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THE SPRING/SUMMER ’06 EDITION OF THE IDS ALUMNI E-NEWSLETTER!

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Been back to campus lately? The lilacs, plums, and red buds have been in beautiful and brilliant bloom. And, we’ve just “sent off” a new graduating class, which included a total of 130 IDS students.

We continue to be one of the largest undergraduate programs/majors on campus. As of May 1, 2006 (the week before commencement), we had over 1,100 students enrolled.

PLEASE KEEP E-MAILING YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. And, let us know about what’s happening in “your corner of the world.”

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IDS Identified as a Signature Program

Our Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (IDS) Program has been selected and designated as one of the Signature Programs of the College of Social Science. Dean Marietta Baba has announced that the college is in the process of developing a new brochure/publication that will highlight the signature programs and point to their importance in emphasizing particular strengths and major areas of excellence and
innovation within the college. The publication will be available for distribution in the near future.

**IDS History Cognate**

The Department of History has developed and submitted a proposal for an **IDS History Cognate**. We hope the new cognate will be available as an option for IDS students beginning in Spring Semester 2007. The proposal has been approved by our college’s curriculum committee and will go on to the University Curriculum Committee and the Academic Council for a final vote early in Fall Semester 2006. We can hardly wait! We’re looking forward to officially welcoming History to “the IDS ranks.”

**Alumni Working on Campus**

Where are our IDS/MDP/Divisional Major alums? They’re everywhere! But some, in fact a fairly large number, are right here on campus. We thought you might like to know who they are and what they’re doing. (Please note that this is a partial list. These are folks that we’ve had some contact with in the past few years. We assume that there are probably at least twice this number of alums working on campus!) Let us know if we’ve missed you or someone you know.

Eyad J. Batayeh (class of ‘92) is a Specialist-Academic Advisor in The Eli Broad College of Business

Ann K. Beaujean (class of ‘85) is Director of State Relations in the office of the Vice President for Governmental Affairs

Pamela Sue Beemer (class ‘81) is Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

Mary A. Black (class of ‘70) is a Data Resource Analyst in the Office of Planning and Budgets

JoLee Blackbear (class of ‘92), Ph.D., is Coordinator of Study Abroad and International Programs in the Undergraduate Academic Services Unit, The Eli Broad College of Business

Lori Blankenship (class of ‘00) is an Administrative Assistant in the Neurology/Neuro-Ophthalmology Clinic, Healthteam-MSU

Cara J. Boeff (class of ‘88) is Assoc. Director of Development, University Development

Jeffrey (Jeff) M. Brodie (class of ’82) is the Senior Human Resources Professional in the Office of Employee Relations, Asst. Vice President for Human Resources
Terence F. Brown (class of ‘93) is an Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships

Bob Hoffman (class of ’93) is Public Relations Manager for the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts

The Honorable Colleen M. McNamara (class of ’74) is an elected member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees

Patrick McPharlin (class of ‘69) is President and CEO of the MSU Federal Credit Union

Vicki Shaver (class of ‘04) is Program Assistant, External Programs, College of Social Science

Richard (Rick) Shipman (class of ’80) is Director of the Office of Financial Aid

Shina Miyo Steinberg (class of ’78) is a Specialist-Academic Advisor in the Undergraduate University Division (UUD)

Todd Surline (class of ‘81) is Vice President-Human Resources at the MSU Federal Credit Union

Ron Teuber (class of ’57) is Regional Representative (Illinois area), Office of Admissions and Scholarships

Sandra (Sandy) Tupper (class of ‘90) is an Educational Program Coordinator in the Office of Study Abroad

Romelia Widders (class of ’98) is Senior Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships

**Carl E. Liedholm Appointed to Membership on the IDS Advisory Committee**

We’re pleased to announce that **Carl E. Liedholm**, Professor of Economics, has been appointed to a two-year term on the IDS Advisory Committee. Dr. Liedholm is a distinguished university professor, who has a significant record of scholarly achievement in teaching, research, and service. Carl’s research interests are in the areas of: international economics, international trade, and economic development (both domestic and international). Over the years, Carl has held Visiting Professor/Scholar positions at Oxford University; the Dutch Inter-University Network, University of Amsterdam; Wesleyan University; the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; and Yale University; among others. In recent years, he has been the recipient of several, major teaching awards, including: Outstanding Faculty Member, Senior Class Council (MSU) – 2004; Outstanding Teaching Award: College of Social Science Alumni Association – 2003; Teacher of the Year Award, Student Senate, Eli Broad College of Business, MSU

We are pleased and honored to welcome Dr. Liedholm as our newest member of the Advisory Committee and our first-ever member from the Department of Economics! We look forward to his advice and counsel.

Special Thanks to Outgoing Committee Member Joe Chartkoff

Our special thanks to Professor Joe Chartkoff, Department of Anthropology, for his outstanding service, over the past 3-year period, as a member of the IDS Advisory Committee. Joe was one of the founding members of the Committee, which was organized in January 2003. We thank him for his many contributions, and especially for his advice, support, and encouragement.

Joe is retiring after a long and distinguished academic career. He has excelled in the classroom, and, over the years, many, many IDS/MDP students have had the opportunity to “whet their appetite for learning” in his courses. Joe’s research has centered around prehistoric and ethnohistoric California cultures, as well as the historic development of the Great Lakes fishing industry and the formation of early community structures during the 19th century. Joe chaired the University Committee on Curriculum (1985-89) and the University Committee on Academic Policy (1996-97) in addition to serving as Chair of the Department of Anthropology (1989-92).

Our thanks to Joe. We wish him the very best in his retirement! We’re certain that he will continue to be very busy with his research and special project assignments.

Student Honors and Awards:

On April 19, IDS held its fourth annual Student Honors Ceremony and Reception. Students, staff and several parents and friends were on hand to take part in the festivities. We introduced and congratulated several IDS graduating seniors. Among them --

Our Outstanding IDS Senior for 2005-06 -- Ali M. Jafri (IDS-Public Policy Studies concentration, Economics cognate). A member of the MSU Honors College, Ali established a record of outstanding academic achievement during his years on campus. He built a cumulative grade point average of 3.8131, and he completed an additional undergraduate major in Political Science. Ali also completed course work for a university specialization in Peace and Justice Studies. His foreign languages are Urdu and Arabic. He graduated with “high honor.” During the past two years, Ali received a number of major scholarships and commendations. These included recognition as a recipient of the Undergraduate Distinguished Scholarship in the College of Social
Science (2005), the Richard B. Gerisch Scholarship in Public Policy Studies (2005-06), the Martin Luther King, Jr. Endowed Scholarship (2005-06), the A.J. Harris II IDS Field Experience Scholarship (2006), the Semester Study Program in Washington, D.C. Scholarship (2006), membership in Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society, and membership in the national Society of Collegiate Scholars. Throughout his college career, Ali showed an eagerness to augment his required studies with co-curricular and extracurricular activities. During his stay at MSU, he served as a member of the Executive Board of the Muslim Students Association of Michigan State University, and a member of Students for Peace and Justice. In these organizations, he played a strong leadership role in encouraging multi-cultural dialogue on issues such as social discrimination and racial and ethnic profiling. In addition, Ali found time to continue his involvement with the Coach Campion & Co. Boys Basketball Camp, Rochester Hills, Michigan. He worked as a camp counselor for the past three years.

Ali has recently returned to Michigan after completing the Semester Study Program in Washington, D.C. (Spring 2006). His internship assignment was with Amnesty International. Earlier in his college career, Ali completed an internship with the Cardiovascular Institute of Michigan (Summer 2002). After graduation, Ali plans to continue his studies in law school.

Our congratulations to Ali, the outstanding IDS Senior!!!

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At the Honors Ceremony, students who graduated with “high honor” (a grade point average of 3.8 and above) and students who graduated with “honor” (a grade point average of 3.5-3.79) were introduced and recognized. Ten (10) IDS students graduated with “high honor” and thirty-four (34) graduated with “honor.”

Congratulations to the many, many outstanding graduates!!!

Candidate for Outstanding New Advisor Award

We’re pleased to report that Jamie McClintock (B.A., Mount Saint Mary’s University; M.A., University of Notre Dame), the newest member of our academic advising staff, was nominated and accepted as the Michigan State University candidate for the Outstanding New Advisor Award (2006) from the National Association of Academic Advisors (NACADA). Jamie was not selected to receive the national award, but we were very pleased to be able to place her name in nomination.

Jamie is currently in the process of completing the Ph.D. degree program in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education at MSU.
Call for Gifts/Contributions

Alums, and other friends of the program, may wish to contact our college’s Development Office to discuss the possibility of making a financial contribution -- large or small -- to the IDS Program. If you’re interested, please contact Sarah Blom, Development Director, College of Social Science, 306 Berkey Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824, 432-1802, blom@msu.edu

Note: We will include a feature story on major alumni/alumnae donors and their contributions in the Fall Semester 2006 edition of the IDS Alumni E-newsletter.

Hope you have a great summer! Stay in touch! Note: We will have an expanded section of “alumni notes” (i.e., personal/professional updates) in the fall.

We will post a copy of the e-newsletter to our IDS website. The address is –

http://ids.socialscience.msu.edu/

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