate in Spring or Summer 2004, will receive an invitation in the mail in early May.

Undergraduates intending to graduate in August and hoping to attend the JSIS Convocation should apply to graduate no later than May 15.

During the Convocation ceremony, program chairs will comment briefly on each graduating student in attendance. Your program chair will only be able to acknowledge you if we know you are coming, so be sure to RSVP and pick up your tickets from the Student Services office no later than May 21 (tentative date—see invitation for confirmation). This is a ticketed event! Each student will be allotted five tickets for guests.

Students who graduated in Summer or Autumn 2003, Winter 2004, or who applied to graduate in Spring or Summer 2004 by April 16th are also eligible to participate in the UW Commencement ceremony. This ceremony is entirely separate from the JSIS Convocation. Commencement will take place on Saturday, June 12, in Husky Stadium. For those planning to attend, cap and gown reservations must be made online between May 3rd and 21st. Please see the Commencement website for complete information about the event and registration procedures: http://depts.washington.edu/commence/
Jackson School Student News

Here’s a glimpse of what some JSIS students are up to—and we’re sure there are many more whose latest news we haven’t heard. Congratulations to all on your successes!!

UNDERGRADUATES

Gabriela Condrea (Int’l Studies and Italian), who will graduate this June, will participate in Teach for America beginning in the fall. For the next two years she will teach in an inner-city school in Philadelphia, PA. Teach for America is a great option for graduating Seniors who are committed to public service. For more information, please see: http://www.teachforamerica.org/

Ben Dunlap (Int’l Studies) has been tutoring and mentoring a group of students from Honduras through the Youth Opportunities Movement Program since October 2003. Administered through the UW Pipeline Project, the YO! Program connects Ben and three other tutors with a group of Honduran students in West Seattle. The tutors work with supervisor Marta Lemberg to help the students complete high school courses, apply for internships and scholarships, and improve their English skills in order to be better equipped for navigating life in the U.S. For some of them, English is their third language after Garifuna and Spanish. Ben feels that his experience with the YO! Program has been very fulfilling and has flowed naturally from his previous work as a tutor for the English Department Writing Center. Since the YO! Program is of particular interest to Latin American Studies and International Studies majors, Ben hopes that in the future other students with a genuine interest in Central America will fill in and improve on his work as a tutor with these students. He will have a hard time moving on when he graduates this June! For more information on the Pipeline Project, please see: http://www.washington.edu/uwired/pipeline/index.html

Annika Rudback (Int’l Studies) traveled to Ghana with the Jackson School-Ethnomusicology program organized by Linda Illits and Ter Ellingson in Autumn 2003, and as a result she developed a love for experiencing cultures foreign to her own and the incredibly infectious travel bug! Annika also became interested in working in the field of HIV/AIDS, especially on the international scale. Upon her return she began volunteering at the Lifelong AIDS Alliance in Seattle and interning with the grant writer at Planned Parenthood in hopes of combining these experiences in a future career. This fall she will be able to indulge her craving for traveling and helping others when she travels to Delhi, India to work with The Sharan Society, an organization that advocates for women living with HIV/AIDS. Who knows what kind of adventures these experiences will lead her to next!

Jarod Krisman (Int’l Studies) attended the two-day Occidental College Global Affairs Conference in February 2004, held in Los Angeles. This year’s topic was “Bush and the Post-9/11 World.” The conference is designed to encourage undergraduates from around the U.S. to engage in discussions of global affairs with international relations experts.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Athena Bertolino (Int’l Studies) was offered a summer internship with the United Nations Environment Programme in Jamaica.

Karam Dana (Interdisc. Near & Middle East Studies) participated in a five-week long seminar focusing on sustainable development in the Middle East and North Africa in June 2003. The seminar was organized by the University of the Middle East Project, based in Cambridge, MA, and was held in Toledo, Spain. Karam completed his M.A. in Middle East Studies in Fall 2003 and is currently working on his Ph.D. in the UW’s Interdisciplinary NME program. This summer he will teach the intensive first-year Arabic class offered by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization.

Alexandra Bird (Middle East Studies) will complete her M.A. this June, and this fall she will attend the London School of Economics to begin working on her Ph.D. in International Relations.

BONDERMAN RECIPIENTS

Vincent Gonzalez (Int’l Studies and CHID) was awarded the Bonderman Honors Travel Fellowship, which he will use for travel in Latin America and West Africa: “Tracing the path of the Beat: A Trans Atlantic Exploration of Percussion, Memory, and Culture—Puerto Rico, Cuba, Brazil, Ghana.”

Amy Piedalue (South Asian Studies and Women Studies) was awarded the Bonderman Honors Travel Fellowship. She will use the award to travel throughout Latin America—from Mexico to Argentina—to explore the notion of “global citizenship.”

For information on the Bonderman Honors Travel Fellowship (available to undergraduate Honors students), see: http://depts.washington.edu/uwhonors/current/bonderman/index.html

Graduate fellowships are also available by departmental nomination only.

MARSHALL SCHOLAR & FINALIST

Jennifer Devine (Int’l Studies and Geography) has been awarded the Marshall Scholarship and will begin graduate school at the London School of Economics next fall, focusing on gender and development studies. Aside from her work as a research assistant in the Geography Department, she has worked extensively with the UW Center for Women & Democracy and has received numerous other awards and recognitions for her scholastic achievements.

Rian Jensen (Int’l Studies) was a finalist for the Marshall Scholarship this year. Rian has conducted research in Albania for the U.S. State Department, work which will also be useful in completing his Honors thesis this Spring. He has also participated in a number of internships and research projects with organizations such as the U.N., the OSCE, the National Bureau of Asian Research, and the Washington State Model United Nations.

For more information on nat’l scholarship competitions: http://www.washington.edu/students/ugrad/scholar/
Colin Baynes (Int’l Studies & CHID major and JSSA Academic Vice President) has received several awards this year. He was awarded a Mary Gates Leadership Grant for organizing a Spring Quarter discussion series entitled “Development in Action.” The series seeks to provide a forum in which internationally-oriented undergraduates can receive inside perspectives and advice from visiting experts in the fields of human rights, public health, environmental affairs, and political advocacy. For his Honors thesis, with the support of a Mary Gates Research Grant and an Undergraduate Research Award, Colin will study refugee displacement in Burma and Thailand during the Summer of 2004. He also plans to volunteer for community based organizations on the Thai-Burma border, for which he won the Undergraduate Research Award. Finally, Colin has received the Nelson Mandela and Graca Machel Scholarship for a project in which he will travel to Uganda next fall, where he will work for a health communications NGO to help establish a clinic in a region that hosts over a million internally displaced people.

Joanne Ho (Int’l Studies major and Mary Gates Scholar) won an Undergraduate Research Award. This summer she will travel to Yangjuan, China, to study the roles of women in Nuoso society, and also to Rach Gia, Vietnam, to investigate historical and environmental impacts of the Vietnam War on two remote villages.

Monya Kian (Int’l Studies) received a Mary Gates Research Grant for conducting research on immigration in France. Her work seeks to understand the roots behind the racism that is projected towards North Africans in France. Last quarter Monya also held an internship at the King County Prosecutor’s Office, for which she received a George Taylor Internship Fund Award. She has been working with Professor Daniel Chirot of JSIS here on campus.

Jeff Markley (Asian Studies: Japan) will go to Japan with the Japanese Government Monbusho Scholarship after graduation. In October he will begin his work as a graduate research student at Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan.

Riley Newman (Int’l Studies) received a Mary Gates Leadership Grant for his work as captain and president of the Men’s lacrosse team.

Eliott Peacock (Int’l Studies major and JSSA President) was awarded both a Research Grant and a Leadership Grant from the Mary Gates Endowment. His research took up issues related to nongovernmental participation in multilateral negotiations, and the funding allowed him to attend two negotiations within a U.N. agency setting international food standards. He has co-authored conference room documents, helped to formulate negotiation interventions, and published several articles on the subject with his mentor, Professor Philip Bereano (Technical Communication). For his leadership project, with Jim Donnen’s support, he has developed an initiative dubbed Student Action Network, which is designed to empower students to engage academic, professional, and socially active communities in promoting the development of professionalism and internationalism.

JSIS also congratulates these other award recipients for Spring and Summer 2003: Maria Antonov (Int’l Studies and French), who received a Mary Gates Research Grant for her participation in the Summer Institute for Arts & Humanities; Amy Piedalue (South Asian Studies and Women Studies), for her Mary Gates Research Grant; and Gazelle Samizay (Int’l Studies and Art), for her Mary Gates Research Grant.

For more information Mary Gates Grants, see: http://www.washington.edu/ousr/mgr/. The Undergraduate Research Award is administered by the Dean’s Office in the College of Arts and Sciences.
The U.W. Center for Career Services in Mary Gates Hall is the main point of contact between students and employers on campus. Job interviews are held throughout spring quarter; part-time, full-time and summer positions are posted on the web site (http://depts.washington.edu/careers). Be sure to register with the center in order to take advantage of all their services. Counseling and general advice on career planning, resume-writing, and job search skills are available; and check out the library of information that is maintained there.

The Jackson School Office of Career Services provides assistance with internationally-focused internship and employment opportunities. Check the bulletin board in Thomson 111 and the binders in Thomson 208. Although the deadlines have passed for many summer internship programs, there are still opportunities available, especially if you are able to accept a volunteer position. It’s not too early to be thinking about fall quarter as well.

Congratulations to the most recent internship fund awardees!

George Taylor Internship Fund:

Beth Janis (Canadian Studies) worked at the Canadian Consulate during Summer 2003.

Monya Kian (Int’l Studies) worked in the Domestic Violence Unit of the King County Prosecutor’s Office during Winter 2004.

Katrina Wiant (Int’l Studies and Latin American Studies) is an intern at Radio Sol, a local Spanish speaking radio station.

Dorothy Fosdick Internship Fund:

Jodi Charles (graduate student in Int’l Studies and Public Affairs) will be working on developing an NGO resource center in Myanmar this summer.

Summer Starr (Int’l Studies) plans to intern this summer for the Democracy and Governance Working Group at InterAction in Washington, D.C.

GRADUATING? Join the UW Alumni Association and JSIS Alumni!

Those of you graduating this year are eligible to receive a one-year complimentary membership in the UWAA. Members can continue to use the library system and other UW facilities; they also receive information on alumni news and events and are eligible for a variety of discounts. Go to www.UWalum.com and click on New Grad Info in the lower left corner to see all the current information for upcoming graduates.

The Jackson School Alumni group, an affiliate of the UWAA, has been reactivated by an enthusiastic group of last year’s graduates. They have already planned a couple of well-received events and have created a website to keep people connected. The organization is looking for others interested in getting involved and would love to hear from you. If you are graduating and planning to stay in the area, consider joining the Board!

Happy Anniversary to JSIS Alumni!

Looking back on the first year of JSIS Alumni, there are many things to feel great about! Not only did we become an official chapter of the University of Washington Alumni Association, we threw an amazing graduation party with over 100 Jackson School students in attendance, hosted various pub nights around the University District, and held a sold-out career event. We currently host a list-serve with around 90 subscribers and many Jackson School Alumni have given our website great reviews. Now that JSIS Alumni is in full swing, we are looking ahead and designing new ways to serve current Jackson School students and alumni. On the horizon are various ‘piggyback events’ which would give JSIS Alumni the opportunity to meet with visiting lecturers in an intimate setting before or after their scheduled talk and a mentorship program that would link current students to alumni working in a field related to international studies. Current students can expect to see us in their classrooms this May, when we launch our annual membership drive. The first year of membership is completely free! We will also be hosting another awesome graduation party this May, when we launch our annual membership drive. The first year of membership is completely free! We will also be hosting another awesome graduation party this year, so be sure to check our website for details at: http://www.washington.edu/ alumni/clubs/jsis.html.

We would love to hear your suggestions and feedback as we plan for next year. Please e-mail us at jsis_alumni@u.washington.edu if you are interested in getting more involved. Also send us an e-mail if you are interested in subscribing to our list-serve and receiving updates on our events and other items of interest to Jackson School graduates. We look forward to hearing from you!

Wishing you all an amazing Spring Quarter,

Hannah Cavendish-Palmer
Founding Co-President

JSIS Job and Internship Information via E-mail...

Because so many announcements now come by e-mail, the best way to keep on top of all current job and internship listings and career-related events is to subscribe to Betsy’s e-mail listserve, the “JSIS Job and Internship Information Service.” To subscribe, send an e-mail to listproc@u.washington.edu. Skip over the subject line, and in the body of the message, on one line, write:

subscribe JSIS-JIIS Your Name
**ALUMNI NEWS...**

**Brook Adam**, Int'l Studies, 2003, is currently in France working as an English Teaching Assistant through the French Ministry of Education program.

**Phillip Ayoub**, European Studies BA, 2003, was inspired by his trip to Italy to start his own business, Caffe Roma, in Castle Rock, WA.

**Katarzyna Baginski**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is an Intelligence Officer in the USAF; **Lisa Bennett**, Latin American Studies BA, 2003, has the same position in the US Army.

**Paul Beatty**, Int'l Studies BA, 2001, is a Diplomatic Security Special Agent for the U.S. Dept. of State, now stationed in the US Army.

**James Brewczynski**, REECAS MA, 2001, was selected as a State Dept. Fascell Fellow at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

**Hannah Cavendish-Palmer**, Int'l Studies BA, 2003, started a new position as an Event Coordinator at the WSU King County Extension, organizing events around local and international food security.

**Dan Chong**, Korean Studies MA, 2003, is a foreign affairs analyst at the Department of Energy working on technical cooperation with the IAEA on nuclear safeguards.

**Erin Chung**, East Asian Studies MA, 1994, received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern, did a post doc at Harvard, and has recently been appointed to a position in comparative politics at Johns Hopkins University.

**Wendi Cram**, European Studies BA, 2000, will attend the Univ. of Florida’s Comparative Politics Ph.D. program.

**Bradley Davis**, China Studies MA, 2002, has received a Fulbright Dissertation Research Abroad award and will be spending time in both China and Vietnam.

**Cara Fitzpatrick**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is working as a business reporter for the Tri-City Herald in Kennewick, WA.

**Devin Foster**, Asian Studies BA, 2002, works at the Kobe Trade Information Office in Seattle.

**Mary Frazee**, Japan Studies MA, 2002, oversees the overall program for incoming foreign exchange students at World Experience in California.

**Chandni Gupta**, Int'l Studies MA, 2003, is working in Baltimore for the Grameen Foundation, a non-profit working to reduce worldwide poverty through micro-credit projects.

**Donald Hamblock**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is working on an MSc in European Politics and Governance at the London School of Economics after completing two internships, one at NDI in Washington, DC, and one through the State Dept. at the Mission to the U.N. in Geneva, working on human rights issues.

**Ariana Hammarlund**, European Studies BA, 2003, has begun a new position in the UW Human Subjects Division and is getting married this summer.

**Jennifer Keene**, Comparative Religion BA, 2003, works as an Information Specialist at the Archdiocese of Seattle.

**Gretchen Kiefer**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is in the graduate program at the Evans School of Public Affairs while working part-time at the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security/ Citizenship & Immigration Services.

**Tabitha Mallory**, Int'l Studies BA, 2003, is a Research Assistant at the National Bureau of Asian Research in Seattle.


**Mari Matsumoto**, Latin American Studies BA, 2003, is in law school at UW while working at the UW Medical Center as a Program Coordinator.

**Brenda McClain**, Latin American Studies BA, 2003, is an Immigration Inspector at the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection in Metropolitan Falls, WA.

**Teresa Mosqueda**, Latin American Studies BA, 2002, is a Latin Senior Program Manager at Sea-mar Community Health Centers, where she interned.

**Sean Murphy**, Int'l Studies BA, 2003, is in law school at Columbia; **Emily Nicklett**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is also there, earning a dual degree in Social Work and Int'l & Public Affairs.

**Sean Newell**, Int'l Studies BA, 2003, is earning his dual degrees in Law and Int'l Relations at American University.

**Anne Pacheco**, Int'l Studies BA, 2003, is serving as a Peace Corps Rural Community Health Educator in Benin, West Africa.

**Andrew Petersen**, European Studies BA, 2003, is teaching English in Osaka, Japan through the NOVA Group.

**Meghan Pinch**, Jewish Studies BA, 2002, works as office and communications administrator at Hadassah in San Francisco.

**Annie Redding**, Int'l Studies BA, 2001, completed her management training program at Maersk Sealand and is now working in Hong Kong.

**Julianna Rigg**, Comparative Religion BA, 2003, is a TA and earning her graduate degree in Political Science at UW.

**Jessica Rubie**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is an Associate at Washington’s Advocates in Washington, D.C., working on lobbying and campaign activities, after working for the U.S. House of Representatives.


**Pamela Samson**, China Studies MA, 2003, is a Research Associate at the Univ. of North Carolina and teaching Anthropology at a local community college.

**Ian Strobel**, Int'l Studies BA, 2002, is a crypto-linguist specialist in the U.S. Army and has been doing further study at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.

**Kristin Wintersteen**, Latin American Studies BA, 2001, will begin a Ph.D. program in History this fall at Duke University, where she has been awarded a Latin American Studies Graduate Fellowship. Kristin has worked in JSIS Student Services since Sept. 2002.
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slave trade (Emancia Gaines), and women in Ghanaian Society (Ashley White).

Students were guests of the King of Ashanti and given the opportunity to witness a traditional chieftaincy dispute court session at the palace. They visited thirty-two field sites and rituals over the course of the term, including the slave castles at Elmina & Cape Coast, a vanity coffin maker, a rain forest canopy walk in Kakum preserve, several traditional healing rituals involving spirit possession from both Ewe and Akan areas (everyone was required to dance!), mainstream and charismatic Christian churches, Islamic funerals and mosques, a xylophone festival in the Upper West region of Ghana, and to the famous Weichau Hippo Sanctuary on the Burkina Faso border.

Earning an average of 20 credits for the program, most participants felt it was a huge success. The program will be offered again in Autumn Quarter 2005. We are delighted to report that one of the favorite senior lecturers from UW-KNUST exchange, Eva Dedei Tagoe-Darko, will be teaching SIS 365 on World Cities this Summer Quarter at UW, and a portion of the class will focus on the Kumasi Central Market.

To read more about the program and see photos, see: http://www.artsci.washington.edu/newsletter/WinterSpring04/Ghana.htm

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Liberia spilled over into each other’s territories. His report proposed many new projects throughout the country, with the prospect of additional funding from the World Bank. With the support of his colleagues at CARE and the technical expertise of World Bank staff, Dr. Chirot hopes to help promote resolutions to these current conflicts that will be more peaceful than those reached elsewhere in the region in past years.

Recently, Dr. Chirot received a grant from the United States Institute of Peace to research and write about the growing problem of religious conflict in Africa, particularly between Muslims and Christians. Inspired by the complexities of what he has observed in the Ivory Coast and Nigeria, Dr. Chirot’s research will concentrate on West Africa, though he will also cover conflicts in other areas such as the Horn and Lakes region in the east. Dr. Chirot will be at the Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. for the academic year 2004-2005 to carry out this work.

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