As promised in the last edition, we’ve devoted much of this e-newsletter to news from recent and fairly recent graduates. In the past, we’ve heard more frequently from “older alums” (Divisional Major, MDP, IDS grads in the ‘90s), so we thought it was time to ask our relatively recent graduates where they’re living and what they’re “up to.” Thanks to everyone who responded to our inquiry. Please note: We’ve made some minor editing changes. We’ve also heard from a few of the pre-2000 grads. Thanks for sharing information about what’s happening in “your corner of the world.” Our special congratulations to two alums – Dr. Tom Plough and John Hershey – who tell us they’re retiring in the very near future.

We also report on several staff changes that will be occurring in the IDS Program over the summer months. Several individuals have left or will be leaving, and we’ll be welcoming several new employees into the program prior to the beginning of Fall Semester. (We’ll report on the “new hires” in the Fall e-newsletter.)

Note: If you’d like to send a congratulatory note to Bill Marx, Andrea Funkhouser, or Jamie McClintock, please send your message to the IDS office (ids@ssc.msu.edu) and we’ll see that it gets forwarded to the appropriate individual.

Previously, Donna was a recipient of the College of Social Science Outstanding Alumni Award and the MSU Distinguished Alumni Award, both in 2001.

Our congratulations, once again, to a most distinguished alum – Donna Hrinak!

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Student Honors and Awards

On April 19, IDS held its fifth annual Student Honors Ceremony and Reception. Students, staff and several family members and friends were on hand to take part in the festivities. We introduced and congratulated a number of IDS graduating seniors. Among them –

Our Outstanding IDS Senior for 2006-07 -- Maria Carmona (IDS-International Studies concentration; Anthropology cognate). Maria established a record of outstanding academic achievement during her years on campus. Her cumulative grade point average was 3.87; she graduated with “high honor.” Maria completed course work for a second undergraduate degree in Spanish and an undergraduate specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Spanish is her first language; she is also fluent in English. In addition to her honors and awards in the IDS Program, Maria was selected as the Outstanding Graduating Senior in Spanish. During her final three years as an undergraduate, she received a number of major scholarships and commendations. These included recognition as a recipient of the College of Social Science Undergraduate Distinguished Scholarship, the James B. Hamilton Award, the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union Scholarship, and an Outstanding Leadership Award – presented by the Office of Supportive Services. Most recently, she was selected as a finalist for the Featherstone Prize, one of the most selective and prestigious awards given to a graduating senior at Michigan State. Maria completed a Study Abroad experience at the University KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. This provided an excellent opportunity for her to develop understanding of the diverse and multicultural population of South Africa and to make comparisons with patterns here in the U.S. Maria also served as a Site Leader for an MSU Alternative Spring Break program in Merida, Mexico (2004), and as an Intern, with the Asociacion de Investigacion y Especializacion Sobre Temas Iberoamericanos-AIETI, Madrid, Spain (Summer 2006). From 2003 to the end of Spring
Semester 2007, she served as a Teaching Fellow for the Office of Supportive Services, assisting instructors with freshmen seminars, serving as a student mentor, etc.

Maria is a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Delta International Honors Society. During her college career, she was very involved in service activities relating to the College of Social Science and her IDS major. She served as a member of the Dean’s Student Advisory Council and a member of the College-Level Screening Committee for University Awards. She also served as Junior class representative, and then, Senior class representative, on the IDS Advisory Committee. In her “spare time,” she served as – a volunteer at Cristo Rey Clinic, a Big Brother/Sister mentor for the MSU College Assistance Migrant Program, and a Spanish tutor for two Korean girls. Maria attended several conferences and was a presenter at two – the Second Student Success Conference at Michigan State (2005), and the Second National MSU CAMP Student Leadership Conference (2006). In many of her positions/assignments, Maria played a strong leadership role in encouraging multi-cultural dialogue on campus and in the broader community.

Congratulations to Maria, our outstanding IDS senior!

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The recipient of a Board of Trustees Award (given at each MSU commencement ceremony to graduating students who have the highest grade point average) –

- For Spring Semester 2007: One of the recipients was Christine E. Gunkel (IDS-International Studies concentration, Political Science-American Political Institutions cognate). Christine graduated with a grade point average of 4.00.

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To “cap off” the celebratory event, 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. Fourteen (14) IDS students graduated with “high honor” and twenty-four (24) graduated with “honor.”

Congratulations to our many, many outstanding graduates!!!!

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Alumni Notes

News from Pre-2000 Grads
Ernest Green (class of ’62, Social Science divisional) writes to inform us that he will observe the 50th anniversary of his and his colleagues’ involvement in desegregating Little Rock Central High School on September 25, 2007.

As you may recall, Ernest was our keynote speaker for the IDS Diamond (60th) Anniversary Celebration in the Spring of 2005. A leader in the U.S. civil rights movement, he was a member of the “Little Rock Nine,” the group of students who integrated Central High School following the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education. Ernest was a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal (presented by President Bill Clinton), 1999, the highest honor our country bestows upon a civilian. Former Asst. Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training (in the Carter administration), he is currently employed as Managing Director of Public Finance for Lehman Brothers, Washington, D.C.

Tom Plough, Ph.D. (class of ’63, Social Science divisional) will retire as President Emeritus of Assumption College in Worcester, MA. He is former President of North Dakota State University, Provost Emeritus of RIT (New York), and former Dean of Students at Alma College. He and his wife Monty will retire to Traverse City, MI.

John Hershey (class of ’64, Social Science divisional), Latin teacher at Ithaca, New York, high school, is retiring – for the fourth time – this year.

Sue Sattel (class of ’64, Social Science divisional) has had an active career in the State of Minnesota Department of Education where she assisted on the cutting edge of technology (what can microcomputers, low-power television and interactive computer video discs do for education? - 1979 forward), sexual harassment prevention (curriculum and workshops for students, teachers and administrators - 1991 and forward), and opened winter ice team sport time for girls that has resulted in over 8,000 young women skating ice hockey in Minnesota (1990 and forward) as the Title IX Coordinator and civil rights specialist who didn’t lose parents’ complaints of inequality on her desk.

Rossi Ray-Taylor, Ph.D. (class of ’74, B.A., Multidisciplinary Social Science) is the founder, President and CEO of Ray.Taylor and Associates, an educational management and evaluation consultancy. She is the former Executive Director of the Minority Student Achievement Network and former Superintendent of the Ann Arbor (MI) School District.

Edward R. Enroe (class of ’80) writes that, after graduating from MSU and a short stint in the sporting goods business, he became a VISTA Volunteer (working on healthcare projects) both in Western Iowa and the inner-city of Detroit. Subsequently, he went back to school for a master’s degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. His first position out of graduate school was with the American Medical Student Association Foundation where he worked on contracts that placed medical school graduates in the National Health Service Corps and the Indian Health Service. Later, he had positions at Fairfax Hospital in Northern Virginia, Borgess and Bronson Hospitals in Kalamazoo, Duke University Medical Center, and now
MedServ Management Services in Kansas City. The common thread has been emergency and trauma services along with medical transport including critical care ground, helicopter, and fixed-wing services. He is in his second year of serving as the elected president of the Association of Air Medical Services based in Washington, D.C. He writes: “The IDS program and the studies I chose in Asian Studies, American History and Social Psychology have served me well by laying a good general foundation. I used the Asian Studies and especially Chinese History on a healthcare study tour of China in 1979 as part of my graduate studies at U of M.”

Mark Urban-Lurain, Ph.D. (class of ’81, M.A.) received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Michigan State University in 2000. His curricular focus: cognition and technology. Mark is now employed as Director of Instructional Technology Research & Development, Division of Science and Mathematics Education, College of Natural Science, MSU. (Mark reports: “I’m a hard-core Spartan!” Degrees, job, etc.)

Craig Dodge (class of ’85, MDP, International Studies) wrote to us a few months back to indicate that his MSU overseas study programs in France and Japan fueled his passion for travel. He spent 20+ years in the travel industry, first in travel agencies then management for American Airlines, first as Passenger Service Supervisor, then Area Sales Manager. Besides having traveled to every continent except Antarctica, he’s also changed residences many times. The cold weather drove him from Michigan to Miami, where he lived for 10 years, and his job moved him from Miami to San Francisco, where he spent another 7 years. While in San Francisco, he met his significant-other, who happened to be Taiwanese, and together they moved to Taipei, Taiwan. In Taipei, he teaches English as a second language as well as engages in personal fitness training, the hobby/career he says he started during his mid-life crisis.

Steve Betterly (class of ’88, MDP, International Studies) is currently working for the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging as a Community Services Field Representative and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator in Lansing, Michigan.

Maris (Mydock) Gilles (class of ’88, MDP, Employment Relations) works for that other school as an academic advisor at the University of Michigan-Flint Department of Nursing. Upon graduation from MSU, Maris secured employment with U of M where she now has 19 years of service. She is married to a U of M grad and has two daughters. The marriage clause said that one must attend U of M and the other Michigan State!

JoLee Blackbear, Ph.D. (class of ’92, Employment Relations) married a Native American from Canada named Will Debassige and moved from Michigan earlier this year to pursue her and her spouse’s mutual passion of helping improve the culture for Native Americans in tribal communities in Manitoba, Canada. JoLee accepted a position as a faculty member and Curriculum Consultant for the University College of the North, a First Nations University located in The Pas, Manitoba. The University College of the North is devoted to community and northern development and reflects the Aboriginal reality and cultural diversity of northern Manitoba. She wrote to us earlier this year to report that, in the near future, she will be featured on the Old Mole Variety Hour Talk
Radio Show (KBOO radio in Portland, Oregon). She will be discussing her research and work in aboriginal communities as well as her academic and professional journey. The program is hosted by Dr. Luz Maria Gordillo of Washington State University, an MSU alum.

Alumni Notes

News from Recent Graduates (those who graduated in the period, 2000-2007)

Lori Blankenship (class of ’00, Human Resources and Society) graduated magna cum laude from the MSU College of Law in 2005 and passed the Michigan Bar Exam on her first attempt. She accomplished all of this while continuing to work full-time in the Neurology/Neuro-Ophthalmology Clinic at MSU.

Mary Topolinski (class of ’01, Human Resources and Society) continues her work as Office Manager for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow’s Washington, D.C. Office.

Jamie Janisch (class of ’03, Environmental Policy) enters his third year this fall at the Michigan State University College of Law.

Tony Lemke (class of ’03, Human Resources and Society) is working as a Human Resources Analyst at Michigan State University. He is planning to return to school to pursue his master’s degree.

Jeremy Minikel (class of ’03, Human Resources and Society) is currently the Business Services Coordinator for Berrien-Cass-VanBuren Michigan Works!

Christie Arendt (class of ’04, Community Relations) graduated with a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. While enrolled in graduate school, she also served as Federal Policy Advisor in Governor Jennifer Granholm’s Washington, D.C. Office. She currently works on Public-Private Partnerships at the U.S. State Department.

Jim DiVita (class of ’04, International Studies) is currently working as the Director of Expansion for Sigma Pi Fraternity International and resides in Brentwood, Tennessee right outside of Nashville. He travels extensively throughout North America to establish new Sigma Pi chapters at collegiate institutions by recruiting scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen to become founding fathers. Jim is hoping to pursue a career in public relations/marketing and real estate within the next year.
Samira Jackson (class of ’04, Human Resources and Society/Business Emphasis) is working at DaimlerChrysler for the summer as an MBA intern within the Strategic Planning Division. In the fall, she will return to the Broad Graduate School of Management at MSU to complete the 2-year MBA program, where she’s doing a dual-concentration in Marketing and Strategic Management.

Dana Krozek (class of ’04, Health Studies) is currently forcing a keen insight on what separates good music from bad to the general public at The FADER magazine in New York City. She adds – (I know it’s got nothing to do with Health and Humanities, but I wouldn’t change my major for a thing!)

Robin Michelson (class of ’04, Public Policy Studies) is teaching 8th grade World Geography in Stafford, Virginia, 40 minutes outside of Washington, D.C. She will complete her Masters degree in Curriculum and Teaching at Michigan State in August 2007 and will be getting married in December. Her future husband is a Wildlife Biologist from Nashville, Tennessee.

SunShine M. Mills (class of ’04, Health Studies) wrote to us early in Spring Semester. She completed her Master of Social Work (MSW) degree at the University of Michigan and was then enrolled and completing her second year of a post-graduate fellowship in outpatient child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry/Department of Social Work. SunShine is married to Michael Mills (class of ’05).

Vicki Shaver (class of ’04, Human Resources and Society) has been working in the College of Social Science as a Program Assistant for the past two years. She works with students who have been accepted into the college’s internship and study away programs in Washington, D.C. and Hawaii. Traveling to those locations is one of the fringe benefits of her job.

Anna Stormzand (class of ’04, Health Studies) informs us that she accepted a job position in March as Regional Assistant for the Europe and Eurasia Team, Bureau of Global Health, United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She will be working to facilitate the health programs that are administered by USAID (HIV/AIDS, TB, Chronic Diseases, Family Planning) in these regions. And a bonus – she’s learning Russian for free!

Maria O. Thompson (class of ’04, Law and Society) recently graduated from the Michigan State University College of Law and is currently studying for the Michigan Bar Exam. After sitting for the July Bar Exam, she will return to work as a law clerk for an East Lansing law firm. Upon passing the Bar, she will become an associate attorney at the firm.

Jan de la Torre (class of ’04, International Studies) wrote recently to inform us that he completed a Masters Degree in Political Science at Lund University in Sweden, with a
focus on rights advocacy. He is now working at Planned Parenthood of South Central
Michigan, really enjoying the job which involves fighting for comprehensive sexuality
education for the young.

Stephanie Ball (class of ’05, Law and Society) is currently working as an Art Dealer for
Park West Gallery, Southfield, MI. Her sales territory is the continental U.S. and
Canada. She plans to pursue a masters degree in the near future.

Jenny Bauer (class of ’05, International Studies) spent this past semester taking course
work in Japan and is looking forward to returning to her final year of law school at
Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Marc Brewer (class of ’05, Health Studies) is entering his third year of a four year dual
degree program (School of Public Health and Law School) at the University of Michigan.
He will graduate with a Masters in Health Service Administration (MHSA) and a Juris
Doctorate.

Blaine Carpenter (class of ’05, Law and Society) is currently finishing up his 2 year
commitment as a Teach For America corps member in New York City. He recently
received a Master of Science in Teaching from Pace University. This fall he will be
enrolled at the University of Texas in Austin in the LBJ School of Public Policy graduate
program.

Nicole Davis (class of ’05, Community Relations) reports that after graduation, she
moved to Chicago. She is halfway through the M.S.W. program at the Jane Addams
College of Social Work at the University of Illinois-Chicago. She worked last year in
foster care at Catholic Charities, Chicago, and she will start her placement at an
elementary school in Chicago as a school social worker.

Erin Dickey (class of ’05, Human Resources and Society) is currently an ACUHO-I
(Association of College and University Housing Officers International) intern at Cedar
Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. This August she will be entering her second
year of graduate school at Michigan State University, where she is pursuing her masters in
Student Affairs Administration, as well as working as an Assistant Hall Director in
Campbell Hall for her graduate assistantship.

Cassandra Ellison (class of ’05, Law and Society) is working for the Department of
Veterans Affairs at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. Her BIG news is
that she is getting married this year!

Sara Feley (class of ’05, International Studies) is living in Idaho, working for Silver
Under Wilderness Skies (SUWS) Troubled Teen Wilderness Programs.

Jessica Heller (class of ’05, Health Studies) joined the AmeriCorps VISTA program in
August 2006. She is currently working as a VISTA with the Medical Reserve Corps non-
profit in Sacramento, California. Her year of service will be up this August, and she plans to move to San Diego and attend nursing school.

**Andrea Horj** (class of '05, International Studies) accepted a position in the Peace Corps to serve as a small enterprise development management advisor in Mali. She is helping to manage businesses, and she is working with micro-finance institutions to help Malians start and maintain profitable enterprises.

**Richard Irvan** (class of '05, Human Resources and Society) is currently teaching English in Seoul, South Korea. He’s taking six months off to travel to India, Africa, and South America soon, and returning to Seoul to teach again afterwards.

**Nick Jannakos** (class of ’05, Law and Society) is starting his third year of law school at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and he hopes to relocate to Michigan when he finishes.

**Melissa Klink** (class of ’05, International Studies) is currently working as a Research Assistant at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. and pursuing a Master’s Degree in International Development at American University.

**Kesha Larkins** (class of ’05, Health Studies) is currently working as the Volunteer Coordinator and Network Developer for the First Presbyterian Church Health Clinic of Kalamazoo, MI.

**Michael J. Mills** (class of ’05, Law and Society) wrote to us in Spring Semester to indicate that he was finishing his second year of medical school here at Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine. He plans to stay in the Lansing area for clinical training in years 3 and 4. Michael is married to Sunshine Mills (class of ’04).

**Angela Milosavljevski** (class of ’05, Human Resources and Society) is currently working as a Human Capital Senior Associate for Duff & Phelps, LLC in Chicago, Illinois.

**J. Ryan Mulcrone** (class of ’05, Community Relations/Sociology) is currently the Multimedia Manager for the Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL) hockey club. He graduated with a Master’s in Sport Management from The Ohio State University in March and began with the Blue Jackets in January.

**Evann O’Donnell** (class of ’05, Environmental Policy) is working as a summer law clerk for Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), an environmental watchdog group, and is about to begin her second year of law school at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

**Brian Patrick** (class of ’05, International Studies) is moving to Washington, D.C. this summer to take an analyst position with the National Republican Committee (NRC).
Mark Purdy (class of ’05, International Studies) is working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania. He has one more year of service and afterward, hopes to attend graduate school in Washington, D.C.

Nicole Smith (class of ’05, Law and Society) student taught during the 2006-2007 school year. In June of 2007, she was hired to teach history and sociology for Grandville Public Schools, near Grand Rapids. This summer she is attending an Advanced Placement Summer Institute through the College Board in Milwaukee to learn how to teach AP World History for her school.

Mark Tornega (class of ’05), Human Resources and Society) is working as a Network Administrator for Susan Davis International, a public relations firm in Washington, D.C.

Andrea Wagner (class of ’05, International Studies) completed her M.A. in Latin American Studies at UCLA this June. She is now working for the Economic Opportunity Commission, a large non-profit agency in San Luis Obispo, California.

Amanda Wahlig (class of ’05, Law and Society) is at Georgetown Law School, pursuing a joint degree in law and public policy with the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. She has completed two years of the four-year program, and her interest lies in government work. Last summer, she worked for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, completing an investigation into offshore tax shelter abuses. This summer, she’s working for Habitat for Humanity International in the Government Relations and Advocacy office, doing policy research and development.

Kirstin Webster (class of ’05, International Studies) is currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Petrosani, Romania. Her projects include teaching English as a foreign language, HIV/AIDS awareness, and promoting infant and children’s health. When she’s not working this summer, she’ll be knitting with local grannies or traveling around Romania and its post-communist neighbors.

Kevin Avery (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society) is living in Santa Barbara, California, working as a human resources consultant for Network Hardware Resale. NHR is an international computer networking sales company.

Kristen Hermes (class of ’06, Human Aging) relocated to Naperville, Illinois and works as an Operations Associate for Erickson Retirement Communities.

Sze Man Ip (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society) is currently working as a Human Resources Assistant for the Hutchison Whampoa Properties Limited in Hong Kong.

Ali Jafri (class of ’06, Public Policy Studies) was accepted last fall and is currently enrolled in the University of Texas School of Law. In his relatively short time on campus, he has been instrumental in creating a Middle East Law Students Association.
Ali was featured in a recent periodical article, *Branching out: Young Muslims look to new careers to gain ground in public debates* (American-Statesman, February 13, 2007).

**Angela Lipkin** (class of ’06, Law and Society) is employed as a Human Resources Analyst for the Corporate Executive Board, Washington, D.C.

**Nicole (Govan) Mays** (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society) is living in Osan, South Korea while her husband completes his assignment there. She is taking courses through Troy University to complete her Master’s in Human Resource Management and will be returning to Salt Lake City, UT in May ’08 to look for a job in HR.

**Britten Mrozinski** (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society) is currently working as a Human Resources Generalist for Grand Rapids Foam Technologies in Wyoming, MI. She is also engaged and getting married in July of 2008!

**Ryan Murray** (class of ’06, Public Policy Studies, Teacher Education) is currently working as a High School Social Studies Teacher for the Carman-Ainsworth School District, Flint, Michigan.

**Sarah Pinto** (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society) is currently working as a Human Resources Representative specializing in recruitment and training for Ferndale Laboratories, Inc., Ferndale, Michigan.

**Jessica Preville** (class of ’06, Community Relations) is working as a Corporate Receptionist for Medical Management Systems of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan.

**Erik Saenz** (class of ’06, Health Studies) is entering his first year of study at Central Michigan University’s Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.

**Morgan Stocking** (class of ’06, Health Studies) is currently working for the Michigan Department of Community Health as a Program Assistant. She plans to go back to school in the fall to pursue a master’s degree in public health at the University of Michigan.

**Carla Thompson** (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society/Sociology/Business Emphasis) joined Domino’s Pizza, LLC on February 12, 2007 in the capacity of PeopleFirst Associate at their World Resource Center in Ann Arbor. August 1st, she will be relocating to Santa Ana, CA to support the LA Regional Office in a HR Generalist capacity.

**Kristyn Vermeesch** (class of ’06, Law and Society) is an Investigative Associate for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. She was first assigned to work with the committee as an intern in MSU’s Semester Study Program in Washington, D.C.
Danielle M. Wolfe (class of ’06, Human Resources and Society) is currently working as the Human Resource Coordinator at Kellogg Community Federal Credit Union in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Jake Zimmerman (class of ’06, Public Policy Studies, Teacher Education) reports that after graduation, he began his full-year student teaching internship in September 2006. He was placed at Everett High School in Lansing, teaching United States history. He completed the internship in May and earned his teaching certificate. Jake was recently hired to teach world history and economics at Lakeview School District in Battle Creek, MI.

Heather Boyer (class of ’07, Law and Society) reports that the job market “is pretty ugly right now, to say the least.” She is working part-time with Eaton County Juvenile Detention Facility as a Youth Specialist. She will be attending graduate school in the Fall with the School of Social Work and plans to take her LSATs in September. Her goal is to complete the dual degree program with the School of Social Work and MSU College of Law. (Her comment: Just can’t get enough of Michigan State!)

Stephanie Bozung (class of ’07, Human Resources and Society) is currently awaiting acceptance into MSU’s School of Labor and Industrial Relations, where she would pursue study toward the Masters in Human Resources and Labor Relations degree.

Jaime Deitsch (class of ’07, Community Relations) writes that her interdisciplinary training in Community Relations and Psychology played an integral part in her obtaining a position with Carnival Cruise Lines. Beginning in September, she will have the opportunity to travel the Caribbean, encouraging cruise guests to have an enjoyable vacation, all the while paying back her student loans!

Laura Kohlmann (class of ’07, Human Resources and Society) has relocated to Washington D.C. She will begin work on a Masters in Public Administration at American University in the fall. She will pursue a concentration in Nonprofit Management.

Amy Ward (class of ’07, Community Relations) is currently working as a receptionist at Douglas J. She plans on attending graduate school at Grand Valley State University in the fall.

Retirements/Departures

1. Academic Specialists/Academic Advisors
The IDS program announces the retirement of two of its long-standing academic specialists/academic advisors. We honor them for their distinguished service to the program.

Dr. William G. (Bill) Marx

Dr. Marx was an advisor in the IDS/MDP program for 27 years. He served as a Senior Academic Specialist and as Assistant to the Director for Advising and Academic Services. He received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. in English literature from Michigan State University. Over the years, he advised a large number of IDS/MDP students, including all IDS students who were also enrolled in the MSU Honors College. Dr. Marx also coordinated the orientation and training of new academic advisors and the continuing education/training of more seasoned advisors. For several years, he served as a representative of the College of Social Science on the Medical Scholars Advisory Committee (College of Human Medicine) and as an alternate representative of the College on the MSU Teacher Education Council. Dr. Marx’s scholarly interests lie in the study of the dramatic literature of England written during the late Middle Ages. For several years, he co-taught the graduate course in Early English Drama at MSU, directed and acted in modern productions of English medieval drama, and published research on dramatic literature.

Dr. Marx (Bill) served our program and its students with great distinction. In 1991, he received an award of merit for “having consistently demonstrated the qualities associated with the outstanding advising of students” from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). We, and many of you, will miss his thoughtfulness, perceptiveness, dedication, his broad-ranging knowledge, his wit, and his singing (though perhaps the latter could have used a little “fine tuning”).

Bill began his retirement on July 1. Please join us in congratulating him and wishing him the very best!

Andrea Funkhouser

Bon Voyage!

Andrea will retire effective late summer 2007. She is in the process of relocating to Mexico where she and her husband have purchased a home.

Andrea has been an advisor with IDS for over 11 years, during which time she has also held the positions of Assistant to the Dean for Study Abroad, Coordinating Advisor for the Undergraduate Specialization in International Development, and Interim Advisor (most recently) for the new Global and Area Studies major. Andrea received a B.A. in mathematics from Douglass College and a M.A. in communication from Michigan State University. Prior to joining the IDS
advising staff in 1996, she was an advisor in MSU’s Undergraduate University Division. In recent years, Andrea has helped to develop and lead new programs and initiatives aimed at introducing the IDS major to first-year students at MSU. Andrea also developed a special resource packet for IDS majors: “Beyond the East Lansing Classroom: A Portfolio Approach to your Undergraduate Education at Michigan State University.” Andrea has represented the College of Social Science on two university-wide mathematics committees and has led and participated in a variety of information sessions on studying abroad.

Andrea has made many outstanding contributions to our program. She and her husband, John, are seasoned and experienced world travelers. We wish her the very best and hope she really enjoys those warm, sunny days in Mexico!

**Jamie McClintock**

At the end of Spring Semester, Jamie left the program and moved to Philadelphia, PA to join her fiancé at the University of the Sciences (in Philadelphia). Jamie is now employed as an Academic Advisor at USP, working primarily with first- and second-year students. She is pleased to return to her home state and to once again live in the same city as her fiancé, but she left with fond memories of Michigan State University and the IDS Program. Jamie will continue her work toward a Ph.D. in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education at MSU.

Best wishes, Jamie!

2. **Administrators**

**Dr. Assefa Mehretu**, Director of the Center for Integrative Studies and its Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (IDS) Program, will leave IDS at the end of the summer. At that point, he will have completed his term of service as director and will return to his teaching and research. He is a Professor in the Department of Geography and a professor affiliated with the African Studies Center. Assefa has been with the IDS Program for 7 years. He has provided administrative leadership during a period in which the program has continued its evolution as one of the largest and most distinguished undergraduate, interdisciplinary/multi-departmental programs in the country. During his tenure, the IDS Program was designated, by Dean Marietta Baba, as one of the Signature Programs of the College of Social Science.

**Dr. Bruce Bigelow**, Assistant Director of the Center for Integrative Studies and its Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (IDS) Program, will be retiring at the end of Summer Semester 2007. He has been with the program for over 16 years. During his years in IDS, he served as coordinator of the IDS Evening Degree-Completion Program, chair of the Planning Committee for the IDS Diamond Anniversary, and editor of the IDS Alumni E-Newsletter.
New Additions to the IDS E-Newsletter Editorial Board

Two new members have been added to the board. They are –

- **Bob Hoffman** (class of ’93), Public Relations Manager for the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, MSU
- **C. Pauline Tobias**, Specialist/Academic Advisor, IDS

We welcome Bob and Pauline!

IDS Student Internships

Each year, more and more IDS students are looking for, and completing, interesting and challenging internships – in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Our alums frequently help to “open doors” for students to become engaged in such assignments.

We encourage you to contact our office if you have suggestions for possible internship options.

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

[http://ids.socialscience.msu.edu/](http://ids.socialscience.msu.edu/)

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