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of the UW Bothell Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Program

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IAS Focus: Teaching Human Rights

Each year since the founding of UW Bothell, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences students have participated in the Washington, D.C. Human Rights Seminar, originally conceived by UW Bothell founding faculty member Professor Robert Schulz. In August, students begin the seminar with a series of readings on human rights and by choosing a topic to research in depth. Then in mid-September, students spend two full days on campus with local human rights scholars and practitioners before they head off to an intense week-long experience in Washington D.C., visiting the Pentagon, the State Department, embassies, think tanks, and international organizations advancing the cause of human rights.

While in Washington, students live together in a residential setting five blocks from the Capitol at the William Penn House, a Quaker conference center and meeting space. After returning to campus at the start of fall quarter, students flesh out the research projects they began developing in the summer. On December 10th (International Human Rights Day), students from the 2009 seminar displayed their work at the launch of the new tri-campus University of Washington Center for Human Rights.

In the course, students learn that human rights have emerged in the last 50 years as a critical normative dimension of international politics and policy, though a complex one in its specific applications. In DC they learn that the United States itself has, at times, had an



Classmates outside William Penn House in Washington D.C.

ambivalent relationship with the international human rights movement, a fact that complicates U.S. foreign policy. As Colton Lindelhof, UW Bothell '09 explains, "Taking this seminar provides students with the opportunity to ask questions directly to those formulating policy."

The DC Human Rights Seminar is part of the UW Minor in Human Rights, which is housed in the IAS program. As part of the Tri-Campus Initiative (UW Bothell, UW Seattle, and UW Tacoma), students may take courses from more than one campus in order to earn the minor. Students who opt to complete the minor go on to law school or graduate study in public policy, and to employment in international non-governmental organizations, humanitarian non-profits, and governmental careers. The minor is also helpful for students who aspire to careers in for-profit sectors that are concerned with corporate social responsibility, globalization, environmental justice,

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From the Director

Greetings, and Welcome to 2010.



Bruce Burgett

The current academic year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences and, with it, the University of Washington Bothell. This significant occasion can be marked in many ways, including a review of the pace of IAS and campus growth. But I want to focus in this column on a few individuals.

Of the twelve members of the UW Bothell founding faculty and 12 members of the founding staff, 6 remain. The founding faculty members are Constantin Behler, JoLynn Edwards, Jeanne Heuving, Dan Jacoby, and Alan Wood. The single founding staff member is Kathryn Cavil. These are familiar names to many of you, so let me update you quickly on their activities.

Constantin Behler is now an Associate Professor and has recently published a second book on Friedrich Schiller. JoLynn Edwards, Jeanne Heuving, and Alan Wood are all Professors, with a wealth of research and creative accomplishments. Dan Jacoby is a Professor in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, and the Director of the campus Office for Institutional Research.

All of these founding faculty members have dedicated a good portion of their careers to building IAS and UW Bothell as a dynamic, interdisciplinary, and engaged program and campus. Without their commitment and creativity, I would not be in the position to write this column today. I want to take this opportunity to salute them and to thank them for their two decades of effort.

Kathryn Cavil is the sole UW Bothell founding staff member still on campus. She is currently the Assistant Director for Academic Services in IAS, though that title hardly does justice to her many responsibilities. Like all previous IAS Directors, I work with her daily and I am constantly reminded of the large and small ways in which she enables the success of IAS students.

Before signing off, I want to note that the current academic year also marks the 20th anniversary of the University of Washington as a multi-campus institution. To mark that anniversary, we have partnered with colleagues at Seattle and Tacoma to host a day-long symposium on May 7 that will explore the globalization, corporatization, and digitalization of the engaged university on “new” and “old” campuses.

If you would like to know more about the May 7 symposium, or the campus-wide celebration to be held on May 15, please contact me. If you are interested in helping us to build the future of IAS and UW Bothell, please let me or Bettina Katz (BKatz@uwb.edu) know. We are eager to nurture and develop connections among our current students, our community partners, and our graduates as we look toward the next 20 years of IAS, UW Bothell and the UW.

Bruce Burgett, IAS Director and Professor

IAS Alumni News

Nina Bayer '05 (Culture, Literature and the Arts), earned an MFA in 2007 from the Northwest Institute of Literary Arts, Whidbey Writers Workshop, and has subsequently been working as a fiction writer, literary magazine editor, and community college instructor. Her fiction and poetry have been published in and recognized by numerous literary publications.

Charity Kuahiwinui '08 (Society, Ethics, and Human Behavior) and her partner Maylene, both UW Bothell graduates (Maylene from Business) have a blog describing their post-graduation travels. Follow their travels on twitter: twitter.com/maylene

Neil Low '04 (Comparative U.S. Studies), a Seattle Police Captain, has just published his second novel, entitled *Sign of the Dragon*. The story is set in Seattle, as was his first book, *Thick as Thieves*. Watch for book signings around town or google him to find out when and where.

Thomas Sandstrom '02 (Global Studies) is an attorney with the offices of Skinner and Saar, in Friday Harbor. He will be attending the Career Discovery Week IAS Alumni Panel, along with Nina and Neil (listed above).

Alumni, check out Thirsty Third Thursdays!
<http://www.uwb.edu/ias/alumni>

Faculty News

A Sampling of our IAS Faculty Activities:

Professor Deborah Caplow authored an essay entitled, “A Brief and Partial History of Political Printmaking” in *Paper Politics: Socially Engaged Printmaking Today*, PM Press, November 2009.

Professor Nives Dolšak published “Unbundling the Property Rights: Protection of Farmlands in the United States, 1997-2007.” She also presented at the Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C., November, 2009.

Professor Diane Gillespie authored the brochure, *Tostan: Community-Led Development*, as part of her work for the nonprofit Tostan, a human rights organization which operates in northwest and northeast Africa. Ask her for a copy!

Professor David Goldstein published “Hoop Dreams: Basketball in the Work of Sherman Alexie” in *Ethnic Studies Review* (2009), and “Page and Screen: Teaching Ethnic Literature with Film,” in *Pedagogy* (2010). He will present “Fostering an Interdisciplinary Culture at a Major Research University: The Program in Interdisciplinary Pedagogy,” at the London Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference

Professor Ted Hiebert presented several of his solo exhibitions in 2009 including: “Unbecomings” at the New Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, and InterAccess Electronic Arts Media Centre, Toronto (with Jackson 2bears); and “Incidental Selves” at the Comox Valley Art Gallery. He collaborated with David Cecchetto on “Eidola,” with featured works by William Brent and Ellen Moffat at the Open Space Artist-Run Centre, in Victoria, B.C.

Professor Kari Lerum published an article with Shari Dworkin, “‘Bad Girls Rule’: An Interdisciplinary Feminist Commentary on the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls,” in the *Journal of Sex Research*, 2009. She also co-authored with Shari Dworkin, “Toward an Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Youth, Sexualization, and Health,” *Journal of Sex Research*, 2009.

Professor Gray Kochhar-Lindgren is on sabbatical in Hong Kong this academic year. Gray is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship for teaching.

Professor Rebecca Price coauthored and presented “Emersion limits short-term growth rates in intertidal *Nucella lamellosa*,” at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Seattle (2009).

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Teaching Human Rights Continued

and sustainable development.

The Human Rights minor and Washington D.C seminar are signature IAS programs. For two decades, they have grown within a curriculum focused on problems and questions that matter today, creating new interdisciplinary approaches drawn from philosophy, political science, sociology, history, and public policy. Students learn to pose and pursue questions such as: “What is the relation between international human rights and domestic civil rights?” and “What are the current issues that challenge the human rights agenda in U.S. domestic and foreign policy?” They also learn about and from the main actors—governmental, non-governmental, and corporate—who set human rights policy and determine how policies get implemented.

For more information visit: www.uwb.edu/ias/minors or contact Bettina Katz Bkatz@uwb.edu, phone: 425-352-3286. For questions about the course curriculum or trip to Washington, D.C. contact Bruce Kochis at Bkochis@uwb.edu or phone: 425-352-5364. Preapproval for this course is required by the instructor. Applications are due by March 26, 2010.

Graduate Program News



Angelica Macklin, Cultural Studies Graduate Student

This past summer, Angelica Macklin traveled to Brazil to begin production on a collaborative documentary film as part of her final capstone research project. The film investigates how certain community members of Araçuaí have organized citizens toward civic engagement and how their work laid the foundation for the social and political change between 1960 and

2009. The documentary will highlight the early liberation work of Frei Xico, the Catholic Church cleric of the town between 1969 and 1989; Maria Lira, founder of the Araçuaí Workers Party in 1983; and Geralda Soares, an activist who works with indigenous movements around Araçuaí land rights and sustainability. Angelica hopes to use film as a tool toward building alliances and promote social change.



Dean Olsen, MA in Policy Studies

The MA in Policy Studies program was thrilled to welcome alumnus, Dean Olsen, back to campus this November. Now working for the U.S. Department of State as a Social Science Analyst for the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Dean met with students, alumni, faculty and staff at UW Bothell to share from his 20+ years in federal service, as part of the State Department’s

“Hometown Diplomats Program.” After graduating in 2005, Dean was hired by the State Department as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF). As a PMF, he worked on rotation within the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, the Office of the Chief of Protocol, and the Bureau of Consular Affairs, and then became a Senior Program Officer at the Office of Foreign Missions before accepting his current position.



Message from Professor Elizabeth Thomas, Associate Director of Graduate Education

Graduate programs in IAS are thriving, as illustrated in the two stories featured here. Both the Master of Arts in Policy Studies and the Master of Arts in Cultural Studies link the critical and analytical skills emphasized in academic graduate programs to the practical and applied skills found in professional programs. This unique mix of theory and practice allows graduates, including Policy Studies alumnus Dean Olsen, to move directly into careers in policy and cultural fields. Our students are also well prepared to pursue further education at the doctoral level because of their collaboration and research experience. Angelica Macklin’s documentary is an excellent example of this work. I encourage you to visit our web site’s pages on Research and Collaboration to learn about other graduate students’ projects as well. <http://www.uwb.edu/policystudies/research>

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Alumni Focus: Erin Jany, Law Student

What can you do with YOUR degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences?

You can go to law school. Just ask Erin Jany, IAS '05 and Seattle University Law School Class of 2010. As she says, "UW Bothell's IAS program will give you excellent preparation for law school. Take Business Law, Human Rights classes, take Statistics, and History and Literature. Educate yourself broadly," she recommends. Erin plans a career in Human Rights law after her involvement with the International Human Rights Clinic at Seattle U Law.

As a third-year law student Erin joined a team of attorneys and students from Seattle U Law who presented oral arguments in November (after much research and documentation) before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, part of the Organization of American States. At issue was the Peruvian government's attempt to open up parts of the Amazonian rainforest to resource extraction without consulting with the indigenous communities. (Peru's actions incited protests by 30,000 indigenous people to which the police and army responded with automatic weapons and helicopters against people with rocks and spears.) Just before the hearing, Peru's Prime Minister resigned, and government officials announced the introduction of new laws protecting land rights for indigenous peoples.

Learn more about IAS alumni at: <http://www.uwb.edu/careers/majors/people/iasgrads>



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Professor Julie Shayne's new book, *They Used to Call Us Witches: Chilean Exiles, Culture, and Feminism*, was released by Lexington Books (January 2010).

Professor Stuart Streichler presented "The Truth Commission in the American Political System" at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Victoria, B.C. (October 2009).

Professor Wadiya Udell coauthored "A cognitive analysis of college students' explanations for engaging in unprotected sexual intercourse," in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, as well as "Developing argument skills in severely disadvantaged adolescents in a residential correctional facility," *Applied Developmental Science* (both in 2009). She also coauthored "The relationship between early sexual debut and future psychosocial outcomes: An exploratory analysis," also in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (2009).

Professor Linda Watts published "Goldilocks Meets Gertrude Stein: Poetry Explication for the Verse-Averse," in *The Clearing House: A Journal of Educations Strategies, Issues, and Ideas* (2010). Last fall, she published "Reflecting Absence or Presence?: Public Space and Historical Memory at Ground Zero," *Space and Culture: International Journal of Social Spaces* (November 2009), and she authored a reference for "Pride Parades and Festivals" for Greenwood Press's *LGBTQ America Today* (2009).