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Meet the New DUS

Ken Rogerson takes on PPS undergraduate program

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By David Rice

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The new school initiative seeks a minimum of $65 million in permanent endowment—$40 million in faculty support and $25 million for scholarships, fellowships, internships and other student support. When they approved the initiative in 2005-06, Brodhead

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- $3 million from anonymous donors to establish the Center for Strategic Philanthropy and Civil Society, which will seek to improve the decision-making of America's foundations and to develop philanthropic and governmental strategies to address critical problems in global health, energy and the environment, among other areas.

- $2.5 million from Ralph Eads III ('81) and Lisa Eads of Houston, including $1 million to establish the Eads Family Scholarship Fund, which will draw a $1 million match from the Financial Aid Initiative, and $1.5 million to establish the Eads Family Undergraduate Research Endowment Fund. With income from the research fund, the Sanford Institute will establish the Eads Scholars program to help support the research of undergraduate honors students. Ralph Eads is a member of the Institute's board of visitors.

- $1.5 million from an anonymous donor to establish a visiting professorship and a graduate fellowship. The fellowship gift will draw a $500,000 match from the Financial Aid Initiative.

- $1 million from J. Adam Abram and Dr. Rosalind S. Abram of Chapel Hill, to establish the Morris B. and Jane M. Abram Fellows program. Abram Fellows will participate in the new Morris B. and Jane M. Abram Initiative in Democratic Values. Abram is a member of the Institute's board of visitors.

- $250,000 from anonymous donors to support the Policy Journalism and Media Studies Certificate Program within the Institute’s Dewitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy.

- $125,000 from Maleah and Dennis Crumpler of Charlottesville, Va., to the Public Policy Studies Scholarship Fund. Dennis Crumpler is a member of the Institute's board of visitors.

- $125,000 from Robert J. Pelosky Jr. ('81) and Mahsa Pelosky of New York, N.Y., to establish the Jay and Mahsa Pelosky International Student Internship Fund. Jay Pelosky is a member of the Institute's board of visitors.

- $125,000 from Dr. Charles A. Sanders of Durham, N.C., to establish the Charles A. and Elizabeth Ann Sanders Fund, which will provide unrestricted support of the Sanford Institute. Charles Sanders recently completed 10 years of service as chair of the Institute’s board of visitors.

- $100,000 from Robert L. Cohen of Washington, D.C., to establish the Robert L. Cohen Family Graduate Internship Fund. Cohen is a former member of the Institute's board of visitors.

- $100,000 from Robert S. Fleischer ('64) and his wife, Susan Raanan, of New York, N.Y., to establish the Robert S. Fleischer and Susan Raanan Fund, which will provide unrestricted support of the Sanford Institute. Fleischer is a member of the Institute's board of visitors.

- $50,000 from the Kenneth W. and Janice Freeman Family Foundation, on behalf of Karen F. Brackin ('00) and Arthur Warren Brackin IV ('97) of New Providence, N.J., to establish the Susan B. King Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund supports students participating in community-based projects in the Hart Leadership Program.

“W e want to concentrate our resources on the students we have and give them an even higher quality education,” Kuniholm said. “W e’ll be able to provide students with more mentoring and more research, intern-
Abram to Lead Board of Visitors

Gift creates Abram Fellowship
By D avid Rice

Longtime Sanford Institute Board of Visitors member Adam Abram has been appointed to a three-year term as BOV chairman and will guide the next stages of the Institute’s school initiative.

Abram succeeds Dr. Charles A. Sanders, the retired CEO of Glaxo Inc., who completed a decade of service as chair in June. Sanders remains on the board as chairman emeritus.

“In recent years the Sanford Board of Visitors has been critically involved in several major accomplishments,” Duke President Richard Brodhead wrote in a letter announcing the appointment. “We are fortunate that in Adam Abram, Bruce Kuniholm and Charlie Sanders have identified a leader who is fully equipped to help lead the Sanford Institute into the next stage of its evolution.”

Abram, who lives in Chapel Hill, is CEO of the James River Group, a publicly traded group of insurance companies. He joined the Sanford board in 2000. As co-chair for development, he has played an active role as the Institute has raised nearly $16 million in the first full year of a $65 million endowment fundraising initiative.

Abram said he is excited to take the helm at a time when the Institute is working to double its faculty, increase student financial aid and become a School of Public Policy.

“The world is full of opportunities for us right now, as a country and as individuals, to make a difference,” Abram said. “The new school will be one of the most important places in the United States for people who are interested in creating pragmatic solutions to very complex and difficult problems.”

Abram has already led by example in the endowment initiative. He and his wife Rosalind Abram, a psychologist who earned her PhD at Duke in 1980, have made a $1 million gift to establish the Morris B. and Jane M. Abram Fellowship Fund. The fund will support students interested in working to preserve democratic values in the United States and to protect human rights around the world.

The gift, which will draw a $1 million match from the Duke Financial Aid Initiative, honors Abram’s parents. Morris Abram was president of Brandeis University and a civil rights advocate who served in the administrations of five American presidents. Jane Abram wrote a book called On Shares, which Abram describes as the story of “one black man’s struggle in South Georgia to obtain and maintain his property rights.”

“Every generation, and the people of every country, have to protect their own liberties,” Abram said. “Through the Abram Fellows, who may come from around the world or who may be U.S. citizens, we will build a small but influential cadre of well-educated, dedicated people who will work to keep the flame of liberty alive.”

Abram is not the only member of his family with a new leadership post at Duke this year. His son Ben, who graduated in May with a double major in public policy and environmental engineering, was elected to a 3-year term on Duke’s Board of Trustees.

Institute Welcomes MPP Class of 2009

Forty-two students join the MPP program this fall. The class includes fellows from Teach for America, Americorps VISTA, U.S. Military Academy, and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, as well as one J.B. Duke Scholar.

The MPP program is launching its health policy concentration in 2007-08, and incoming students with interests in HIV/AIDS prevention, access to mental health care services, reproductive health issues, and managed health care policy promise a strong start for this new curriculum option.

In keeping with the tradition of MPP students representing diverse post-undergraduate work experiences, members of the class of 2009 have enjoyed careers as teachers, journalists, urban planners, political campaign organizers, financial analysts and consultants.

“We are very excited about working with a class having this much relevant professional experience,” said Director of Graduate Studies Frederick "Fritz" Mayer. In addition to three international students from Bulgaria, Peru and India, more than half of the class has studied, volunteered or worked abroad in Africa, Southeast Asia, South America and Europe.
Meet the First Class of Sanford Doctoral Students

By Joy Rankin

Ashley Brown will study social policy, with a disciplinary concentration in political science. In May, she earned a BA in political economy at Williams College, where she was a Class of 1976 Scholar and a Horatio Alger Association Scholar. Brown possesses international development experience as a research assistant in South Africa, Istanbul and the former Republic of Georgia. Her research interests include crisis and risk management, community development and urban housing policies.

Ava Gail Cas will study globalization and development, with a disciplinary concentration in economics. Cas earned a BS in statistics from the University of the Philippines, and an MA in international development from the International University of Japan. For the past three years, she has performed policy analysis for the National Statistical Coordination Board of the Philippines. Cas speaks English, Filipino, French and Japanese.

Eva Csaky will study globalization and development and environmental policy, with a disciplinary concentration in sociology. Csaky earned a BS in finance at the College of Finance and Accounting in Hungary, and an MS in finance from George Washington University. Csaky possesses over 15 years of public policy work experience, notably a decade with the International Finance Corp. (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group. Among her many honors during her career at the IFC are the Award for Outstanding Individual Performance and the Global Financial Markets Award. She speaks Hungarian and English fluently, and has a working knowledge of Russian and Portuguese.

Wei He will study social and health policy, with a disciplinary concentration in sociology. She earned BA and MA degrees in sociology from the People’s University of China (Renmin University), receiving awards and scholarships including the Guanghua Scholarship and the Ford Grant. She has published scholarly articles and books focusing on sex workers and sex education. Her research interests are in public health, especially issues of AIDS, world health care systems reform and access to health care, and she looks forward to working with Duke’s Health Inequalities Program. She is a recipient of the prestigious James B. Duke Fellowship.

Catherine (Katie) Herrold will study foundations and philanthropy, with a disciplinary concentration in political science. Herrold earned a BA in economics from Mount Holyoke College. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, received the Virginia Galbraith Prize in Economics and received the Foster Prize in French. Herrold earned an MSC in Voluntary Sector Organization from London School of Economics and an MBA from the Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School in Belgium. She has worked in the field of philanthropy and foundations for over five years, currently as a fellow at the George Gund Fund. Herrold has been honored as a recipient of the prestigious James B. Duke Fellowship.

Hye-Won (Erin) Kim will study social policy, with a disciplinary concentration in economics. Kim earned a BS in industrial management and an MS in management engineering from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, and she earned her MPP degree at Duke this year. Working under advisor Christina Gibson-Davis for her master’s project, Kim examined the Effect of WIC on Child Development. Erin has also worked for the Division for Sustainable Development at the United Nations, and for Samsung Life Insurance Co.

Hye-Jin Park will study globalization and development and education policy, with a disciplinary concentration in political science. Park earned a BA in English language and literature and an MA in international studies from Yonsei University, Korea, with awards for academic achievement. She has studied at the University of Michigan and the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris. Park possesses over six years of policy-related work experience, notably at UNESCO, where she led the early childhood program, and at the Korea Democracy Foundation. She is fluent in Korean, English and French, with some knowledge of German.

Sara Pilzer will study social and environmental policy, with a disciplinary concentration in economics. In 2006, Pilzer earned concurrently from the University of Georgia a BS in environmental policy, a BA in economics and an MS in conservation ecology and sustainable development. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Pilzer has observed and studied the economic, environmental and cultural needs and manifestations of social policy on five continents, having spent time in Australia, Ecuador, Fiji, Hungary, South Korea and Thailand. Most recently she has been in Korea on a Fulbright Fellowship. She has also volunteered extensively, as president of the largest Habitat for Humanity campus chapter in the Southeast, as an English teacher for Latinos, and as a researcher for Georgia’s environmental NGOs. Pilzer has been awarded a prestigious James B. Duke Fellowship.

Winners of the 2007 undergraduate Terry Sanford Leadership Award are, from left, Eleanor Pishny, Trisha A. Bailey, and Jeannette Estela Jimenez Barajas, while Mark Mitchell and Emily Grenze (not pictured) earned the MPP Outstanding Student Award. For details and information on other 2007 award winners, please see the Institute’s web site: www.pubpol.duke.edu/news.
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Health Institute and the Duke University Population Research Institute, while Pfaff’s research will connect him with Nicholas School ecologists, economists, Duke Law School professors, and Fuqua School of Business professors. Gassman-Pines works at the intersection of developmental psychology and policy, “which makes her a good fit with the Center for Child and Family Policy,” Kuniholm said.

Darity was the Cary C. Boshamer Professor of Economics at UNC, and now directs Duke’s Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality. The program’s mission is to analyze and recommend solutions for intergroup disparity in a cross-national, comparative context. The program is supported by the Office of the Provost, the Dean of the Faculty and the Institute.

Darity’s research focuses on inequalities by race, class and ethnicity; stratification economics; North-South theories of development and trade; social psychology and unemployment exposure; repatriations; and the racial achievement gap in schools. He is also editor in chief of Macmillan Reference’s new edition of the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, projected for publication in 2008.

Frankenberg will join the faculty as associate professor of PPS. Before coming to Duke, she was associate professor of sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. She also served as associate director of the Population Research Center at RAND between 1999 and 2001.

Her research is focused on health and mortality, family decision-making, developing economies, and Southeast Asia. She works on global health issues—in multidisciplinary environments on multidisciplinary teams—developing sustained longitudinal surveys and identifying and measuring causal relationships that influence outcomes.

“Duke offers a terrific environment for conducting interdisciplinary research and it’s exciting to be joining a university and an institute with such a deep commitment to the kind of work I want to do,” Frankenberg said.

Gassman-Pines was appointed as an assistant professor of PPS. For her community psychology dissertation at New York University she researched the relationship between mothers’ working conditions, parenting and children’s development in low-income families. Her broader research interests include the effects of welfare and employment policy on child and maternal well-being in low-income families.

“I was drawn to a position at the Sanford Institute because of the interdisciplinary nature of the faculty,” Gassman-Pines said. “Also, the Sanford Institute’s students have a reputation for being highly engaged, committed and bright, and I look forward to teaching and working with them.”

Gassman-Pines received the National Research Service Award Pre-doctoral Fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health as well as the Kopitz Graduate Fellowship in Child Psychology from the American Psychological Foundation.

Alexandar Pfaff was appointed an associate professor of PPS, and is part of the Institute’s new effort to build faculty strength in the area of environmental policy. The initiative will connect Sanford faculty with other Duke environmental policy researchers to help translate science into effective solutions.

Before moving to Durham, Pfaff was associate professor of economics and international affairs at Columbia University, and then executive director of the Center for Globalization and Sustainable Development within the Earth Institute at Columbia.

His expertise is in environmental and natural resource economics, and he is interested in the interplay among the environment, resources and economic development—with the goal of making certain that interventions both have their intended impacts on the environment and resources and benefit the people they are designed to help.

“I am delighted to be at Duke since it has so many analytic strengths, and I look forward to working with a wide variety of experts who bring a great diversity of perspectives to the problems on which I am working,” Pfaff said.

Faculty Publications


Hart Fellows Begin Projects in Cambodia, Prague, Manila

As the university launches its DukeEngage program and a campus-wide push for students to put knowledge in the service of society, the Hart Leadership Program (HLP) has sent 16 students into the field to do just that. From the United States to Costa Rica, China to Tanzania, participants in the Hart Fellows Program (HFP) and Service Opportunities in Leadership (SOL) are engaging in local communities around the world with research, service and self-reflection as their primary goals.

"These are both intensive leadership development programs..." said HLP Director Alma Blount. "The process of leadership development is an encounter with complexity. Students and fellows will be working with organizations around the world that are confronting a variety of difficult social and political problems."

Three '07 Duke graduates were named HLP's 2007-2008 Hart Fellows. This year's fellowship recipients are: Seyward Darby, shown above, of Greensville, N.C., a Benjamin N. Duke Scholar. She majored in English, minored in political science and earned a certificate in policy journalism and mass media studies. Darby worked at The Deseret News in Salt Lake City. He covered local politics, the university, city council, and other topics. He remembers vividly his growing up experience, and I made lifelong friends. Despite the challenges, "They were two of the most fabulous years of my life. It was a gamy."

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learn what parts of the program they found most beneficial. As a result of the review, the faculty adopted changes that added rigor to the major.

Students will find at least one similarity between Hamilton and Rogerson, who both have been recognized for their strong commitment to undergraduate teaching.

"I love being in class and especially working with undergrads: their curiosity, their inquisitiveness, even their tenacity; they are not going to back down. They challenge me. I love the energy that's here at the university."

Although he doesn't see himself as an extrovert, much of Rogerson's seemingly boundless energy comes from interacting with other people. He recognizes that to some, he may come across as "Katie-Couric-like: perky," he says, laughing. But he prefers to be seen as accessible.

"As much as possible I'd like students to feel comfortable around me, so if they need anything they could ask me."

At DeWitt Wallace, Rogerson taught journalism and media policy courses, and oversaw the journalism certificate program—the second largest undergraduate certificate program at Duke. He also advised students and worked with the Center's Commission on Radio and Television Policy, an international NGO headed by PPS Professor and DWC Director Ellen Mickiewicz, which holds an annual conference in Vienna, Austria.

Rogerson's research interests lie primarily in the area of media and technology, including the Internet and political action. He serves as chair of the American Political Science Association's Information Technology and Politics Section. But he's not just a theorist; he's an early adopter. He used iPods in his classes when Duke made them available, and uses instant messaging in his daily life.

As he takes on his new role, Rogerson will continue teaching Newspaper Journalism and Information, Ethics and Policy and will add PPS 114 (Political Analysis of Public Policymaking).

He brings to the classroom firsthand experience of "the adrenaline rush of being a reporter. After earning his BA in journalism at Brigham Young University and editing the student newspaper, he worked as a reporter with the daily Deseret News in Salt Lake City. He covered local politics, the university, city council, and other topics. He remembers vividly his first front-page story: a prison break.

Then his work and leisure lives intersected: he was recruited to join the nonprofit Utah Symphony as its public relations director, a position he held until he went to grad school. He earned an MA in international relations and a PhD in political science.

Music has always been a big part of Rogerson's life. He and his wife, Alisyn, met while playing in the orchestra at BYU, both on the violin, although now he plays the viola. They both play in the Durham Symphony, and often perform at weddings, receptions and other special events. They have three children.

Rogerson may be the only Mormon on Duke's faculty, a fact that Duke's handful of Mormon undergrads manage to discover. He doesn't advertise his faith, nor does it neatly define him, but he doesn't mind answering questions about it.

During his missionary stint in Milan, Italy, just after high school, "The question I had to answer most often was, 'No, I don't have two moms,' " he said. Many people are unaware that mainstream Mormons don't practice polygamy. Despite the challenges, "They were two of the most fabulous years of my life. It was a growing up experience, and I made lifelong friends."

CHRONICLE, Duke's student newspaper, serving as editor in her junior year. She will work with Transitions Online (TOL), a Prague-based media development organization that aims to improve the state of journalism in Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the former Soviet Union.

Cassandra Phillips of Denver, Colo. She majored in public policy studies and minored in economics. While volunteering at the Leave a Little Room Foundation in Gulu, Uganda, Phillips implemented a malnutrition food project in coordination with four area NGOs. At Duke, Phillips was active in the Center for Race Relations. Phillips will work with Homeland in Battambang, Cambodia. Homeland aims to improve the standard of living and well-being of vulnerable children and families.

Brian Wright of High Point, N.C., a Benjamin N. Duke Scholar. Wright majored in environmental sciences and policy and earned a certificate in documentary studies. During the summer of 2005, Wright conducted documentary research on a nomadic family with whom he lived in Bayankhangar, Mongolia. While at Duke, he worked at the Conservation Council of North Carolina and at Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment, and was active with Project W.I.L.D. He will work with the Institute of Social Order (ISO), at the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines to evaluate a community-based coastal resources management program.

Along with the Hart Fellows, 13 undergraduate students took part in the Service Opportunities in Leadership (SOL) summer internship experience. For details, please see the HLP Web site: www.pubpol.duke.edu/centers/hlp/programs/sol/overview/current.html.
Study Looks at U.S. Muslims’ Response to Extremism

Finding out how American Muslims address messages of extremism in their communities will be the goal of a two-year study being launched by the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security.

Researchers at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will use the information to recommend policies for reducing the likelihood that the United States experiences the type of homegrown terrorism seen recently in Europe.

“In light of the recent events in London and Glasgow, it is critically important to understand why widespread radicalization has not occurred in the United States and take steps to reinforce this trend,” said center Director David Schanzker, a visiting professor at Duke and adjunct professor at UNC. Schanzker is principal investigator for the study, which was funded by a $394,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security is a think tank sponsored by Duke, UNC and RTI International, a research firm headquartered in Research Triangle Park.

Center researchers will seek to learn from the responses of four American Muslim communities to radical Islamic movements across the globe, said Charles Kurzman, a UNC associate professor of sociology and co-principal investigator in the project. With another co-principal investigator, Ebrahim Moosa, associate professor of Islamic studies at Duke, and graduate students, Kurzman and Schanzker will study Muslim communities in Buffalo, Houston, Seattle and the Triangle.

Of those, only Houston has experienced no known violence attributed to Islamic extremism, Kurzman said. In the other three, one or two incidents attributed to individuals acting alone were denounced by other local Muslims.

“Osama Bin Laden and other revolutionaries have argued that it is the responsibility of every Muslim who can do so to engage in violent jihad, but few Muslims have taken up this call, especially in the United States,” Kurzman said. “It is critical that we see what we can learn from these communities.”

American Foreign Policy: The Dynamics of Choice in the 21st Century (3rd ed.)

By Bruce W. Jentleson, Professor of PPS and Political Science
(W.W. Norton & Company, June 2007, 700 pp)

In this updated edition of American Foreign Policy, Professor Bruce Jentleson addresses the most pressing foreign policy issues of the new global era: how should the United States wield its power, pursue peace, be true to its principles and work with the international community? The book introduces students to U.S. foreign policy amidst the challenges of terrorism, the war in Iraq, the Darfur crisis, globalization, democratization and other timely issues.

A merican Foreign Policy helps students approach these issues by applying a consistent critical framework. To help students grasp the different schools of thought that develop over foreign policy issues, the book develops a rubric of “Power, Peace, Prosperity and Principles” and examines how different approaches give different weights to these four goals. New “Theory in the World” boxes show students how real-world foreign policy is influenced by the theories and theorists they read about.

The book balances historic and contemporary foreign policy concerns with selections from writings by major political figures such as Henry Kissinger, Mikhail Gorbachev, and Kofi Annan, as well as by scholars such as John Ikenberry, Walter LaFeber, and Samuel Huntington.

Also new with the third edition is a student website, offering review questions, practice quizzes, and updates from Jentleson on current events. www2.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/forpol3/

A merican Foreign Policy has been widely adopted as a textbook both in the United States and internationally, including at the Army War College for its officers’ graduate courses and at the Royal Sandhurst Military Academy.
By ERWIN CHEMERINSKY and CHARLES CLOTFELTER

A merican public schools are becoming increasingly separate and unequal, and the Supreme Court’s June decision invalidating desegregation plans in Seattle and Louisville will hasten this process. Three-quarters of American public schools are becoming increasingly separate and unequal, and the Supreme Court’s June decision invalidating desegregation plans in Seattle and Louisville will hasten this process. The court’s latest decision is the third nail in the coffin. The court held that even when local school districts actively attempt to lessen segregation they cannot use the race of students in assigning students to schools.

To see what might be at stake within schools, consider the changes wrought by post-Brown federal intervention. In just a decade, from 1965 to 1975, the schools of the 11 former Confederate states were transformed from the most to the least segregated in the nation: the share of black students attending schools that were 90 percent or more nonwhite fell from nearly 100 percent to less than a quarter. Less dramatic but real changes occurred in the other regions except the Northeast, where balkanized, racially disparate school districts prevented substantial desegregation.

But at the same time these momentous changes were occurring in student assignments within districts, the decisions of many families in the housing and private school markets were nullifying part of the impact on interracial contact in schools. Thus, from 1970 to 2000, as racial segregation within districts was declining in all regions, segregation between districts was increasing, undoing part of that decline. Indeed, beginning in the 1980s, interracial contact in schools stopped increasing. Thus, in many communities, “resegregation” is a dawning reality. At least some of this is a direct result of the Supreme Court’s decisions.

A case in point is Charlotte, N.C., the district that won fame for making cross-town busing work in the pursuit of racially balanced schools. After federal courts ruled that it had complied with previous court orders to desegregate and had no further obligation to bus, the school board replaced the busing plan with a school choice plan that in effect insured suburban families access to their neighborhood schools. The result has been an increase in the number of racially identifiable schools.

Strikingly, Chief Justice John Roberts’ opinion did not even recognize achieving desegregation as a compelling government interest. Although Justice Anthony Kennedy and the four dissenting justices agreed that schools have a vital interest in desegregation, Kennedy was the fifth vote to hold that schools cannot use race in assigning students to schools. He said that there are other alternatives, such as in drawing school attendance zones and in choosing where to build new schools, to achieve desegregation.

“This decision is merely an explicit and emphatic end to court-sanctioned actions to lessen racial segregation in public schools.”

One promising approach, which is being followed in some districts now, such as Cambridge, Mass., and Wake County in North Carolina, is to balance schools using non-racial criteria. Wake’s approach is to design student assignments so that the number of free-lunch recipients and low-achieving students remain below certain ceiling percentages. Because it has always been hard to keep good teachers in poor and low-performing schools, a policy such as this will equalize school quality while it also creates collateral racial diversity.

If the promise of equal educational opportunity offered by Brown v. Board of Education is to be fulfilled, therefore, the nation will now have to look to local school boards, not federal courts. The court’s June decision will make their task more difficult, but hopefully not impossible.

Chemerinsky is a Duke professor of law and political science; Clotfelter is a professor of PPS, economics, and law. Other versions of this commentary were first published in The Raleigh News & Observer, July 3, 2007, and the Baltimore Sun, July 5, 2007.
Views From Across the Pond: Europeans Value U.S. Ties But Set Their Own Priorities

By BRUCE W. JENTLESON

Since President George W. Bush took office, we’ve seen criticisms hurled in both directions across the Atlantic between the United States and our European allies. But have our nations’ relationships fundamentally changed? During my sabbatical on the European side of the “pond” this year, I was able to gain new perspectives on this and other international issues.

Europeans are more strongly anti-Bush than anti-Americans. The trans-Atlantic strategic relationship remains strong. The Iraq imbroglio shook it deeply, and plenty of other issues—many of them unrelated to Bush’s foreign policy—are sources of tension. But the fundamentals remain sound. Policymakers and other opinion leaders on both sides of the Atlantic continue to hold to a fairly robust consensus that international peace and prosperity are best served by U.S.-European cooperation.

This is a main reason why Europeans already are paying close attention to our 2008 presidential election. In Barcelona, I gave a talk to a group of journalists. Although the topic was primarily foreign policy and I spoke just a little on the 2008 race, the article the next day in La Vanguardia, the leading newspaper, focused almost completely on the ’08 election.

British media also have been full of stories on Barack Obama, Rudy Giuliani, Hillary Clinton, John Mccain and the others. These are countries in which campaigns last only a few months (campaigns that we barely notice). How many Americans know the name of Tony Blair’s successor? Does anyone here notice when Spain has an election? We could do well with a bit more attention to their politics, and they with a bit less to ours.

In Europe, one also gets a stronger sense of immersion in a global era. The European Union, not the U.S., is China’s largest trade partner; London, not New York, is Russia’s main financial center. Though the EU’s own further development has had some setbacks, it now encompasses not just Western Europe but also Central, Eastern and Southern Europe.

This is bringing together countries, cultures and languages which, despite all being European, have striking variations among them. Beyond the issues raised at the policy level, for individuals the impact is a broadening one. A British student can hop an Easy Jet low-cost flight for a weekend in Sofia, Bulgaria, or Dubrovnik, Croatia, and be exposed to all sorts of different experiences.

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Global environmental concerns also have a higher profile. Climate change is the No. 1 issue in most of Europe. The EU recently set ambitious targets to cut greenhouse gas emission 20 percent by 2020, and 30 percent if others follow suit. Britain set even higher goals of 26-32 percent by 2020 and 60 percent by 2050. In Spain, the Cortes (legislature) has been working on a bill to lower the sales tax on fuel-efficient cars by about $1,500 and increase it on gas guzzlers by about $2,400.

Shop in a supermarket and you find many products labeled, not just for caloric content, but for the carbon impact of their production.

For all that is new in Europe, the most powerful experience one gets is of the old: Walking the streets of Oxford amidst 12th- and 13th-century buildings; climbing Hadrian’s Wall near the Scottish border, the northernmost extension of the Roman Empire; experiencing Cordoba and Toledo, capitals of Moorish Spain for many centuries including periods in which as one author put it, “Muslims, Jews and Christians created a culture of tolerance.” As appropriately proud of our history as Americans are, in Europe one gains a fuller sense for the power and presence of history.

As I teach my Globalization and Public Policy course this year, I hope to help my students get a better sense of this as a global era in which they can be proud of the U.S. position, but should not take it for granted.

From January to June 2007, Jentleson, professor of PPS and political science, was a senior visiting research fellow at Oxford University and the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, and a Fulbright senior research scholar in Spain based at FRIDE, a leading foreign policy think tank.
Data collection: It’s a phrase that might make many students’ eyes glaze over. But undergraduates in a health policy capstone seminar learned that having detailed, accurate hospital discharge data might lead to improved health for North Carolina’s minority populations.

For the course taught by health policy professors Sherman James and Kate W hetten this spring, a team of 10 students evaluated whether the state should require N.C. hospitals to collect and report race and ethnicity for all discharges. The research was completed for the N.C. Office of Minority Health, directed by Barbara Pullen-Smith.

“We depend on multiple data sources to define the burden of conditions and disease on various racial and ethnic populations in North Carolina,” Pullen-Smith said. “And this is one data source we need to look at. We rely on data from the state center for health statistics, and they depend on hospitals.”

In North Carolina, hospital race and ethnicity data collection is voluntary. To find out if making the practice mandatory would benefit the state, the student researchers surveyed the 22 states that do require it. They examined how the data is collected and how it is used, and conducted a separate case study for each state. The group researched possible cost barriers and developed strategies for implementing the policy and alerting the state to its value.

“I never thought about this issue before the class, and I didn’t realize how much impact something this small could have,” said Maya Lloyd (’07).

Kimberly O cheltree (’07) said the experience was unlike most of her other undergraduate work. “This course had us working on something that could ultimately affect the lives of people in North Carolina,” she said. “I see this as part of the public policy program, to work on relevant and time-sensitive issues.”

The team predicted that if available in North Carolina, the data could help create health intervention programs that target specific populations. It could also show where the greatest inequalities exist in disease treatment, and as a result, help direct reforms, allocate resources more efficiently and improve quality of care.

They presented their research to state health department staff including Pullen-Smith, and to members of the N.C. Hospital Association and H H S Secretary Carmen H ooker O dum. O dum called for the creation of a working group to examine the students’ recommendations to see which methods will work best in North Carolina.

“They did an outstanding job of framing the issue, of summarizing the history of data collection in North Carolina and comparing it to other states,” said Pullen-Smith. “They saved us so much time, and now we have the background we need in a format that is easy to present to others.”

For students, the project offered a chance to see a different side of policy, one not taught in textbooks.

“It’s one thing to research something for class, but when it’s actually real, it’s a totally different animal,” said O cheltree, who is now working on a yearlong fellowship with U.S. AID. “It’s a different kind of pressure when you’re working on a yearlong fellowship with U.S. AID.”

The course also gave her experience to talk about during her job interview, which helped O cheltree get her new position.

“Working in a group is a really important skill that I took away from this project, along with learning the steps for thinking through a huge issue like this.”
Study Helps Children in Domestic Violence Shelters  
By Sidney Cruze

Each year, approximately 8,000 children pass through domestic violence shelters in North Carolina. Their stays, which represent one more step in a cascade of family and social disruptions, typically are short-term and brought on by an acute crisis or violent incident. Their presence in a shelter implies the abuse was severe enough to put them at risk for developing behavioral and psychological problems.

“We know that witnessing domestic violence is linked to many problems for children, including developmental delays and psychiatric disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD),” says Yvonne Wasilewski, a research scientist at the Sanford Institute’s Center for Child and Family Policy. Yet no one has made an effort to reach children in domestic violence shelters.

The Domestic Violence Shelter Project is the first in North Carolina—and the nation—to attempt to prepare battered parents and shelter care providers to identify and respond effectively to the needs of resident children.

Funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and The Duke Endowment, the yearlong project is a collaboration between the Sanford Institute’s Center for Child and Family Policy and domestic violence shelters in six N.C. counties. It tested the feasibility of training shelter staff to screen, intervene and refer resident children for behavioral health issues related to domestic violence.

Staff from all six shelters screened children to measure symptoms related to emotional disturbance, post-traumatic stress disorder and related psychological and psychosocial problems. Forty-five percent of the children showed developmental delays.

“Children who show developmental delays make up an extremely high risk population,” Wasilewski says. “By reaching these 8,000 kids in North Carolina’s 96 shelters, we’re conducting primary prevention at its highest level. We may be able to prevent a whole host of potential problems for the children, their families and for society.”

Robert Murphy, director of the Center for Child and Family Health, led the project team. Staff from his center, a consortium between Duke University, N.C. Central University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, participated in the project along with Wasilewski, Audrey Foster and Lorrie Schmid.

The team sought to answer to three questions about North Carolina’s domestic violence programs: Can shelter staff effectively evaluate children using an evidenced-based screening tool? Can these programs enhance the care that children receive in shelters? Can they develop consistent relationships with community agencies that have the expertise to respond to children’s needs in and out of shelters?

Results proved it is feasible and cost effective for staff to do the screening. An immediate benefit is that it helps increase staff awareness of children’s and family emotional needs.

A brain scan visually displays the difference in activity levels, shown in red, in a healthy (left) vs abused (right) child. (Newsweek Special Edition, “Your Child, From Birth To Three,” Spring/Summer 1997.)

“It’s also positive for parents,” Wasilewski said. “Staff were afraid it would be a stressor for the mother, but feedback from five of the six shelters proved it helped mothers think about their children. Often they had no idea their child was affected because he or she was always out of the room when the abuse occurred.”

Enhancing care for children is more difficult. “The best way to do that is to have teachers on site at shelters to train staff, and this training costs a lot of money,” said Leslie Starson, the project’s policy consultant.

The study revealed that shelter staff often did not have relationships with agencies outside the Department of Social Services and the schools, even though more resources were available.

“These relationships are all the more important because it’s challenging to train shelter staff to care for the children directly,” said Starson, who arranged meetings with staff and agencies like Smart Start to help remedy this situation.

In North Carolina, little money is spent on children’s programs in domestic violence shelters. And there is scant documentation for the few programs that do exist.

“This project could influence policy decisions related to funding for children’s services, and could affect how that money will be used,” Starson said.

The original pilot study was completed in December 2006, then results were presented to Governor’s Crime Commission in March 2007. Project funders recently committed to supporting a sustainability assessment, which will be complete this fall. A revised version of the study’s recommendations could begin being implemented statewide in early 2008.

Starson is confident the project will have national impact. “It challenges the way shelters operate, on the theory that if you help the mother, you help her children; it calls for kids to be dealt with as individuals with their own needs,” she said.
Research conducted by Charles Clotfelter, Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of PPS, was cited in the concurring opinion of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, as well in the dissenting opinion of Justice Stephen Breyer, in a school integration case titled “Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1 Et Al.,” decided June 28. Thomas cited Clotfeller’s book, *After Brown: The Rise and Retreat of School Desegregation* and Breyer referred to Clotfeller’s article, “Interracial Contact in High School Extracurricular Activities.”

Helen Ladd, Edgar T. Thompson Professor of PPS, presented research done jointly with Charles Clotfeller and Jacob Vigdor in connection with the Center for the Aanalysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) at the Institute of Education Sciences’ June meeting in Washington, D.C. In August she spoke on the contributions of Richard Musgrave to the field of public finance at the Institute for Inter- national Public Finance’s annual conference at the University of Warwick in England. Ladd currently serves as a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability in North Carolina.

Ellen Mickiewicz, James R. Shapley Professor of PPS, participated in a media Forum Conference in Zagreb, Croatia, where she presented “The Role of Media in Covering Elections” on June 30. She was also invited to serve on the Harvard University’s Board of Overseers Committee to Visit International and A rea Studies Centers this year. Mickiewicz directed a seminar titled, “The Challenges of International Media Technology and Policy,” July 6-9 in Olympia, Greece. The seminar was sponsored by the Universities of Athens, Patras and Salonika for professional journalists, NGO officers, and graduate students from Europe, Turkey, Israel and the former Soviet Union.

Shari Miller-Johnson, senior research scientist with the Center for Child and Family Policy, was an invited speaker and presented the paper titled, “Developmental Sequences of Girls’ Delinquent Behavior,” at a National Institute of Justice Conference in Washington, D.C. in July. She co-authored the paper with David Huizinga and the Conduct Problems Prevention Research Group.

Alex Pfaff, associate professor of PPS, is the principal investigator for a project sponsored by the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IA I) to examine conservation policy impacts in tropical dry forest. He also will lead a project funded through the Earth Institute to examine rain-fed agriculture in Brazil. Pfaff presented the paper, “Costa Rican Payment for Environmental Services Program: Implementation and Impact,” on July 24 at the 2007 NBER Summer Institute in Cambridge, Mass.

David Schanzer, visiting associate professor of the practice of PPS and director of the Triangle Center of Terrorism and Homeland Security, presented a lecture, “Globalization, Islamic Fundamentalism & International Terrorism,” on June 18 to the World View Global Education Leaders’ Program. He also was a guest blogger on the Democracy A rsenal Web site in June.

Anthony So, senior research fellow of PPS, presented at the MCGIL Centre for Intellectual Property Policy’s June 4th meeting, “Unpacking A cess Towards the Practical Implementation of Biotechnology,” in Florence, Italy. He gave the keynote address, “Reengineering the Value Chain for Global Health: Innovation to Access,” at a conference in May at the Royal College of Physicians in London. On A pril 16, So’s Program on Global Health and Technology A cess co-hosted a lecture by Fatima Hassan, senior attorney and deputy head of the A IDS Law Project in South A frica. Aiso in A pril, So participated in a panel at the 2007 Drug Information A ssociation Euro M eeting in Vienna, Austria. So recently joined the board of Community Catalyst, as well as the advisory board of U niversities A lied for Essential M edicines and the advisory committee of the International Tobacco Surveillance Program of the A merican Cancer Society.

A associate Professor of PPS Jacob Vigdor spent two days in May as a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, where he presented “The Katrina Effect: Was There a Bright Side to the Evacuation of Greater N ew Orleans?” He also wrote an essay related to the topic, “How it means something about poverty and place,” published online at www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/384.

Hart Leadership Program Director Alma Blount spoke about “Leadership Pedagogy” at the Soekmyung Global Leadership Institute (SM GLI) Global Leadership Conference held in M ay in Seoul, South Korea.

Charles C Clotfelter, Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of PPS, discussed lottery legislation on W U N C -FM and M arch 12 on a National Public Radio’s On Point program. He also taught a seminar at the New York Federal Reserve Bank titled, “Teacher M obility: Enemy of Equity?” on A pril 17.

A rts and Sciences Professor of PPS William “Sandy” D arity is editor of the new edition of the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, which will be published in 2008, 40 years after the first edition. Darity also is the principal investigator on a Ford Foundation grant that is using the Survey of Earned Doctorates to examine obstacles to achieving greater diversity in academia.

Reid Fontaine, research scientist with the Center for Child and Family Policy, presented a paper titled “Social Information Processing, Response Evaluation and Decision, and Antisocial Behavior: Developmental Science and Implications for Criminal Law” to the department of psychology, University of Rome “La Sapienza.” In June he presented a paper titled, “Social Information Processing, Violent Subtypes, and a Liberal Construction of Developmental Science and Implications for Criminal Law” at the 30th Congress of the International A cademy of Law and M ental Health in Padua, Italy.

Bruce Jentleson, professor of PPS, gave lectures this spring at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, and the Royal Sandhurst M ilitary Academy in the United Kingdom. He also delivered the A lasair Buchan Memorial Lecture at the Academy in the United Kingdom. He also delivered the A lasair Buchan Memorial Lecture at the Academy in the United Kingdom. He also delivered the A lasair Buchan Memorial Lecture at the Academy in the United Kingdom. He also delivered the A lasair Buchan Memorial Lecture at the Academy in the United Kingdom. He also delivered the A lasair Buchan Memorial Lecture at the Academy in the United Kingdom. He also delivered the A lasair Buchan Memorial Lecture at the Academy in the United Kingdom.
MPP Notes

Verena Arnabal ('06) has a new position as policy analyst in the office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer.

Preeti Aroon ('06) is working as an assistant editor at Foreign Policy magazine, which in May won a National Magazine Award for Foreign Policy.

Laronda Blessing ('06) and her husband, Randy, proudly announce the birth of a son, Galen Thomas, on May 7.

Ann Hardman ('06) has moved to Dhaka, Bangladesh, for a two-year tour in the Foreign Service of the U.S. State Department.

Elizabeth Bax Hoffmann ('06) now works as a policy analyst for the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) in Washington. As a member of the Child Care and Early Education team, she works on issues such as state initiatives in Head Start and Early Head Start, measuring the quality of infant/toddler programs and the structure of child care subsidies.

A mber Kuchar ('06) has a new position as a commercial loan underwriter at NCB Capital Impact, a community development lender in Washington.

Erica Lee ('06) received the Dr. Howard F. Miller Memorial Award for Impact, a community development team, she works on Head Start and Early Head Start, measuring the quality of infant/toddler programs and the structure of child care subsidies.

Leandra Marin ('06) has a new position with Kaplan Inc. in Los Angeles as a special projects coordinator working with several divisions, including medical, test preparation and admissions, and international sales, development and marketing.

Lanier McRae ('06) has left the Office of State Budget and Management and is now a research associate for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program at the NC State University Institute for Transportation Research and Education in Raleigh.

Kate Roetzer ('06) has been promoted to legislative assistant in the office of U.S. Rep. David Price (D-NC) in Washington.

Justin Wheeler ('06) is the new director of high school placement at KIPP Philadelphia Charter School in Philadelphia, Pa.

Jeremy Williams ('06) married Elizabeth Hoodless on June 30 in Albuquerque, N.M. Classmates from Class of 2006 attended — Jeff Clark, Amber Kuchar, Drew Pounds, David Rice, and Kate Roetzer — along with Alejandra Lopez-Fernandini ('07), Jeremy and Elizabeth live in Fairfax, Va., where Jeremy works for Booz Allen Hamilton.

Megan Burns ('06) completed her administrative fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and has a full-time position.

Alumni News

Alumni Profile: Will Davis Enjoys Working at UN

Will Davis graduated from Duke in 1984 with a BA in political science and dreams of launching an international career that would take him around the world. Twenty years after earning his second Duke degree — an MPP — he is the director of the United Nations Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Although today most of his travel takes place in taxis from his office to Capitol Hill, he considers his dream fulfilled. Looking back over his career, Davis credits Duke’s MPP program with giving him the skills he needed to be successful in the jobs that led him to the United Nations.

Davis first stepped into his position in 2005 after working at the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France, and the State Department’s Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

“Often people see only a few options when trying to establish an international career. The MPP gave me skills that translate to every aspect of government. There will always be a demand for people who can manage budgets and communications. The MPP got me up to speed on this, so I [didn’t] have to compete with foreign policy experts.”

Davis learned to create budgets with Malcolm Gillis, now a visiting professor of PPS, and the late Richard Stubbing, professor of PPS. He became comfortable using statistics and proficient in economics and decision analysis.

“I also learned how to write effective memos and communicate succinctly. You always hear that if you can’t do the elevator brief, get your point across between the first and fourth floors, you’re toast. Well, it’s true.”

Davis’ ability to communicate complex issues to policymakers is one of his biggest professional assets. In his role as the senior United Nations representative in Washington, he serves as spokesman for the organization and works with officials in the executive branch, Congress, the media, civil society and the business community to enhance the U.N./U.S. relationship.

“There is some disillusionment with the U.N., and I can understand that,” he said. “But when I look at the real roll-up-your-sleeves work my colleagues do — providing tsunami relief, working with children in Darfur, creating a world food program — I see how the U.N.’s work resonates with U.S. goals and interests. I find it rewarding to improve our country’s understanding of the organization.”

Davis lives in Bethesda, Md., with his wife and two children.

Will Davis, MPP ’87, shakes hands with U.S. President George W. Bush in the Oval Office before a meeting. Davis is director of the United Nations Information Center in Washington, D.C.
as manager of ambulatory operations at UPMC South Side.

Geoff Coltrane ('05) and his wife, Sneha, welcomed their second child and first son, Devak Shah Coltrane, on June 12. Geoff and his family live in Durham, where Geoff works for the New Schools Project, a public/private initiative to improve high schools in North Carolina.

Rahi Gandhi Shah ('05) and her husband, Amit, have moved to Washington, where he has cardiology fellowship at George Washington University and Rahi will continue her work with IBM Consulting.

Li-Jun Elizabeth Ku ('05) will return from Taiwan to North Carolina in the fall to begin a PhD program in Health Policy and Administration at the School of Public Health at UNC, Chapel Hill.

Paul Stahle ('05) has taken a position with the Center for the Support of Families on a new contract with the State of Louisiana, where Kim had been working with the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation.

Lauren Hierl ('04) and her husband left San Diego for a six-month extended honeymoon, traveling around the western United States.

Mark Moland ('04) and his wife, Shaena, and daughter, Ruthanne, welcomed a second daughter, Sophia Pearl, on April 25. Mark and his family live in Norwich, Conn., where Mark is assistant dean of academics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Liz Peters ('04) will enter law school this fall at UNC, Chapel Hill. Liz lives in Durham and works at Self-Help.

Katherine Tedrow Astrich ('03), and her husband, Craig, welcomed Emma Caroline Astrich on March 30. Katie and her family live in Chevy Chase, Md., and Katie works in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Mike McBrierty ('03) has a new position as manager of public affairs for Biogen Idec in Research Triangle Park.

Emily Schilling ('03) and her husband, Matthew, proudly announce the birth of Spencer Reagan Schilling on Jan. 26. Emily works as an attorney at Kilgore Gump in Washington, where she specializes in environmental and land-use law.

Michael Yankovich ('03) has a new position as an equipment and investment program analyst in the Army’s Directorate of Program Analysis and Evaluation. Mike and his wife, Cori, and big sisters, Makenzie and Katie, welcomed baby Benjamin in November 2006.

Sarah Butzen ('02) and her husband, Ben, welcomed a daughter, Eleanor Grace, on April 24.

Delvecchio Finley ('02) has been selected for the 2007-08 class of Leadership San Francisco, a program that develops future community leaders.

Heather Holsinger ('02) left GA O to become senior fellow for domestic policy at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change in Arlington, Va.

Tim Saintsing ('02) reports that 94 percent of students at Excellence Charter School of Bedford Stuyvesant, where he is director of operations, scored proficient or above on the New York State 3rd Grade English Language Arts exam in May, making Excellence the highest performing charter school in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Margaret Smith-Isa ('02) is program development coordinator with the Public Employees’ Benefit Board of the State of Oregon, which purchases benefits for state employees, working with contracted health plans on disease management efforts and performance tracking.

Juliette White ('02) and her husband, Jon Owen, welcomed baby Benjamin Griffin Owen on May 18. Juliette is an attorney at Parsons Behle & Latimer in Salt Lake City.

Sekou Kaalund ('99) is leaving Citigroup for a new job as assistant secretary of policy, research and strategic planning at the North Carolina Department of Commerce in Raleigh. She and her husband, Chris, welcomed twins, Kate and Sean, on Sept. 19, 2006.

Cheryl Hauser McCormick ('99) and her husband, Seth, are proud parents of a daughter, Freya Raquel, born on June 7. Cheryl is the director of quality assurance at the Office of the New York State Inspector General in New York City.

Jennifer Baker Frownfelter ('98) and her husband, Brian, and their business partners have opened a franchise of Super Suppers, a studio kitchen where customers prepare meals they can cook at home for their families.

Heidi Recksiek ('97) has returned to Eastpoint, Fla., with NOAA Coastal Services Center, focusing on the Gulf of Mexico region.
Jim Rettew (‘97) is working in Melbourne, Australia, for a public relations firm and is also involved in the federal prime minister election this fall.

Trent Stamp (‘97), executive director of Charity Navigator, has partnered with CNN to provide viewers with contact information for charities relevant to stories in categories such as refugees, homelessness, poverty and natural disasters.

Keith Ernst (‘96) and his wife, Nisha Gopal, and son, Nilaay, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Swati, on April 8. Keith is senior policy counsel for the Center for Responsible Lending in Durham.

Tracy Hollister (‘96) and her girlfriend, A ilan, visited South Africa and Zambia in May visiting Capetown, Kruger and South Luangwa National Parks, Victoria Falls, and Tracy’s uncle and aunt who have lived in Zambia for years.

Jun-ichiro Kuroda (‘96) has moved from Tokyo, Japan, to New York City to be director of industrial research at JETRO (Japanese External Trade Organization).


Monica Wassell (‘95) and her family moved to H elena, M ont., where she is director of quality improvement for New West Health Services, a small health insurance company.

Susan Goldenson (‘94) was married on June 23 in upstate New York to Sam Hendrix (Trinity ‘92). Susan lives in Washington, where she is a senior associate at Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Claudia H orwitz (‘94) reports that stone circles, where she is director, is purchasing 70 acres of land in Mebane, N.C., to create The Stone House, a training and retreat center where activists can pursue and renew spiritual life and strategic action.

David Feingold (‘92) was named special advisor on bioenergy to the director general of C A T IE (Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Ensenanza) in Turrialba, Costa Rica, where he lives with his wife. Olg a Corrales (‘92) and children.

Monica Metzler (‘91) is a vice president at Conlon Public Strategies, a Chicago public affairs consulting firm. In her spare time she founded the Illinois Science Council, a nonprofit organization aimed at improving outreach efforts in science and technology for the adult public.

Esther Alonso (‘91) welcomed a baby girl, Samantha, born in April, 2006. She uses her public policy skills as a private family practice physician as she negotiates with patients and insurers over medical coverage, compliance and behavioral changes. Esther lives in Miam i Lakes, Fla.

Amar Bhat (‘90) left the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services after 17 years to join C & M International, a trade policy and investment consulting firm, as a director. A mar lives with his wife and four children in Bethesda, Md.

Michael Sorrell (‘90) was named interim president of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas, the oldest historically black college west of the Mississippi River.

Rosalind Reid (‘81) has been elected the 39th Honorary Life Member of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Honor Society, an award conferred upon nonscientists whose work has advanced science. Rosalind has been editor of Sigma Xi’s magazine, A merican Scientist, since 1992.

Jack Nichols (‘77) has been appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council as a representative of the N.C. Association of Community Commissioners. H e and classmate Ran Coble (‘77) drafted the legislation, initial rules and executive order creating the council in the early 1980s. Jack is an attorney with Allen and Pinnix in Raleigh.

Lori Allen (‘04) married Ryan Karaian, center, on June 9 at the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Ky. Classmates attending were, from left, Megan Fotheringham, Felicity Kolp, Gina King and Jim Huynh.

Jim Huynh.
Avery Cregan ('04) will begin the fulltime MBA program at Wharton School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, this fall.

Henderson Jones ('02) married Rebecca Reyenga in Houston, Texas, on Nov. 18, 2006. Henderson is an associate at Underwood/Thomas, P.C., in Madison, Miss.

Misty Allen ('98) moved to Reed Smith LLP as an associate attorney in the business and regulatory department.

John Howell Shadle III ('98) and Britta Lee Schoster were married in Roseville, Minn., on June 30.

Naomi Walker ('92) was appointed the director of the A.F.L-CIO’s newly-created Office of State Government Affairs.

The Rev. Thomas Backer ('87) was hired as clinical pastoral education supervisor at Nebraska Medical Center beginning July 16.

John Owen ('85) co-taught the “Fourth Colloquium on American Studies in Brazil: The Role of the U.S. after the Cold War,” in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The program was organized by the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia.

Richard A. Schwartz ('75) is president of the Foundation for the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Gov. Mike Easley recently reappointed him to N.C. Council on the Holocaust, where he serves as vice-chairman, and he is on the board of the N.C. Partnership for Excellence. Richard’s oldest son, Jonathan, is a Duke student.