

TEMPLETON HONORS COLLEGE
ALUMNI UPDATES
MAY, 2007

Cohort of 1999/Class of 2003

- ***Carolyn (Miller) Beyer*** is a Records and Library Assistant for the Mennonite Central Committee. She is very happy with MCC's mission, and is considering a horizontal move within the organization that would involve more interpersonal contact and some trips to Asia. Carolyn and her husband Bryan have a son, Caden Joel, born in January of 2006.
- ***Connie Bindewald*** is a Clinical Psychology Doctoral Candidate at Antioch New England Graduate School, NH. Since Eastern, she has worked as the editorial assistant for a counseling journal and as a research assistant to Antioch's Social Justice Committee. She also provides psychotherapy, assessment, and advocacy services to children and families. She's preparing to relocate to Connecticut for a pre-doctoral internship next year, and will be getting married in June to SSG. Earl Blizzard III of the U.S. Army.
- ***Stephen Bonanni, Jr.*** is serving in the US army as a Sr. Medic. He is currently stationed in Afghanistan.
- ***Greg Cesare & Nicole (Priest) Cesare*** were married in May 2005. Greg has his Master's of Social Work degree from West Chester University and is a school social worker at Durand Academy, a private special education school in Woodbury, NJ. Nicole is completing her Masters in English at Villanova. In the fall of 2007 she will begin a PhD program in English at Temple.
- ***Rebekah Dean*** is working on a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science through Dominican University, River Forest, IL. She will enter her last year in the fall of 2007, and plans to student teach in the year following.
- ***Tina Dise*** is the Insurance/ Treatment Plan Coordinator for Richard M. Berg, DDS in Lititz, PA. She is planning an August wedding to Richard White, Jr. of Lexington NC.

- **Amy Gilbert** is in her third year of a Ph.D. program in Philosophy at the University of Virginia. Her primary area of research is in contemporary ethics. For the past year she has been the research and grading assistant for the head of the bioethics program. In the fall of 2007 she will be teaching her own course on Medieval Ethics and beginning to do research for her dissertation.

- **Christen Goodwin** is teaching fifth grade at a Christian school in Connecticut. She has recently started a Master's degree program in Special Education at Southern Connecticut State University, and would like to work with children who have Asperger's Syndrome.

- **Amber Hulslander** is a Corporate and Financial Analyst at Gaudenzia, Inc. in Norristown, PA. In November of 2006 she completed an MBA with a focus in nonprofit management.

- **Rachel Kriss** has been working in Dubai for the CEO of freight forwarding company, assisting heavily with the research and writing of a book on the evolution of logistics management. Research takes her to such places as Egypt, China, and South Africa. She teaches English, creative writing, Spanish, and piano.

- **Paul Lilley** is at Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica. He will take the licensure exam in August or September, and will finish his training in the USA. In June of 2009 he plans to start residency, hopefully in MD, and then open a practice there.

- **Leah Poane** is teaching 9th grade World Literature at Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing, NJ. The subject matter is very rewarding, allowing her to bring everything she has ever learned about the world at large into her daily lessons.

- **Michael Sampson** is working on his Masters in Music Therapy at Drexel/Hahneman University. He is also involved in the music ministry at Central Baptist Church in Wayne.

- **Laura (Beaumont) Shearer** married David Shearer in May of 2006. She is an Implementation Systems Analyst for Electronic Data Systems Inc. in Cherry Hill. After relocating at the end of May, Laura plans on getting her masters and pursuing work in either college administration or engineering. She has been getting involved in the Emergent Church movement and hopes to continue to do so more actively in the future.
- **Rebecca St. Julien** spent '04 living in an orphanage in Cairo, Egypt, working with the Mennonite Central Committee. In '05 she taught English and cultural adaptation skills to newly arrived refugees in Comer, GA. In '06 she began volunteering in the Habitat for Humanity Lebanon office in Beirut as the Resource Development and Communications Coordinator. Evacuated to Cyprus and then back to Cairo in July, she returned to the work in Lebanon in January. Rebecca is considering a Master's degree in Conflict Transformation.
- **Angela Stowell** received a Masters in International Affairs from George Washington University in '05. She interned with the Embassy of France, the European Institute, UN-USA, and the American Embassy in Luxembourg. In '06 and '07, Angela has been working for the French government teaching English to elementary students in Normandy. In the summer she is assistant lecture coordinator for Chautauqua Institution near her home in western New York. Angela hopes to immerse herself in Spanish in the fall, and then will be looking for a job that uses her international affairs degree.
- **Kinsey (Wangaard) Towle** is attending Temple University for a Master's in Speech Language and Hearing Science. She hopes eventually to be a Speech Pathologist working with children in a school, hospital, or clinic setting.
- **Brian Waldschmidt** is currently in Medical School at Temple University.

- ***Sarah Wilson*** has been working at Gaudenzia in Women's Forensic Intensive Recovery.

- ***Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove*** and ***Leah Wilson-Hartgrove*** have established the Rutba House, "a Christian community of hospitality, peacemaking, and discipleship" in Durham, N.C. Following their experience in Iraq, Jonathan published *To Baghdad and Beyond: How I Got Born Again in Babylon*.

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- ***Alissa (Miller) Barshinger*** is working as a Research Assistant at Drexel University College of Medicine in the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy's Spinal Cord Research Group. She is currently pursuing a teaching certificate in biology at Drexel University.
- ***Sara Jo Becker*** is an Executive Assistant at Iberdrola Renewable Energies in Radnor, PA. She attends Friends Quaker Meeting in Haverford and occasionally appears on stage in the musicals of King of Prussia Players.
- ***Brent Bice*** married Alina Hernandez (EU '05) last April, and is a full-time graduate student at Eastern University, pursuing teaching certification and a Masters in Education.
- ***Jessie Doerrer*** has been pursuing her Masters in Divinity at Princeton Seminary. She would like to be in a counseling or chaplaincy position but is open to being a pastor within a church. She wants to work with or start an organization engaging the church on issues of race, and to pursue photography more seriously on the side.

- ***Elisabeth (Revel) Grunert*** married Jonathan Grunert (THC '05) and is teaching 9th grade English at Northeast High School in Pasadena, Maryland.
- ***Darya Hackenburg*** is an AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer with United Way of Erie County, working specifically with the Healthy Youth Development Initiative. She is the chair of the Administrative Board at her church, and has been teaching Sunday school and taking the youth on trips. She is interested in work in East Asia.
- ***Edward Howell III*** is pursuing his Masters in Library Science at Clarion State Grad School.
- ***Sarah Landis*** is a Production Editor for the Academic Journals Division of the Taylor & Francis Publishing Company – Philadelphia office.
- ***Joshua Meservey*** is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Luapula Province, Zambia. He works with the forestry and agriculture departments and helps to teach the villagers in his assigned area sustainable agriculture techniques and micro-enterprise.
- ***Karin (Hoeffler) Rezendes*** married Timothy Rezendes (THC '05) in October, 2005. She completed her MLS and is a youth services librarian at the Public Library in Lancaster, PA.
- ***Danae (Burgess) Rice*** works at Lancaster Laboratories, Inc., a major contract lab that does testing for many different Pharmaceutical companies. She has transitioned out of the lab and is now working as a client service representative, the liaison between 9 of their major pharmaceutical clients and the laboratory operations. She and her husband Loren (EU '04) are expecting their first child (a boy) in June.
- ***Domenic Rowe*** has begun the process of establishing his own import/export business (Aequitas Mercantile, Inc.), initially focusing on importing household luxury items and clothing from the Mediterranean (primarily France, Morocco, and Italy).

- **Brad Shimizu** is teaching Mathematics full-time at Hawaii Baptist Academy. He attended the New England Conservatory for a Master's in oboe performance.
- **Marijke (Groen) Sütter** is a research assistant at Drexel University College of Medicine studying TBI (traumatic brain injury) in the adult rat and mouse, but will be leaving in August to attend Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She married Eric Sütter (EU '06) in 2005, and they have a son, Jeremiah. Eric is working as a mental health technician at the Devereux Foundation, and will be looking for work in a similar field in Baltimore.

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- **John Chambers** is living in New York City, working for the economic development agency of Northern Ireland. He is also playing music in clubs and theaters (bass, piano, and guitar) and recording songs he has written. He plans to begin teaching in the NYC public school system in the fall of 2007, and from there to work on further degrees in religion and philosophy.
- **Tiffany Grant-Callender** is employed at Family Court in Philadelphia. She works with judges' orders in regard to mental health issues, determining the appropriate services and connecting patients with the right agencies for treatment.
- **Jonathan Grunert** married Elisabeth Revel (THC '04) and has been teaching English at Riverdale Baptist High School, Upper Marlboro, MD. He plans to study History (Reformation/Renaissance Studies) at the University of Wisconsin in a few years.

- ***Jeremy Kauffman*** is a patient care assistant at Lancaster General Hospital. In May he will have completed a training program at the Church Planting and Leadership School sponsored by DOVE Christian Fellowship International. This summer he hopes to begin classes toward becoming a physician's assistant, and to enroll in a course on Christian spirituality through an organization called Kairos.
- ***Christin Klaassen*** has been working at the Merritt Academy in Virginia. She is a music teacher two days a week and in the office the other 3 days, developing the web site, alumni relations, and summer camp programs.
- ***Timothy Rezendes*** married Karin Hoffer (THC '04) in October of 2005. They own a home in Lancaster, PA with their two cats (Ogden and Algernon) and their dog (Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy). Timothy is a pharmacy tech for CVS and is pursuing jobs in the publishing world.
- ***Elizabeth (Leidy) Straight*** married Jesse Straight (formerly of the THC) and is an Americorps "volunteer" w/ Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries. She coordinates after-school tutoring for 5-8th graders who live in low-income neighborhoods. Jesse is an urban farmer and builder, and is interested in graduate studies in theology, literature and film.
- ***Michael Walk*** has been working in Maryland at a state residential treatment facility for adolescents and children with emotional and psychological disturbances. He also works part-time at educating children and teens in math, English, and SAT prep.
- ***Heather Weeks*** has been in El Salvador working with a Baptist church as a volunteer. She is living with a group of troubled youth in the church building and working with the children in a program of "Education for Peace". She plans to open an integrated community center in Mexico to promote holistic development and peaceful relationships.

- **Brandon Zimmerman** is in his second semester of graduate studies in the Catholic University of America's School of Philosophy. He is on a full scholarship and a small stipend. He works part time in the library of Philosophy and Religious studies and is looking into volunteering at Sacred Heart's Soup Kitchen.

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- **Chloe Brown** is working as a youth development counselor at Good Shepherd Services in NYC – a foster care group home for teenage girls.
- **Zachary Campbell** spent 2006-2007 in a PhD mathematics program at Lehigh University. He is not going to be completing the degree at this time, and is seeking direction. Zach married Dawn Allen (EU '06) in November; they are currently living in Bethlehem, PA.
- **Benjamin Carr** is working as the managing editor of the Northfield News and Transcript in Vermont. As such, he is one of two full-time employees (with the business manager) and writes lots of stories, edits more and lays out the entire paper. In January of 2009, he plans to reevaluate whether to stay in journalism, go to law school, or try for a congressional staff job involving analyzing legislation.
- **Amanda Cattley** is getting a master's degree in women's studies at Oxford. In July she will go into full-time volunteer work.

- ***Miranda Clemens*** is a novice in a convent in Bowie, MD. She continues to be confident that she has discerned the Lord's call in this, and is grateful for the opportunity to focus on spiritual growth and discipline.
- ***Rebecca Harwick*** is in Austin, TX, working as a writer/content designer for BioWare, a video game company that specializes in computer role-playing games. She is still writing plays on the side.
- ***Ashleigh Henderson*** is currently acting as a live-in nanny, giving voice lessons, and working with the children's choir at Wayne Presbyterian Church. In May she will be marrying Nate Blevins, a high school friend turned flame, and moving to St. Louis.
- ***Laura Henrich*** is working for the Templeton Honors College as Assistant to the Dean. She hopes to pursue graduate studies in literature, and dreams of teaching it—in some far off day—in the vein of Dr. Phillip Cary.
- ***Christopher Micklewright*** married Heather Morrison (EU '05) in May, '06. He is in a master's program at Villanova studying math and serving as a graduate assistant. Duties involve tutoring, grading for undergraduate classes, and TA-ing for a blind professor in undergraduate classes. Chris plans to graduate in May of 2008 and to pursue a PhD in math. He would like to teach at the college level.
- ***Rachel Okol*** has been spending time contributing to extensive family needs, and is otherwise taking things as they come. She is currently interviewing for a job in sales with a company that provides exceptional media services for businesses and restaurants.

- ***Andréa Priest*** is living in West Philadelphia with some other Eastern students and graduates, working in an administrative role at a drug and alcohol rehab center in Paoli. She has been accepted into Tulane's dual degree program for Public Health and Social Work in New Orleans, and is considering whether the timing is right to enroll for August of 2007.
- ***Krista Sirois*** is working for the USDA in a research lab until September, and is considering moving back to Austin or Houston, TX in the fall. She would find a lab job there, and possibly go into graduate school for forensic science in 2008.
- ***Sarah Vanacore*** is laboring at her passion, serving the homeless women of the city at N Street Village in Washington D.C. She may pursue graduate studies in 2008.