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Introducing The Honors Alumni Update

Welcome to the first Honors Alumni Update newsletter! As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Honors College at the College of Charleston we recognize that this is a year for starting new traditions. Our Alumni Update is one of them. Our community of Honors graduates continues to grow and excel and we are eager to share with you updates from around the world. We hope this newsletter will inspire you to update us as we expand our Honors alumni network and we learn better ways to serve you.

Our goal is to make it easy for you to stay connected with the Honors community. If you have ideas about how we can better serve our alumni please let us know. You can stay in touch this spring by attending A Charleston Affair and/or the Honors Alumni Brunch (details in this newsletter), joining our new Facebook Honors Alumni page, speaking with one of us about giving a lecture on campus, or having an Honors student intern with your business.

We encourage you to become an active participant of the Honors alumni community whether you live three blocks from campus or 3,000 miles away. This newsletter is for and about YOU and our hope is that it helps you keep up with your friends and former classmates from the Honors Program/College. Do you have a new job? Are you pursuing another degree? Getting married? Having a baby? We want to share your good news! Send your updates and photos to honorsalumni@cofc.edu.

Please enjoy this first edition of our Honors Alumni Update newsletter.

R. Maria Mansfield Richardson, Editor, Honors Alumni Update
Assistant Director, Honors College

Honors Alumni Events

A Charleston Affair
Saturday, April 24, 2010
7 – 10 pm
Cistern Yard
College of Charleston

Join fellow alumni and friends to honor the Class of 2010. Enjoy music by The Plainfield Project, heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine, and visit the Honors tent in celebration of our 30th Anniversary!

Reduced price tickets are available through April 19:
Young Alumni - Classes of 2000 – 2009: $45
Life Members / Faculty / Staff: $45
All others: $60

Invitations will be mailed to alumni this month. For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 843.953.5630.

Honors Alumni Brunch
Sunday, April 25, 2010
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Francis Marion Hotel
Swamp Fox Restaurant

Join Honors alumni and friends for the first annual Honors Alumni Brunch! Enjoy a southern-style brunch buffet complete with a Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar.

Brunch tickets must be purchased from the Honors College by April 7.

Invitations will be sent in early March.

Contact Maria at honorsalumni@cofc.edu or 843.953.7878 for more information.
Honors Alumni Updates

2009

Kaytlin Bailey (History major – Theatre minor) is Lead Assistant Director with Grassroots Campaigns, Inc., in New York City. Grassroots Campaigns is an independent organization that does strategic consulting, fundraising, and field organizing for social and political causes and candidates.

Danielle Geeting (Biology and Spanish) is busy preparing for her summer wedding to Alex Volandt and for entry into the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine this Fall!

Patricia (Patty) Grant (Economics) is engaged to Joey Metts. Joey surprised her by proposing at Disney World in December. Patty is a first year law student at George Mason University School of Law and Joey is interviewing at medical schools around the U.S.

Bethany Martin (Accounting and Legal Studies) will graduate from the University of Notre Dame in May with a Master’s degree in Accountancy. She plans to complete all four parts of the CPA exam this summer and will begin working with accounting firm Ernst and Young in Pittsburgh, PA this Fall.

Lauren Perrault (Communication major – Studio Art and Art History minors) is the Marketing Director for Imaging Arts in Charleston and also works at the Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry.

Emily Cloessner (Chemistry, Art History and Psychology) is working with the French Ministry of Education as a teaching assistant in Toulon, France. Prior to this, Emily taught science in Micronesia with the World Teach program.

Anthony (Tony) Lauricella (Philosophy) is in his first year of graduate school at the University of Chicago where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Islamic Archaeology.

Clay Lifton (Sociology major – Chemistry minor) has been accepted into the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine for the Fall. He is “visiting and kite surfing the world’s windiest places,” most recently in Costa Rica and South Africa.

Chris Snyder (Philosophy and English) is in his second year of teaching English in Bundang, a suburb of Seoul, South Korea. Chris has been studying Kyokushin kaikan, a Korean martial art form of full-contact karate. In this photo, he is competing in the 2009 Dream Cup in Bucheon, Seoul, South Korea.

2008

Katie Cleary (Psychology and English) is completing a Ph.D. in Neurobiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Katie is researching auditory sensory processing in autistic children. She received a Howard Hughes translational medicine grant to complete the Ph.D.

Emmeline Douglas Aghapour (Mathematics) and Andrew Aghapour (Philosophy and Religious Studies majors – Political Science minor) married in Charleston last year. Emmie is enrolled in a Ph.D program in Mathematics Education at North Carolina State University and Andrew is pursuing a Ph.D. in Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Emmie received a Master’s degree in Mathematics from the College of Charleston and Andrew received a Master of Philosophy in the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge in England.

Kristen in Khayelitsha—Cape Town, South Africa

Kristen Thompson (Political Science and Communication) is in Cape Town, South Africa, pursuing a Master’s degree in International Relations at the University of Cape Town. Kristen is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, sponsored by the Mount Pleasant, SC Rotary Club. Keep up with Kristen’s adventures via her blog: http://kristenthompsonabroad.blogspot.com.

2007

Emmie and Andrew Aghapour in Charleston in 2009

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Max Blachman (Political Science) works for U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) as a Regional Representative for northeast Ohio. Prior to joining Senator Brown’s staff, Max worked as a Regional Field Director for Barack Obama’s presidential campaign.

Joie Cummings (Psychology major — Religious Studies minor) is pursuing a Master’s degree in Higher Education Administration at Boston College. She is an RA at Showa Boston, a branch of a Japanese women’s university. Joie’s Bachelor’s Essay is being published in the journal “Individual Differences Research.”

Wade Reardon (Biochemistry and Chemistry majors – Biology minor) is a third year medical student at the Medical University of South Carolina. Wade volunteered in Uganda last summer with Medical Campus Outreach and Palmetto Medical Initiative. He is planning to return to Uganda in May.

Erin Walsh (English major – Philosophy minor) is pursuing a Master’s degree in Elementary Education at the College of Charleston. Erin was the Development Coordinator for the Historic Columbia Foundation for two years.

2006

Claire Jarvis and Esteban Montero in Santiago, Chile

Claire Jarvis (History major – Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Spanish minors) married Esteban Montero in Santiago, Chile, in January. Claire is a graduate student in History at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Claire and Esteban are recovering from the effects of the devastating earthquake in Chile.

Morgan Murphy Glass and husband Robert Glass

Morgan Murphy Glass (Biochemistry and Chemistry majors – Biology minor) married Robert Glass in June 2009. Morgan is graduating from the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine in May 2010 and Robert will receive his M.D. in 2011.

Jess Windham (Historic Preservation and Community Planning and Urban Studies majors – Political Science minor) earned an MBA from The Citadel in December 2009. Jess worked with the South Carolina Office of The Trust for Public Land as Program Assistant. She is currently working at the Center for the Documentary at the College of Charleston where she supports the creation of documentaries like “In Search of Ambrosio Gonzales” and “Slow Ride.”

2005

Sally Horton (Spanish major – Interdisciplinary Linguistics minor) received a Juris Doctor from Chicago Kent College of Law in May 2009 and is practicing law with the Chicago firm Nash Disability Law.

2004

Rose Beth Grossman (International Business and History majors – International Studies minor) is completing her first year at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Rose Beth earned a Master’s degree in History at Vanderbilt University in 2007.

D. Chad Hunter (Psychology major – Economics minor) is completing a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in May. Chad will begin his internship at Springfield Hospital Center in Sykesville, Maryland, this summer. Chad and wife Caroline have a daughter, Jocelin.
2003

Eric Angermeier (Biology major – Psychology minor) is a third year orthopedic surgery resident at the Medical University of South Carolina. Eric received a medical degree from the Medical University College of Medicine in 2007. Eric, wife Laura, and son Andrew live on Johns Island. Eric is the drummer in the acoustic rock band wombat.

Anna Bryndza Dossett (Political Science and Economics) and her husband James Dossett (2003) live in Austin, Texas, where Anna is director of Eurasian programs for Ux Consulting. Anna completed a Master’s degree in International Trade and Investment Policy at George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs.

Jessica Pease Clarke-Pounder (Biology major – Psychology minor) is a third year Pediatrics resident at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and will begin a NICU Fellowship at Johns Hopkins when she finishes her residency this year. Jessica graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine in 2007. She and her husband Ian Clarke-Pounder have a son, Matthew James, born in August 2009.

Steve Sand (Biochemistry and Chemistry) received an M.D. from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine in 2009 and is completing an internship and residency in Psychiatry at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

2002

Jennifer Cruz Chamberlain (Biology major – Chemistry minor) received an M.D. from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in May 2009 and began a residency in Urology at Ochsner Health Systems and Louisiana State University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Jennifer’s husband Kippy (2001) graduated from law school and is finishing up a graduate degree in business.

Carissa Lentz Stephens (Religious Studies and History) and husband Jason (2002) are living in Austin, Texas with their two children: Jasper (3) and Penelope (1). Carissa is a registered nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Dell Children’s Medical Center in Austin and her husband is pursuing a Ph.D. in Geophysics.

2001

Lindsey Gertz Moore (Arts Management and Communication) is pursuing a second Master’s degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Columbia International University and is student teaching this semester. Lindsey received a Master’s degree in Architectural History and Preservation from the University of Virginia in 2003 and served as Executive Director of the S.C. Design Arts Partnership for three years. Lindsey and husband David live in Columbia, SC.

1999

Welcome to the world, Amelia!

Nicole Bannister Sinwell (Mathematics) is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Clemson University. Nicole completed a Ph.D. in Learning Sciences with an Emphasis on Mathematics Education at the University of Washington in 2009. Nicole and her husband Benjamin are the parents of Amelia Kathleen, born December 25, 2009.

Derrick Williams (English) is a Commissioner with the SC Workers’ Compensation Commission. Prior to joining the Commission, Derrick was an attorney with Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough. He earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2002. Derrick and his wife Alana Odom Williams (an attorney with Nelson Mullins) have a three year old daughter, Regan.

1998

Joel M. Gramling (Anthropology and Biology) is an Assistant Professor of Biology at The Citadel in Charleston. Joel earned a Master’s degree in Education and Biology at The Citadel in 2001 and a Ph.D. in Biology with a focus on plant ecology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006.

Eric Hansel (English and Spanish) met his wife Laura while playing in a rock band in California. They live in San Diego, California and have a daughter, Libby, born in August 2009. Eric works with the logistics company Upper Deck as Sales Manager – Internet, Television, and Direct Marketing. Eric surfs when he has a free moment and plays music in a blues band and at church. Read more about Eric in the “Dream Job” article in the Spring 2010 issue of College of Charleston Magazine.

Jordan Jaskwhich Elm (Psychology and Music) was appointed Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. She received a Ph.D. in Biostatistics at MUSC in 2009 and a Master’s degree in Psychology/Neuroscience at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Jordan and her husband Daniel live in Charleston.
J. Celeste Lay (Political Science) is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lucy and her husband Christopher Fettweis (Tulane Political Science professor) have a 1 ½ year old daughter, Lucy. Celeste earned an M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. She taught American Government in the Honors Program at the University of Maryland and also taught at Stonehill College for two years.

David Ritter (English) and his wife Ying-Ju Huang have a 9 month old son, Julian, born in May 2009. David is working with the U.S. Department of Labor in Atlanta, Georgia. He completed a Master’s degree in English at Clemson University in 2001 and a Juris Doctor at Georgia State University School of Law in 2005.

William Turkett (Computer Science) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science at Wake Forest University. William received a Ph.D. in 2004 from the University of South Carolina where his research was in the area of probabilistic reasoning. He has been actively involved in the Wake Forest University sponsored EuroTour summer study abroad program (10 countries in 30 days) since 2007. He teaches a modified version of Computer Science 101 while abroad.

1997

Eric S. Bullington (French) was interviewed recently on National Public Radio. His company, Clinical Translations, offers translation services and language technology consulting to the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries. Eric is a certified freelance translator working with French, Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian languages. Eric has worked on projects for a variety of Fortune 500 companies, top-tier translation agencies, international NGOs, and groundbreaking public-private partnerships. www.clinicaltranslations.com. Eric received a Master’s degree in Public Health – International Health and Development at Tulane University in 2003. He is married to Kirstin Olson Bullington and they live in Elgin, SC. Their daughter Rowan is almost 3 years old and their son Darwin was born March 1.

Justin Halberda (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Psychology and Philosophy) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Johns Hopkins University. Justin completed a Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology at New York University. He completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris, France and a two year Fellowship at Harvard University before joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins University. Justin is the co-principal investigator of a $1.6 million grant from the National Institute of Health. He directs two research labs at Johns Hopkins: The Vision and Cognition lab and the Laboratory for Child Development. http://www.psy.jhu.edu/~halberda/index.html.

1995

Verona Canaday Shumway (Elementary Education major – Chemistry minor) lives in Kingsland, Georgia with her husband Christopher and children Behling (3) and Cloah(10 months). Verona completed a Master’s degree in Education from the College of Charleston and received National Board Certification. Verona taught elementary school for eleven years and now calls herself a SAHM (stay at home mom) but she plans to return to the classroom when the children are older.

Alema Galijatovic Idrizbegovic (Biochemistry and Chemistry) is a Research Fellow at Merck where she has worked for six years. Since April 2009, Alema has also served as interim head of Biochemical Toxicology. Alema and her husband Mirza live in Philadelphia, PA with their son Benjamin (3 1/2). Alema received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology at the University of South Carolina and completed a two year Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of California, San Diego.

1996

Peter Phillips (English) is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Charleston. Peter works in the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and primarily prosecutes narcotics cases, focusing on larger scale drug trafficking organizations, either operating out of this area or internationally. Many of his cases involve guns and illegal immigration issues. He received a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2000. Peter married his high school sweetheart, Summar (a physician), and they have two children: Miley (6) and Pete (5). They live on Daniel Island.
Clay M. Grayson (English) is an attorney with Haynsworth, Sinkler and Boyd in Charleston. Clay serves as special counsel for universities, hospitals, research foundations, and a variety of tax exempt and nonprofit organizations. Clay is a board member of numerous civic and professional organizations including the Hollings Cancer Center, the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Artists of Charleston. He studied Italian and European Business at the University of Bocconi in Milan, Italy and continued his studies at the University of South Carolina where he received a Masters in International Business and Juris Doctor from the School of Law. He received a Master of Laws from New York University in 2004. Clay’s wife, Manoli Davani (CofC 1993) owns Avondale Wine and Cheese.

1994

Elizabeth (Beth) Middleton Burke (English) is an attorney and partner with Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman, LLC in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Beth’s practice primarily focuses on litigation of cases concerning personal injuries caused by pharmaceutical drugs. She is married to Richard Burke and they have a daughter, Katherine. Beth received a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. She is President-Elect of the College of Charleston Alumni Association Board of Directors and will become President at the April 24, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. Beth is a member of the South Carolina Association for Justice and the American Association for Justice (AAJ). She currently serves on the AAJ Membership Oversight Committee, Convention Planning Committee, and previously served on the National College of Advocacy Board of Trustees. Beth frequently speaks at continuing legal education seminars and recently presented on discovery of electronically stored information in February at the annual meeting of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association in New Orleans.

1993

Tiffany Hammond Christian (English and French) is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Tiffany leads annual service trips to Uganda for college students and has recently started her own nonprofit, youth4uganda.com, to provide international service opportunities for families and younger students (as young as middle school). Tiffany is married to Raymond Christian and they have four children: Rayanna (12), RJ (11), and twins, Rayna and Raylen (4). Tiffany earned an M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Counselor Education at the University of Florida and an M.S.W. and a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Adrienne Williams-McCleskey (History) and her husband Blaine (1995) live in America’s top rated best small town: Louisville, Colorado (according to Smart Money Magazine). Adrienne and her husband have two children: Maggie (6) and Zane (3). Adrienne has been teaching elementary school for 15 years and Blaine is finishing a Ph.D. at the University of Colorado—Boulder this year. Adrienne and Blaine have won numerous sailing competitions around the United States. Adrienne received a Master’s degree in Elementary Education and Blaine completed a Master’s degree in Environmental Science at the College of Charleston before moving west.

1992

Annaliza Oehmig Moorhead (Economics), husband Kirk, and son Kirkman welcomed the arrival of Eliza Graham on November 20, 2009. Annaliza has served on the College of Charleston Board of Trustees since 2002 and is a member of the Honors College Advisory Board. Annaliza is a Certified Public Accountant and lives in Anderson, South Carolina.

1989

James G. Hodge (Business Administration) is profiled in this issue of the Alumni Update.

1986

Pamela Travis Cisneros (Mathematics) and her husband Christopher founded Zafari, Inc. http://zafariinc.com a marketing, graphic design and website design company. Pamela received a Master’s degree in statistics at Pennsylvania State University and worked as an Information Technology consultant in Washington, D.C. and Denver, Colorado before moving to Charleston in 2004. After eight years as President of Zafari, Inc., Pamela’s artistic roots beckoned even louder so she turned Zafari, Inc. over to her husband and struck out on her own as a full-time independent artist. http://pamelacisneros.com

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James G. Hodge, Jr., J.D., LL.M. graduated from the College of Charleston Honors Program in 1989 with a degree in Business Administration. He is the Lincoln Professor of Health Law and Ethics at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and Fellow, Center for the Study of Law, Science, and Technology, at Arizona State University, where he also directs the new Public Health Law and Policy Program at the College of Law. This program brings together scholars, practitioners, and other partners to focus on critical issues at the intersection of law, ethics, and public health.

Professor Hodge is also an Adjunct Professor and Senior Scholar at the Centers for Law and the Public's Health: A Collaborative at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities; President of the Public Health Law Association; and Vice-Chair of the ABA Public Health Interest Group.

Prior to joining Arizona State University in August, 2009, he was a Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center; and a Core Faculty member of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics.

His diverse, funded projects include work on (1) the legal framework underlying the use of volunteer health professionals during emergencies; (2) the compilation, study, and analysis of state genetics laws and policies as part of a multi-year NIH-funded project; (3) historical and legal bases underlying school vaccination programs, (4) international tobacco policy for the World Health Organization’s Tobacco Free Initiative, (5) legal and ethical distinctions between public health practice and research; and (6) legal underpinnings of partner notification and expedited partner therapies.

Professor Hodge is a prolific author of over 200 published articles, book chapters, reports, and other manuscripts in journals of law, medicine, public health, business, ethics, and emergency management.

He received a Juris Doctor in 1993 from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law and a Master of Laws in 1997 from Georgetown University School of Law.

He is married to Andrea B. Hodge and they have three children: Maria (15), Avery (8), and Collin (6).