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Kate Ferrucci at the Vasa Museum, Stockholm

Strengthening the ND Community Abroad

Greetings! I am very happy to have the opportunity to serve as regional director for Europe on the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board. As one of three international regional directors, my mission is to support international Notre Dame in a way that benefits ND stakeholders—especially alumni—across Europe who I represent enthusiastically (you!), and to promote an engaged Notre Dame family worldwide. I hope you can be an active part of this, too.

I am excited to offer you this issue of *ND Global: The European Edition*, packed full of resources and information on ways that you can get more involved.

First, make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the University on [Irish Online](#) (see page 25). Also, find ND Europe on the Web. Join us on [Facebook](#) and the new [LinkedIn "Alumni Abroad"](#) subgroup, where from Australia to Chile to Hong Kong to Zürich, alumni are ready to connect with one another.

In this issue, we hear from Jennifer Nemecek, the new ND admissions representative for Europe based in Paris. Along with other tasks, Nemecek will aid in the formation of ASC coordinators in key

European cities. What is an ASC, you may ask? Read page 2 to find out!

We now have contacts in 35 European countries, eager to be of assistance to alumni, parents and friends who may be traveling or moving to their country, including **Ramon Lladós-Bernaus '95, '98 Ph.D.** who is delighted to be the alumni contact for Andorra. "I believe I'm the only Andorran citizen who has ever graduated from ND!" he says.

I encourage you to seek out ways to become involved in your ND club. The more we become involved and represent ND around the world, the stronger our alumni network will be. Does your company have internship opportunities or job openings that may be of interest to alumni or current students? If so, please let us know. Also, be sure to stay in touch so we can keep you informed about upcoming events, including our next regional meeting in 2010, and events connected with the London Olympics and the ND vs. Navy football game in Ireland in 2012.

I hope that you can play a part in helping to grow Notre Dame's global network.

In Notre Dame,
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NDAA Regional Director for Europe, 2009-12

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Paris Office for Notre Dame Undergraduate Admissions

by Jennifer Ely Nemecek

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Jennifer Nemecek with her husband, Charles, and sons Peter and Alex in Switzerland this summer.

Yes it's true! Notre Dame Undergraduate Admissions is now covering Europe with a home office in Paris!

For 10 years, I was an assistant dean in the College of Arts and Letters at Notre Dame, advising students about their curriculum and how study abroad would fit into their degree program. I loved this job and the daily contact I had with students. I enjoyed hearing stories of their summer service projects in Cambodia, India, and Ecuador teaching English, working in a clinic or mentoring at-risk youth. Notre Dame students are full of energy, ideas, and compassion, and they were a joy to work with.

When my husband's company announced that it was transferring us to Paris, France in the summer of 2009, I promptly started thinking of ways I could stay connected to the Notre Dame community. I approached several offices and briefed them on possible ways I could help. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions, supported by the Provost Office, was interested immediately and jumped at the opportunity to have a physical presence in Europe. (I also think they liked the idea that they didn't have to pay me to move to France. My husband's company took care of that!)

Europe is not a territory that admissions is able to cover well, despite the help from faithful alumni who volunteer to attend college fairs and visit high schools in Europe. My position allows the University to 1) finally give some focus to Europe, and 2) see what it would be like to have an admissions person in the territory and not back in South Bend travelling to the region.

This would give the University the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with schools, alumni, and counselors

in the region. I also could visit schools in the off-season, a luxury most U.S. schools don't have because they are back in the U.S. reading files all winter.

The whole idea made perfect sense so we created a position, a job description, a lofty title, cobbled together a part time salary, and here I am. I work out of my lovely home office in Le Pecq, France in a western suburb of Paris surrounded by ND trinkets, an autographed football, photos of Father Hesburgh, and lots of admissions flyers.

Although my job is primarily admissions, I've also been asked to work closely with alumni, ND study abroad centers, and institutes to see if we can coordinate our regional programs, activities, and events such as the London Olympics in 2012.

This fall I am traveling to college fairs, attending conferences, meeting guidance counselors, visiting high schools, meeting alumni and listening to your ideas.

If you have any suggestions on recruiting, connecting with current students and faculty living/traveling abroad, or ideas of schools to visit in your country, please contact me. We want more European students at Notre Dame and I think we are on the right track. I look forward to hearing from you!

Would you like to help admissions recruit students from your city or country?

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is looking for alumni who are willing to help by attending college fairs, identifying schools in your region, making high school visits, contacting accepted students, and welcoming students and parents into the Notre Dame family. You can serve in a leadership role by being an Alumni School Chairperson (ASC) and coordinate a team of alumni to cover schools in your area. Or, you can be a member of a team, serving as the contact person for a small group of high schools, and reporting back to an ASC.

ASCs serve as the liaison between a ND club and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Spreading the word about Notre Dame to the European community and establishing relationships with local schools in your city is essential to getting European students to apply. We need your help in identifying local schools to visit, visiting schools, attending college nights/fairs and contacting prospective students. ASCs are trained, and provided with a handbook and access to an ASC database. If you would like to learn more about this important program, or would like to volunteer your suggestions, please contact **Jennifer Nemecek**, international admissions liaison for Europe, Central Balkans and the Middle East at (nemecek.1@nd.edu) or call (+33) 06 25 21 41 50 (Paris, France).

ND Club of London

New officers, new initiatives

by Laura Janke Jaeger '89

President, Notre Dame Club of London

The Notre Dame Club of London recently launched monthly newsletters to let alumni in the U.K. know all that is happening with the club. We have some great events planned for this season and look forward to seeing our old friends while welcoming our new members and friends to London.

Club update

We are pleased with the success of our events over the summer and to date. Our June Ascot Tailgate drew more than 70 people from 10 different ND clubs in London, and was a terrific success. Thanks again to all who came out and made it such a fun day.

Our football game watches have drawn alumni and students from the London Program, and all have enjoyed watching the Irish build a winning season so far. In addition to the Irish victories, in early October the ND Club of London celebrated a stunning Trivia Night victory in the All-London Alumni Trivia contest, delivering a crushing blow to our competition from Penn, Georgetown, Wellesley, Michigan, Harvard, Yale, Boston College, Colgate, Columbia, Duke, U of Illinois, Texas Tech, Tufts and Andover. Thanks and congratulations to our team: Alex, Lauren, Conrad and Jenn, Megan, Jessica, Laura and Rob, and thanks to the Andover/Abbott Club for sponsoring this event. The proceeds went to charity.

It has been our pleasure to see so many alumni and friends at our monthly Pub Nights. We also thank the alumni who sponsored Student Welcome Dinners for the incoming students of the Notre Dame London Program.

New club officers

I was the vice president of the club and recently have taken over as president after Krista Nannery's retirement. We all thank Krista for her years of service as president of the Notre Dame Club of London, and we look forward to seeing her at some of our events. Thanks Krista!

Conrad Englehardt is our vice president and treasurer. Conrad has worked hard for the club over the last few years. He has been instrumental in coordinating with the undergraduate program here in London, arranging the student/alumni dinners and handling the finances of the club.

Conrad has initiated the first London Notre Dame Alumni-Student Lecture Series, which began October 8.

Alex Borowiecki is the vice president and secretary. You know him from his organization of our monthly pub nights and the Saturday football game watches.

David Fares is new to London and will join us as vice president of Community and Charitable Events. Please contact David with any ideas you have for charitable or community events in or around London.

Lauren O'Brien joins us as assistant secretary.

We are always looking for new people to help with events, administration, and

communications. If you would like to actively participate in organizing the club, please send an email to NDLondonAlumni@gmail.com.

New lecture series

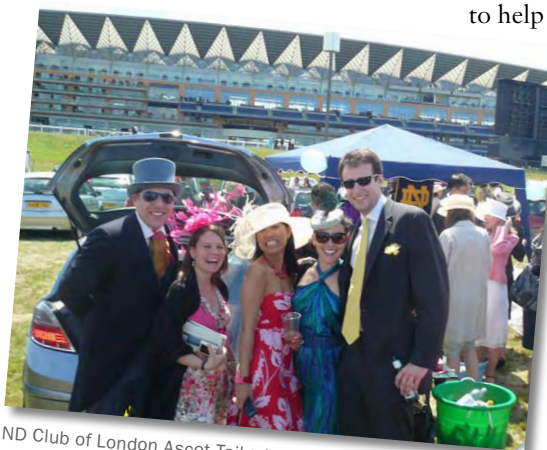
In addition to game watches and monthly pub nights, the club, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame London Program (which has graciously provided the use of the beautiful London ND Centre) has initiated a new lecture

series. The London Notre Dame Alumni-Student Lecture Series will be comprised of four lectures a year, two in the fall and two in the spring. The speakers will cover a wide variety of timely topics from diverse fields with an international focus. In the spirit of continuing education, the lectures are designed to challenge young minds and sometimes even the conventional wisdom.

The first London Notre Dame Alumni-Student Lecture Series kicked off on October 8, 2009 with a lecture by James Turk, founder of GoldMoney. He spoke on "Gold and the Collapse of the Dollar." Learn more at <http://notredamelondon.typepad.com/alumni/>.



The ND pub trivia team and the trivia master donning some Irish gear. That had nothing to do with the Irish victory!



ND Club of London Ascot Tailgate, June 2009

Travelin' Irish

by Karen Anthony '98Hon, *Director of Alumni Travel,
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A Travelin' Irish group on the Aegean Odyssey trip in June 2008 with Notre Dame Professor Bob Schmuhl



The Notre Dame Alumni Travel Program provides travel opportunities for alumni and the entire Notre Dame family. It reinforces the University's traditions and values with emphasis on the educational, as well as religious character that is unique to Our Lady's University. Alumni Travel offers these programs to both rekindle and uphold the unique intellectual and spiritual relationship that many alumni have with the University.

Several trips bring alumni travelers to Europe every year to experience the history and culture of different regions. But did you know that if you contact them, the ND Alumni Travel Program will plan and organize a joint social event for alumni travelers and international ND clubs? What better way to make new connections than meeting ND alumni travelers when they come to your area?

To find out about an ND Alumni Travel Program that is coming to your area in 2010, see the list below or check the Alumni Travel website at alumni.nd.edu/travel, and click on the programs located in your country. If you live in one of these areas and would like to meet with the alumni travelers for a social event during these dates, you can: 1) review the itinerary to make sure the alumni travelers will be in your area for more than one day; and 2) contact the director of Alumni Travel at alumtrav@nd.edu

Please note: Planning for such events must be done at least three months prior to the trip departure date. If a program is a cruise, there is little opportunity for alumni to get together due to high security on cruise ships, so land-based trips are the best option for an event.

Travelin' Irish — 2010 Trips

MARCH

- **Medical Ethics Conference in Rome:** March 6–14 (Rome)
- **Monumental Rome:** March 12–19 (Rome)

MAY

- **Young Alumni European Odyssey:** May 27–June 11 (London, Paris, Brussels, the Rhine Valley and Bavarian regions in Germany; Salzburg, Austria; Venice, Florence, and Rome)

JUNE

- **Turkey Grand Journey:** June 16–27 (Istanbul, Bodrum, Gumusluk)
- **Marion Shrines of Europe:** June 16–27 (Portugal, southern France, and Spain; Lisbon, Santarem, Lourdes, Saragossa, Madrid)

AUGUST

- **Paris and London:** August 6–14 (Paris, London)
- **Bavaria featuring Oberammergau:** August 26–September 6 (Rothenburg, Oberstaufen, Lake Konstanz, Munich)

SEPTEMBER

- **ACA Italian Riviera and Chianti in a Villa:** September 1–10 (Italy: Florence, Portofino, Portovenere, Vernazza, Lucca, Siena)
- **Enchanting Ireland:** September 17–25 (Ireland: Kilkenny, Killarney, Dublin)
- **Paris and Normandy:** September 27–October 5 (France: Paris, Normandy, Colleville, Conflans, Rouen)

The Notre Dame Career Center's Global Internship Initiatives Program

by LoriAnn Edinborough

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Greetings to alumni in Europe from the Career Center at Notre Dame! Those of you who graduated within the last 10 years, you know that we are located in Flanner Hall. Those of you who graduated earlier may remember us from the basement of the library. By the time you read this we will be gearing up for a busy fall season of recruiting for both internships and full-time jobs, plus, of course, knowing the outcome of the first few football games. As of this writing, we are excited to announce 150 employers have registered to attend the job fair. We appreciate this opportunity to share with you some programming from the Career Center that could directly support you and/or your employer.

Global Internship Initiative (GII)

In spring 2008, the Career Center introduced the **Global Internship Initiative**. The goal of this program is to provide funding to ND students participating in internships that meet some defined parameters. Internships are important opportunities for students to gain experience and training related to their career and academic interests. With the help of this program, students are able to apply for funding to support their learning. For you as an employer, student interns can provide energy, new ideas and perspectives, technological savvy and talent to work on projects that give them hands-on training for their future career.

GII began in a response to the ever-growing need for students to engage in quality internships before they enter the job market. As you know, employers value, and all but expect, seniors to have at least one summer internship prior to hiring them. Oftentimes the challenge lies in the fact that internships are unpaid or require expenses that are beyond the student's means, therefore prohibiting them to participate. This is especially true for the many students who wish to participate in an international internship experience.

GII provides expense funding through an application/acceptance process to students in need. For the summer of 2010, there are five programs to which a student can apply:

- INC@ND - State of Indiana Internships
- GII - US Internships outside of Indiana
- GII - International Internships
- Rogers Arts and Letters Majors Fund
- Alumni Assistance Fund

Three of these programs could directly support international alumni wishing to hire interns; *GII International Internships*, *Rogers Arts and Letters Majors Fund* and the *Alumni Assistance Fund*. There are a limited number of awards for each of these, and recipients are selected on a competitive basis.

GII – International Internships: Students can apply to receive up to \$3,000 to cover expenses associated with accepting an international internship.

Rogers Arts and Letters Majors Fund: Students can apply to receive up to \$4,000 for international internships.

Alumni Assistance Fund: This program was started by the Class of 2009 Notre Dame Senior Class Legacy Gift. It will be an endowed fund to be utilized for years to come. Students can apply to receive up to \$2,000 for international internships.

Specific policies for each program can be found on [The Career Center's website](#).

How you can help

We would love to partner with you on these programs. This allows us to support you, our alumni, while also providing an exciting internship opportunity for students. If you would like additional information about participating in these programs, or information about how to develop an internship at your organization, or if you would like to post internship (or full-time) opportunities to ND students, contact me at Edinborough.1@nd.edu.

As the interest in international experience continues to grow, I welcome suggestions about how to better source international opportunities for our students. You are the ones living and working where the students want to be! You have the insight and resources regarding the opportunities and challenges, and how to better guide our students to manage the challenges and seize the opportunities. Please contact me with your input.

Lastly, if you are interested in being a resource to our students studying abroad in your region for a one-day job shadow, two-three day "externship," or if you are interested in serving as a mentor or advisor for a student interested in your geographic region, I would appreciate hearing from you as well.

I look forward to connecting with you. And for anyone interested, I would be happy to light a candle at the Grotto on your behalf.

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Center for Social Concerns Launches European Community-Based Learning Initiative

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As the Center for Social Concerns moves into its new home in Geddes Hall, a shared space with the Institute for Church Life, and the minor programs in Poverty Studies and Catholic Social Teaching on our South Bend campus, it also crosses a European threshold. With generous financial support, the center has been able to turn to

Europe to expand community-based learning and research for Notre Dame students abroad. The goal is to deepen the civic engagement and cultural learning opportunities already put in place by the staff of the Office of International Studies for growing numbers of students studying abroad in Europe. Many study abroad locations offer service opportunities to ND students in their host communities. Community-based learning seeks to integrate the service into the course work.

Community-based learning in Dublin:

The result of a partnership between the Center for Social Concerns, the Office of International Studies and Campus Ministry, six students in Dublin during spring 2009 participated in a pilot integrating community-based learning experiences into Professor Kevin Whelan's "Introduction to Ireland" course. Their community learning placements at Dublin organizations serving at-risk youth, the elderly, and refugee children afforded a personalized look at the contemporary issues covered in the classroom.

Weekly journal and research assignments during the semester prepared them for their final research paper, in which they examined the issues encountered at their community learning sites. **Anne Greteman '10**, who served at Separated Children's Educational Services, wrote this journal entry on the influence of history on contemporary policy:

"I realized that stability and democracy are things that most Americans, including myself, take for granted, and even though citizens can be informed about the conditions in other countries that people endure, I do not believe we can fully grasp what these refugees must endure. Most of these displaced people are dependent on the state (Ireland), the policy-makers that determine their status, and the various social workers that create opportunities for these children. I have been reading about the Irish policy on immigration, which includes both refugee status and subsidiary status for these people, and after my (service) experience on Thursday, the policy seems much more pertinent. Immigration and poverty have been important

aspects of Irish history, and I hope that the memory of these is enough to persuade Irish policy-makers to take a sympathetic stance on immigrants and refugees and separated children."

Ten students took part in community-based learning placements in Dublin social service agencies in the fall of 2009.

As the center promotes its international programming both on and off campus, the European community-based learning initiative will benefit from Rosie McDowell's transition to Angers, France where her husband, Prof. Paul McDowell, will direct the ND study program until 2011.

From Angers, Rosie will collaborate, consult and support faculty and staff members who teach ND students across Notre Dame's seven study-abroad sites in their adaptation of community-based learning to the local culture and situations. Additionally, Rosie will work to establish relationships with humanitarian and social service agencies to develop appropriate learning placements for students as the number of community-based learning courses grows.

With several hundred students in Europe annually, community-based learning has the potential to deepen the study-abroad experience and cultural learning of many Notre Dame students in the years to come.

Next stop, London

In the spring of 2010, Film Television and Theatre Professor Anton Juan will offer a course on migrant theatre in London. In addition to studying and attending theatre productions portraying migration themes, students in this course will have the opportunity to get to know immigrants to London, eventually giving voice to their stories by developing and performing a theatre piece.

ALUMNI who are on staff, board members, advisors or volunteers at NGOs, non-profits or social service organizations in Europe are invited to be in touch with Rosie to share their insights and experiences working in this sector with ND students studying in Europe.

Additionally, any alumni interested in connecting to the **Center for Social Concerns work in Europe** are invited to contact Rosie McDowell directly:

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U.S. Foreign Service: A job for globe-trotting Domers

by Hugo Guevara '95

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For those interested in international affairs, it's hard to beat being a Foreign Service officer—i.e. a U.S. diplomat. There are two requirements for this position: you must be a U.S. citizen and you must have the patience to endure the long hiring process. I happened to hit all of the gates at the right time and it still took 10 months. Very often it takes longer.

The U.S. Foreign Service is divided into two parts: generalists and specialists. Specialists are hired to perform tasks that require a specific expertise, for example experts for computer systems overseas or coordinators for embassy security.

Generalists are divided into five focus areas called “cones.” The five cones are: political, economic, public diplomacy, management, and consular. You choose your cone when you first sign up, and it is very difficult to change cones once you join, so you must choose wisely.

As one would expect, political officers deal with political relations between the United States and foreign countries. Economic officers handle economic issues. Both of these cones require lots of short-fuse reporting on developments in a host country. These officers also convey formal messages from Washington to foreign governments.

Whereas political and economic officers work behind the scenes directly with government officials, public diplomacy (PD) officers interface with the public and media. They are responsible for crafting statements for release to the public.

Management officers run the nuts and bolts of an embassy, for example facilities and personnel. Meanwhile, consular officers are the ones who try to help when you've gotten in trouble. They have the lead on dealing with American citizens overseas—issuing passports, reporting American births, and visiting U.S. citizens detained in prisons overseas. They also are responsible for interviewing foreigners who want visas to visit the United States.

The requirements for becoming a foreign service generalist include a written test, an oral exam, medical clearance, and

then a security screening to allow you to view classified material. For those overseas, the written test often can be taken at a local embassy.

Though it may help, you are not required to have a background in international relations or languages. I studied engineering and was a civil engineer before I joined. The U.S. government just wants smart people who are quick on their feet and can handle any situation thrown at them. Simply put, if you can pass the tests, you can be in the running.

I am a political officer and have worked in Ecuador, Russia, Washington D.C., and Germany. Most tours last two to three years, and you can usually take your family—except to war zones, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. War zone tours usually last one year.

The hours can be very long and the workload is largely dependent on whatever news happens to break around the world. However, I have found the work to be fascinating. We plug into what is going on behind the scenes and joke that things have gone wrong if our efforts show up in the news.

If you are interested in international relations and want to live overseas, give some thought to the Foreign Service, you can find all the necessary details at the State Department website www.state.gov.



Hugo Guevara '95



LinkedIn.com

If you have an interest in international affairs, check out the “**Public Policy and International Affairs**” subgroup of the Notre Dame Alumni Network group on LinkedIn. The purpose of the subgroup is to boost and support Notre Dame's standing in the joint fields of public policy and international affairs. Here, the ND community can support and network with alumni involved in government, academia, research, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

Beyond Translator, Travel Writer, or Diplomat:

Exploring the possibilities of an international career

by Mark Overmann '02

Many of us—myself included—have gravitated toward the field of international affairs because of a love of travel, languages, and cultures other than our own. This is only natural. Something I've come to learn, though, is that *pursuing an international career* is not synonymous with *working abroad*. Just because a job enables you to travel (or live/work abroad) doesn't necessarily mean it's the best opportunity for your career in international affairs. However, even though a job doesn't have a travel component, it may still help to significantly build your career in international relations. *Building your career* and *traveling abroad* can, and hopefully will, overlap, but they are not one and the same.

This is an important distinction to consider. Many young professionals looking for international work out of college and graduate school—again, myself included—judge the worth of a position based on its travel component. The reality, though, is that many jobs available to those just out of college and grad school *won't* include extensive travel—at least right away. But that doesn't mean the work you're doing stateside won't be valuable and exciting, and it certainly doesn't mean it won't eventually lead to a position that *does* allow you to travel. For example, I'm only now beginning to travel regularly as a part of my job.

A substantive experience abroad

Whether you end up working in the United States or abroad, traveling extensively or not, the best preparation for an international career is spending time abroad (and preferably studying a language at the same time). As Sherry Mueller, my co-author on our book *Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development*, often notes, she looks first for a substantive international experience on the resume of a job applicant.

For Sherry and many other managers, not only is time abroad expected of an applicant for an internationally-focused job, but such an experience also indicates that the applicant has developed the broader skills that come with immersion in a different way of life: adaptability, confidence, resilience, and the ability to succeed despite language and cultural barriers. These are skills that all employers value, but especially those in international affairs.

So, no matter how you end up doing it—whether you teach English through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps or Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, you pursue the Peace Corps, you get a Fulbright teaching or research grant, or you do a European Commission *stage*—the best way to get ready for an international job is to *be* international yourself.



Mark Overmann '02

Expand your notion of the international

Once you're ready to look for a job in the international arena, expand your notion of possible paths to follow. International careers are not confined to translator, travel writer, or diplomat. Rather, there are countless opportunities to work for internationally-engaged nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations. For example, you could work as a regional education advisor with the EducationUSA network based in Munich, or as a program manager for Save the Children based in southern Sudan, or as the manager of an Institute for International Education project based in Washington D.C., or the director of the International Visitor Leadership Program at the World Affairs Council of Seattle. You could work as a study abroad or international student advisor at a university, as the international affairs legislative assistant to a member of Congress, as a consultant with Accenture working with the Department of State, or as a researcher at an international think tank. The list goes on, and as the line between the domestic and the international becomes increasingly blurred, the possibility of finding an international job in any sector continues to grow.

But how do I find these international jobs?

This is the most common question Sherry and I field from talented, motivated professionals who just don't know where to begin. I think the story of a young woman I met recently provides an admirable example of how you can see what kind of international jobs are out there, and then blend your use of technology and face-to-face contact in order to network your way into one of those jobs.

As a starting point, this young woman narrowed down

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where she wanted to be geographically and in what area she wanted to work (in her case, Washington, D.C., and international exchange and global education). From there, she searched broadly for organizations that interested her, using such websites as Idealist.org, FPA.org, NAFSA.org, Devex.com, and Indeed.com. She consulted career books specializing in international affairs, such as *Working World*, and jotted down organizations most relevant to international exchange.

“The career decisions you make not only affect the kind of job you’re doing, but also the kind of life you’re leading.”

She looked through the partners and members of these organizations to further broaden her search. She utilized the connections she was making via her profile on LinkedIn.com, as well as her university’s career services office and alumni database. From all of this research, this young woman made a list of those organizations she was most interested in and located as many contacts as possible. She then e-mailed these contacts her resume, along with an explanation of her professional background and future goals.

She told me that she received a reply less than one-third of the time—a discouraging rate, to be sure, but she pressed on. She kept in contact with these responders, and eventually met with many of them (including me) in person when she arrived in Washington. These contacts not only filled her in on their own work, but also referred her to other, related organizations. If a job opening appeared at one of these organizations, she applied for it and alerted her new contact to that fact.

Through one of these contacts, the young woman had the opportunity to meet with the president of an international exchange organization in Washington, a meeting that resulted in her being referred to another individual who then informed her of a job opening before it went public. The young woman applied, interviewed well, and this, combined with her excellent resume and the good impression she had already made at the organization through her networking contact, helped her succeed in landing the job. Her strategy reinforced the notion that electronic job search tools, while vitally important, won’t cut it by themselves. Instead, getting in front of people and making yourself a “known quantity” will prove to be much more effective.

How do you want to spend your days?

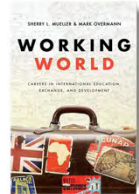
As you’re searching and applying for jobs, consider other important factors that go into building an international career. For example: what kind of organizational culture will you thrive in? Is the hierarchy of the government or a consulting firm the right environment for you, or will you thrive in a smaller, less structured nonprofit? Also, what kind of daily tasks do you want? You may find an organization that perfectly fits your worldview, but in the end, mission-

match won’t matter if you’re miserable in your daily work. And lastly, how do you want to spend your days? Where do you see yourself setting up a home base? Do you see yourself managing programs from headquarters, or implementing those projects in the field?

These are not questions that need to be, or even can be, answered in one sitting. But they are important ones to consider because as you get your first international job, and then your next one and so on, you’ll suddenly

realize that you’re no longer just getting jobs—you’re building a career. And the career decisions you make not only affect the kind of job you’re doing, but also the kind of life you’re leading.

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DETAILS:

Jesuit Volunteer Corps

<http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org>

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program

<http://www.jetprogramme.org/>

Peace Corps

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Fulbright Grants

<http://fulbright.state.gov/>

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ND Women Connect: Living *la dolce vita* in Italy

by Pai Gee-Janssens '97



ND Women Connect is an initiative that the Alumni Association launched in May 2009. Currently there are nine ND Women Connect chapters, and the network is growing. The official website is womenconnect.undgroup.org. Contact your local ND club to learn about how you can unite with other ND alumnae. In tribute to all the amazing ND women in the world, ND Europe is pleased to introduce you to three ND alumnae who connected with food, love, and life in Italy...

La Dolce vita—the sweet life

by Amy Guarino '83

My husband's grandfather immigrated to the United States from Italy at the beginning of the 20th century. He was from a little hilltown called Bonefro, which is near Campobasso, due east of Rome. We have had the good fortune to travel to Italy a



few times to visit with family, see the sights, relax, and eat.

One of our favorite spots is Cortona in Tuscany. We stay at an "agriturismo" called Parco Fiorito (www.parcofiorito.it), an organic working farm that welcomes guests. Roberto Russo, the owner, has a 15th

century monastery that he has converted into apartments. Roberto provides breakfast and also will cook a traditional multi-course Tuscan meal for you at the end of the day, if you like. It is fun to get to know the other guests over dinner (mostly European) and to hear about their adventures. Roberto reminds us to relax and slow down when we arrive. When you stay at Parco, you definitely sense that you are experiencing a little about what life is like in Italy.

One of our favorite adventures during our travels was attending the Palio in Sienna. Each neighborhood in the town has a horse and rider competing in a horse race around the town square. We were in the middle of the square, jammed in with thousands of other people, while the horses raced around us. Although the actual race only lasts a few minutes, the pageantry, colors, and traditions rival the game day traditions at an ND football game! (Contact Amy at amy@marketo.com)

"So, what exactly is it that you do?"

by Leah M. Ashe '01

I've never quite managed to compose the counseled 20-second elevator speech of the professional—"well, mostly, I eat. And you?" doesn't seem to cut it. Nor do I manage the erudite eloquence of the intellectual—"ah, yes. I'm a food scholar. Here's my card"—which also falls a bit flat.



I used to be an engineer, and my business cards say that I now am a provider of "language consultancy, translation, and editing services." But for the last two years, I've been living in Europe as I complete a master's in the History and Culture of Food between the Universities of Bologna, Barcelona, and Tours.

I don't just eat, of course. I also *think* a lot about food. I talk, read, and write about it. And I experiment, play, prepare, photograph, and celebrate it. I find food-focused films and I hunt down rural gastronomic festivals, interview working moms about their consumption habits, and try to find patterns in the fast food life. I learn traditional recipes from those who would reclaim the past, and I advocate for dietary change with those who want to see a different alimentary future. I've invited myself into countless kitchens, worked in an isolated organic mountain refuge and in one of the world's cutting-edge food science laboratories, I've attended Renaissance feasts and—really—the International Potato Symposium. Recently I learned to make a *cataplana* from one of Portugal's top chefs, and I danced on the threshing floor at a rural festival celebrating Northern Portugal's hearty soups.

I suppose I could come up with an answer to the "what is it that you do?" question. I'm an explorer-adventurer-learner-thinker. I'm not sure it's listed in the career services directory, but it's who and what I am. And right now, it is who and what I want to be. (Contact Leah at lashe@alumni.nd.edu)

Indefinite one-year plan

by Karen Armstrong '96

During a semester study in Rome in my junior year, I fell in love with the Italian language and culture. After graduating in



1996, I served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and dreamed of one day of living in Italy again. In 2002, I left the Navy and went to Italy with the intention of staying there for just one year. Shortly after my arrival, I met the love of my life (now husband) and the "one-year" plan was extended indefinitely. I

now lives in Tuscany with my husband, Nino Quartarone, a surgeon in the Italian Navy. I am a life design coach who helps female officers transition out of the military and into civilian life. In November 2009, Nino and I will be moving to Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, for a one-year assignment with the Italian Navy. Feel free to reach out and connect with me! (Contact Karen at karen@expatwomenentrepreneurs.com)

Alumni Profiles

Domers in France, Andorra, and Switzerland

Michael P. Barrett '07

(ND France)

ND class/studies: 2007 bachelor's in political science and French

Further education: 2008-10 master's in international corporate communications and management (University of Grenoble, France)

Profession: grad student, journalist, English teacher, translator

In Europe since: fall 2007 (though studied in Angers 2004-05, and participated in a Nanovic internship in Paris summer 2006)

Language(s): French (fluent), Arabic (early intermediate)

Favorite city: very hard to pick (Budapest, Berlin, Paris,



Prague rank high) but I'd say Lyon for living purposes

Favorite country: once again, hard to choose, but I'd have to say France

Favorite quote: "Every man has two countries: his own and France"—Thomas Jefferson

Anything else you want to share about yourself or life in general? I've gained a lot of English teaching experience--as well as respect for the profession--over the past couple years. A big "merci" to my former professors for all that they do. I'm open to living in France for a while, as my girlfriend Marie, is French and I enjoy life here. Also, I like playing guitar, songwriting, traveling, and writing. Check out my articles: http://www.scoop44.com/author/michael_barrett/

Ramon Llados-Bernaus '95, '98 Ph.D.

(ND Andorra)

I graduated from the Politechnical University of Barcelona and from Ecole Nationale des Telecommunications de Paris in 1993 with a double diploma as a telecommunications engineer.

The first time I heard about ND was because of a professor in Paris. He told me that the electrical engineering department at ND had very good professors. Immediately I went to the library (at that time Internet did not exist) to get some info about ND. I loved its campus, the research that electrical engineering was conducting, its reputation as a Catholic institution, and also the ND spirit--even though at that time I was not completely sure of its real meaning.

I came to ND in 1994 with a scholarship from an Andorran Foundation (Fundacio Credit Andorra, ironically now I work for Credit Andorra, the bank that sponsors the Foundation) with the intention of earning a master's in electrical engineering. As I was finishing my degree in the summer of 1995, Dr. Robert Stevenson, a professor in the electrical engineering department, offered me the chance to work on a research proposal sponsored by Motorola. I



spent the next three years working on an algorithm for Robust Low Bit Rate Video Compression, which is part of the algorithm behind videoconference on cell phones.

I have great memories of my time at ND. Not just because of the research, which I loved, but also because of the people I met.

In particular, I'm grateful to the family I lived with in South Bend. Tim and Cheryl Phelan were, and always will be, part of my family. They taught me many things about ND and the United States, but also about kindness, honesty, and friendship (and other things, such as mastering an eight-ball pool table).

After getting my PhD, I changed my professional career, moving from research to business consultancy. I joined the McKinsey office (a strategic consultancy firm) in Madrid. Since 2002, I have been with Credit Andorra, a small private bank in Andorra, where I am now COO.

I'm married to Merce. We have two small kids, Ramon and Maria. I'm probably the only one in Andorra with a Notre Dame sticker in his car.

David Schiesher '80

(ND Switzerland)

I was born in Chicago Heights, a suburb of Chicago. My father was of German descent, a Karmelkorn Shoppe owner, a veteran of WWII, and a believer in miracles. My mother was of English and French descent, a homemaker, and survivor of childhood polio. Her foster family was sent to her by God and saved her life.



I was the fifth of six children, having four sisters and one brother. I attended St. Agnes elementary school, where I was an altar boy, and had my first mystical experience as I was walking into the church for my First Communion Mass.

I attended Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach, Fla. I played all the sports I could manage, which culminated in receiving the Unsung Hero Award after my successful senior football season.

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Notre Dame years

I spent my first two years at ND in the seminary of the Congregation of Holy Cross. I experienced a close-knit community with other men who were contemplating making an extraordinary decision at a young age to devote their lives to a spiritual ministry. At the end of freshman year, I met a woman and fell in love. It was a love that led me to leave the seminary to explore the secular life as an ND student.

I was nudged into a career of social service, with an ever-lingering spiritual flavor, by a variety of activities while at ND, including a psychology course called Helping Skills, a sociology internship at the Berrien County Juvenile Detention Center, an Urban Plunge in Miami, the “experiential learning” Theology and Community Service course in a nursing home, and being the ND student coordinator for four International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) weekends.

In addition, I planned Masses for the Hunger Coalition, coached Lewis Hall tag-football, participated in charismatic prayer groups and Bulla House retreats, and lived in the Continuing Education Center my senior year.

Post Notre Dame

One month after graduation with a BA in sociology, the same woman who kidnapped me from Moreau Seminary, married me. We moved to Minnesota, and I had a string of interesting jobs, even with such an impractical-sounding degree. I spent one year working with adolescents in residential treatment, and another year working with developmentally disabled adults in a group home. I enjoyed both jobs very much, but I wanted to further my clinical counseling skills.

We moved to New Jersey, and I promptly enrolled in the Graduate School of Social Work at Rutgers University. I majored in group work because I realized then the value of other people in the healing process. The community of souls that forms when two or more are gathered together was evident in the ISLI work and in my seminary formation years at Notre Dame, so I wanted to continue this work in a more specialized way.

My graduate internship with the Diocese of Metuchen (NJ) Social Ministry and Refugee Services continued the Catholic strand running through my life. I graduated with an master's in social work in 1985.

Our children were five and eight when my wife and I divorced in 1990. This was the most difficult time in my life. This was also the beginning of 13 years of being single and intensely searching for myself and for God. This search took me to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) in northern Minnesota for solo canoe/camping trips, to the deserts of southern California and Arizona, to Israel and Jordan, to

Russia, Mongolia and China, to the Redwoods of California, and to the Bristlecone pines of Nevada.

I worked for 11 years during this period with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota with unaccompanied refugee children from Vietnam, Cambodia, Eritrea and China, who came to the U.S. without their families. My job was to provide foster families to care for them.

My first international trip came in 1988 when I went to Seoul, South Korea to escort eight infants to the United States for adoption. I resigned from this job just in time to accept my first overseas post in Tirana, Albania at the time of the war in Kosovo, supervising a group of Albanian social workers in their work with Kosovar refugees. I was employed by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC).

This was the beginning of a series of short-term overseas jobs related to refugees and child protection in Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Jordan.

In Kenya, I interviewed the Sudanese “Lost Boys” in the Kakuma refugee camp to determine if they would be eligible for resettlement to the United States. I was deeply touched by these young men and their dreams to continue their education and lives in the United States after remaining for seven years in the desert of northern Kenya.

I took a short-term consultancy job in Jakarta, Indonesia just days after the Boxing Day tsunami. Because of the tsunami, I was reassigned to Banda Aceh to do an emergency child protection assessment for AusAID, the Australian overseas aid agency. I spent two months there. Approximately 90,000 residents of Banda Aceh were killed by the tsunami. This was the most difficult job that I've had.

In September 2003, after my youngest child moved away to college, I made the move to Geneva, Switzerland. I spent the greater part of my first year adjusting to a new language, a new culture, and a new family. In April 2006, I married an Italian woman who was born in Geneva. I also became a step-father to two young girls. This was the same year that I started my current private psychotherapy practice in Geneva, working with English-speaking expats.

I love living in Europe, and Switzerland in particular. I continue to learn French and Italian, but it comes quite slowly. Since my wife has many relatives in Italy, we travel to Udine three to four times a year. I get back to the United States at least once a year to visit my son and daughter, who are now 27 and 24; my mom; and my five siblings.

My spiritual experiences continue to be of the utmost importance to me, and these days, my practice takes the form of daily readings from *A Course in Miracles*, a text written by Jesus. I leave you with a quote from Him.

“Let our gratitude unto our Teacher fill our hearts, as we are free to choose our joy instead of pain, our holiness in place of sin, the peace of God instead of conflict and the light of Heaven for the darkness of the world.”

Domer Travel Tips

The inside scoop on where to go from alumni abroad

by Amy Oen '91, Carl Garmann Clausen '90, and Jim Hennigan '84



Bergen, Norway

by Amy Oen '91
and Carl Garmann Clausen '90

Eating out is expensive in Norway. You can cut down on the costs by eating lunches and by skipping the alcohol.

Here are several suggestions for food and drink in Bergen:

- **Fløien Folkerestaurant** (*traditional Norwegian food with a great view of Bergen; take the Fløibanen funicular up to the top of Mount Fløyen*) www.floibanen.com
- **Bølgjen & Moi Lysverket** (*located right by Lille Lungårdsavann in the same building as Bergen Art Museum*)
- **Zupperia** (*soup restaurant on the first floor of Permanenten, which also houses the Bergen Industrial Art Museum*)
- **Dyvekes Vinkjeller**, address Hollendergaten 7 (*wine bar with great atmosphere*)
- **Potetkjelleren Restaurant**, address Kong Oscars gate 1a, (*great restaurant*) www.potetkjelleren.no
- **Nøsteboden restaurant**, address Nøstegaten 32, (*restaurant/bar located by the water, situated in old "boat house"*) www.nosteboden.no
- **Wesselstuen restaurant**, address Øvre Ole Bulls pl 6, (*an old "beer hall" with lots of tradition, decent food and good atmosphere*) www.wesselstuen.no
- **Colonialen Kjøkken & Fetevare**, address Engen 8 (*a small intimate restaurant with excellent food next to the theatre*)

A good website is www.visitbergen.com, which offers a good overview including festivals, and www.bergen-guide.com is another great resource. Here are a few tourist attractions and other recommended activities, some of which are not found on your typical list of things to do:

- **Random basement bar** in the Skansen area; get lost in the small alleyways in between the wooden houses and just drop in. (*There is a nice little B&B located in this area if in need of a place to stay.*) www.skansen-pensjonat.no
- **USF Verftet** for art/film/music and theater (*located on Nordnes east of the Bergen Aquarium*). www.usf-verftet.no
- **The Garage** has a full program of rock music/concerts. (*Located downtown on Christiesgate.*) www.garage.no
- **Gamle Bergen Museum** (*Old Bergen*)
- **Troldhaugen** (*the home of composer Edward Grieg; you need to take the bus from the city center*).
- **Maria Church**



Christmas markets in France and Germany

by Jim Hennigan '84

We've been to many cities that have some form of outdoor Christmas market (typically running from the

Saturday before the first Advent Sunday through Christmas), but we enjoyed hitting several of the larger markets in Germany and western France last year. Three of my family's favorites were **Strasbourg, Stuttgart, and Colmar (France)**.

Strasbourg (France) claims the oldest *Marché de Noël* of all, tracing its market to 1570. It's also expansive, claiming most of the open spaces throughout the older parts of Strasbourg and, with some effort, some of the newer quarters as well. We found that exploring the markets was an excellent way to explore Old Strasbourg as well. There was live music, warm food and grog, and of course, lots of opportunities to shop without having to step inside storefronts. It added a dimension to sightseeing that kept everyone interested. It might be close to impossible to fully explore in a weekend if you also plan to do sightseeing as well.

Stuttgart (Germany) had the largest of the Christkindlmarkts we visited last year. It wasn't the most original or oldest, and it didn't have an especially charming setting. But there was no mistaking that Stuttgart was hosting a Christmas market. It seemed that every corner we turned led to increasingly enormous plazas full of shops. The Christmas markets tend to have lots of shops with "original" products that we ended up seeing in many cities, sometimes at several shops. Stuttgart had them all. And, for some reason, Stuttgart had the best warm *punsch* and best food offerings that we stumbled on. If you plan to do Christmas markets for the shopping, Stuttgart would be an excellent choice.

Colmar (France) had the most creative and original of the large Christmas markets that we've seen. Basically, there are four areas in town that host the shops that put the 'market' in Christmas market, with each area having its own theme. There's a section that's focused on religious items, another that's geared for children, a third with traditional crafts and fare from the Alsatian region, and the fourth has specialty crafts and goods next to an indoor market at the Koifhaus where you'll find numerous artisans selling high-end crafts and jewelry. There can be a certain amount of monotony and repetition to the Christmas market experience, but Colmar does the best job of keeping that from happening. If you had to choose one to visit, Colmar's would be my choice.

It All Begins and Ends in Love

My volunteer experience in Ukraine

by Catherine Stecyk '10

Student, Notre Dame

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies is committed to enriching the intellectual culture of Notre Dame. It creates an integrated, interdisciplinary home for students and faculty to explore the evolving ideas, cultures, beliefs, and institutions that shape Europe today. The Nanovic provides a variety of opportunities for Notre Dame students to connect with the history and culture of Europe. Among its most popular programs are the awards given for undergraduate and graduate research in Europe, and for undergraduate European internships.

You can find out more about the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at <http://nanovic.nd.edu>

In June 2008, with the assistance of the Nanovic Institute of the University of Notre Dame, the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, I traveled to central Ukraine. The setting: two class four Ukrainian orphanages, those intended for the most physically and mentally disabled children in Ukraine. Six such orphanages exist in Ukraine, and during the trip, I lived and worked in two—one in the village of Puhachiv and the other in Znam'yanka, a small city. I arrived with determination to force myself beyond my comfort zone, to connect with my ancestral land, and to reach out and serve children directly. What I saw humbled and shattered me.

Orphanages are funded and staffed by the Ukrainian government. With the fall of the Soviet Union, a newly-independent and struggling Ukraine inherited hundreds of orphanages and healthcare institutions from the USSR. As a result, orphanages in Ukraine fell into despicable conditions as funding was diverted to other government agencies.

Child mortality rates rose significantly, corrupt directors stole funding, children were neglected, and living conditions were sub-par. Almost 20 years have passed since the fall of the Soviet Union, and while the Eastern European healthcare system has improved with time, what has been an uphill battle to improve orphanage conditions is not nearly finished.

The orphanage in Puhachiv houses about 90 girls between the ages of 4 and 20, and is located in a small village not far from Chernobyl, Ukraine. The village itself is in a sad state; on the outside, one sees gardens, fences, goats, fields, and one main dirt road meandering through plots of land and

small houses. When the village's people start speaking (their dialect slightly Russified Ukrainian) they reveal that cancer and horrific diseases hold a strong presence in the area—most likely as a result of the 1986 nuclear disaster in Chernobyl.

Most of the orphans in Puhachiv are severely mentally handicapped, possibly because their parents lived and developed in the wake of the greatest nuclear disaster known to man.

Days in Puhachiv's orphanage often felt like mass chaos. Kids were screaming and clamoring for attention and

communication with them was incredibly difficult—at times it felt as if I was nothing but a puppet for their entertainment. The orphans claw for attention, at least partially, because the institution is understaffed, with an approximate 30-to-1 ratio of children to nannies.

The 100 boys and girls that call Znam'yanka's class four orphanage home are different from those in Puhachiv. A large proportion of the children in Znam'yanka are somewhat mentally handicapped,

but the overwhelming majority of them have twisted limbs, hydrocephalous, birth defects, cerebral palsy, and other almost unfathomable physical disabilities.

Though severely physically disabled, many of the children in this orphanage are cognitive, inquisitive, and conversationally adept—they giggle, they tell stories, and they demand attention. The progress that has been made in this orphanage is undeniable; in 1991, 14 children died in one winter's time because the orphanage had no heat. In the past year, however, two children passed away. Understaffing is a problem here, just as it is in Puhachiv.

Both orphanages are assisted by the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund, an international humanitarian medical relief organization “established to protect and save the lives of children confronting the human legacy of the world's worst environmental disaster.” The CCRDF provides physical therapy and medical equipment to the orphanages in addition to funding children's hospitals and providing medical assistance to children across Ukraine.

While in Ukraine, our group of nine college students met several times with the founders of CCRDF and its Kyiv staff. We discussed the state of the orphanages and changes over the past 10 years in terms of healthcare, therapy, and annual child

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mortality. It is certainly one thing to discuss such matters before having met the children affected by Chernobyl or born to drug-addicted mothers; but after having put a face to the name, it becomes an entirely different matter—more real, and less of an impersonal story.

The tears shed at the orphanage cemeteries—for 4, 8 and 16 year olds—become more painful. The memories of a child's touch or playful smile become more vivid. This trip helped me gain perspective: not only were my preconceived ideas of disabled children, orphans, Ukraine, and Eastern European healthcare destroyed, but I also began to grasp a simple, yet earth-shattering, concept: it all begins and ends in love.

Most of these orphans do not even have their health, something that so many of us take for granted. But they have

their love, and they clamor to love and be loved.

The most significant thing I gained during my time in those two central Ukrainian orphanages was the ability to love those who have been cast aside, those placed on the edges of towns in a faraway land, some unwanted and others completely forgotten. Every difference and every barrier melted away quickly to reveal an unmistakable love I wasn't sure truly existed.

The connection the team and I made with the orphans is not one that I can explain so soon after my first visit to my homeland to serve these children. For me, happiness took the form of musical laughs and bright smiles. In the end, each and every orphan I encountered managed to drag out a love I did not know I had in me. I plan to continue working closely with organizations providing aid to forgotten Ukrainian orphans following my 2010 graduation from Notre Dame and post-baccalaureate studies.

THE APPRENTICE

To Italy, Peru, and Back ... A World Expanded

by Alejandra Gutzeit '10

Student, Notre Dame

As I lay out on the field during my lunch break, I drank in every detail of the tranquil Italian landscape: the iridescent butterflies that danced in and out of the long stalks of grass around me, the huge indomitable rolls of golden hay dotting the fields, the gently rolling hills of every earthen color, spring green, golden, forest, coffee-bean earth...and the beautiful crumbling stone farmhouses that sit so beautifully and naturally in this landscape.

As I came home from work every day, however, I entered the *urban*-scape of Parma, Italy: the charmingly winding streets paved in ancient cobblestone, the sequence of experiences between *strada* (street) and *piazza* (plaza) that create a unified urban fabric within the city, the ancient medieval landmarks of cathedral, baptistery, and grand family *palazzos* (palaces), and the tiny cafés and shop windows that fill your eyes to the brim with meats, salami, cheeses, and homemade pastas.

All of these elements of both *landscape* and *urban*-scape create a harmonious relationship between land and city typical of many towns in Italy--and all of this thousands of miles from my home in Camarillo, Calif.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, I studied abroad in Rome, Italy, as a part of the Notre Dame School of Architecture Rome Studies Program. When that program ended in April 2008, however, instead of returning to the United States, I decided to pursue my studies in Italy by seeking an internship in Parma for the summer. For two and a



Alejandra Gutzeit '10 with her watercolor rendering completed during a 2009 summer internship in Parma, Italy, funded by a Nanovic Institute grant.

half months, I worked at the studio of renowned architect and recipient of the 2008 Palladio Award, Pier Carlo Bontempi.

This last summer, I returned once again to intern at his studio.

As a student intern at Bontempi's firm, I was able to begin to build my experiences in the real working environment of an architectural firm. I was extremely lucky because I was given the responsibility of seeing the preliminary design of a project from beginning to end, and then applying the urban and architectural principles I had studied in Rome to my work in Parma.

When I arrived, the firm was beginning a small intervention

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in the town of Varano de' Melegari, approximately 30 km southwest of Parma. The project involved connecting the existing urban fabric of the city by developing a plot of land on the river Bocolo, near the town's famed medieval castle. I began by designing on the urban, master plan level, and then continued to design on the architectural level, and was responsible for the plans and elevations of approximately thirteen buildings.

My final contribution to the project during that summer in 2008 was a large pen on vellum drawing of an aerial view of the intervention as it has been designed, to be presented and approved for construction by the municipality of Varano de' Melegari.

My internship experience during that summer was extremely fulfilling, but I quickly fell in love with Italy (*who wouldn't?*) and was lucky enough to be able to return this summer. Not only that, I returned to continue on the same project I started the summer before, which is now nearing the construction phase.

During my short two months, I created an oblique elevational-perspective drawing on AutoCAD of five of the most important buildings, which all frame a piazza I had designed for the small *borgo*, or neighborhood. Because these buildings are the ones for which the firm now has construction documents and is obtaining the construction permit to begin building sometime in September, the building contractor needed an image of the future development. My task was to complete this AutoCAD drawing, which I then painted in watercolor—the first image of the future *borgo*.

Because I finished before my time in Parma ended, I also had the chance to do the preliminary design of a small house for a long-time client of the firm.

I feel extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to pursue this project, which was possible because of the generous contributions, in the form of a scholarship, of the Nanovic Institute at Notre Dame. I grew a hundred-fold in my confidence and ability in design. I also was able to learn a great deal about how building is conducted in Italy, from rules about parking structures and property lines to simply how towns and cities grow. In addition, I feel extremely accomplished for having done all of this in a new language, and for having studied, pursued, and strengthened my communication skills in Italian, especially after having had little previous experience.

My experience in Parma not only allowed me to grow and learn about the working world, but also in every other aspect of leading an independent life, completely on my own. I acquired and rented my own apartment in the city center of Parma, shopped for my own fresh groceries every day, learned to cook on my own, and was able to meet other Italians my age

and form a social network of wonderful friends. Each of these things was so important in my own personal growth, and in understanding how to balance every aspect of life.

After my experience in Parma, I was fortunate enough to pursue investigations and research for my architectural thesis project (to be realized in the spring of 2010) in Cusco, Peru for two weeks—something that was made possible, in part, by support from the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, and Notre Dame. My architectural

thesis, which seeks to combine my studies in architecture, anthropology, and archaeology, will be a proposal for a cultural center near the city of Cusco along an ancient Inca road, which is currently being recuperated and restored by the Qhapaq Ñan Project. The aim of my thesis is to study the ancient Inca architecture and Spanish colonial architecture of Cusco, and use the principles of classicism, new urbanism, traditional building methods, and sustainability to assist in preserving and bringing alive the cultural heritage of Peru.

Overall, my time in Parma was an extremely satisfying, confidence-building experience that has contributed to my architectural education and personal growth on so many different levels. I couldn't help but smile every day as I came home from work and thought, "I'm *really* living and working here in Parma, Italy, all on my own!" Every street, every stone, every café, every *piazza*, every charming element of Parma has become a living memory in my heart, to be not only lovingly remembered, but also used to learn from and apply in my architectural career in the future. It is an experience that has expanded my education and the world around me, and has led me to understand how much I can contribute to the world and to the community, especially in the field of architecture.

And so, 11 flights, a great deal of waiting at several airports, and thousands of miles later, I returned back home to Camarillo this summer before starting school again. The architecture at home is different: some modern buildings, others in the typical Spanish style of southern California. The streets are wider, and the sidewalks wider as well. There are extremely beautiful mountains, and many strawberry fields that surround the small but quickly growing town of Camarillo, and help maintain its character and definition as a city. I am in a completely different culture, *landscape*, and *urban-scape*, yet I still recall some of the most ancient cities and towns in Europe.

I am ready to continue and move forward in my studies in architecture. In my work in the future, I will always have a sense of a unified land- and urban-scape, and an understanding of the inseparability between the *us*, the community, and *architecture*, and the symbolic and physical importance of the world that we build around us.



Where in the World is ND?

by Michael P. Barrett '07

member of ND France, reporting from Grenoble



ND Asia

Frank Yan (frankyan@alumni.nd.edu), NDAA regional director for Asia, provided us with this update: The Asia region is part of our extensive global Notre Dame family. Currently there are 18 established ND clubs across 16 countries in Asia. We have alumni working/living in cities such as **Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Beijing, Taipei, and Seoul**, to name a few.

Our alumni network in the past has sponsored exciting events such as the Tokyo Bowl in July 2009 and the Notre Dame alumni gathering during the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Before visiting an Asian country, check out Irish Online to find out if there is a local ND club. Chances are you will find enthusiastic alumni to chat with you about Notre Dame football, among other things. Currently, the Notre Dame Club of Shanghai is working on a China newsletter. For more information on this, contact **Ignatius Qian '02 M.B.A.** at iggyqian@gmail.com.

ND Africa

Stephanie Sluka Brauer '97 (slukaus@yahoo.com) has been living in **Pretoria, South Africa** for the last few years, working as the resource development manager for Habitat for Humanity International's Africa and Middle East regional office. She is responsible for leveraging government, corporate, and individual donor funds to support development programs addressing issues of water and sanitation, orphan and vulnerable children, land tenure, access to credit, financial literacy—all anchored by housing interventions in 19 countries across the region. Stephanie says that the ND community in South Africa should be growing more active in the next year.

Josephine Ndagire '08 earned an LL.M degree from Notre Dame Law School. She worked as a fellow at the International

Association of Women Judges, DC and at the Wellesley Centers for Women, MA before returning to Africa. She also worked as a staff attorney at the International Law Institute-African Centre for Legal Excellence, before joining the Faculty of Law, Makerere University. In addition to lecturing in **Uganda**, she is project manager of the Right to Reparation Project and the East Africa International Criminal Justice Initiative (implemented with the Kenya section of the International Commission of Jurists) at the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative.

ND Latin America

Pablo Iturralde Barba '86 (pablo.iturralde@mac.com) of **Quito, Ecuador** told us about the recent pairing between the **Minnesota** and **Ecuador** ND clubs, thanking **Pat Reis** (Minnesota) and NDAA Regional Director for Latin America **Ximena Navarro '85** (x@navarro.as) of **Bolivia** for their work.

"The pairing between the Minnesota and Ecuador clubs has been a successful venture, because it revived the club in Ecuador," he says. "Most importantly, by joining hands with the Minnesota Club, the true nature of the beauty of people came to shine in the way of kindness, caring, and love. The bonding established with the hearts behind the people involved in this alliance has been most beautiful. The friendship has been the energy needed to get us started. Now we are putting together the ND Ecuador website. Students from both sides will be travelling and working on social issues in each others' country, and we're working on ideas and strategies to jump start a dormant club, such as updating the database, electing new officers, and working with admissions on getting more students to go to ND. It will be most desirable that other ND clubs join forces through pairings all over the world. The ND network will come to life, because the

only way to light a candle is with fire from another gracious hand."

Gonzalo Brenner '09 of **Chile** is working with a venture capital fund called Austral Capital, developing a business support platform to help high-impact, innovation-driven Latin American companies enter the U.S. markets through the Silicon Valley. He would like to help Chilean high school students realize there are better education opportunities abroad. "My purpose in doing this is to give Chile better tools to become a leading economy," he says. "We have the infrastructure, we have the industries and the free-trade agreements, now we need to improve on knowledge. I'd specifically like to increase the number of Chilean undergrads at ND. Being the only one in my time was rather sad."

ND Middle East

After working in **Bahrain** and **Saudi Arabia**, **Clare Feeney '08** (clare.a.feeney@gmail.com) and her husband **George Dzuricsko '07** (georgedzuricsko1@gmail.com) are now teaching English in **Oman**, in the Persian Gulf.

They are living in a rural mountain town, which is great for working on Arabic. In their free time, they enjoy taking advantage of the beautiful natural surroundings by snorkeling, rock climbing, and mountain biking.

Clare is working on a book about her travels in the Middle East, and George is preparing to work on a Ph.D. in international relations and development in the region. Next year or the year after they plan to return to the States, but, says Clare, "the travel bug won't be gone!"

Clement Suhendra '07 lives in Dubai, **United Arab Emirates**, and is part of project management team supporting an ongoing LPG Recovery Facility project located in Iraq. He is interested in networking with fellow Domers in the Middle East.

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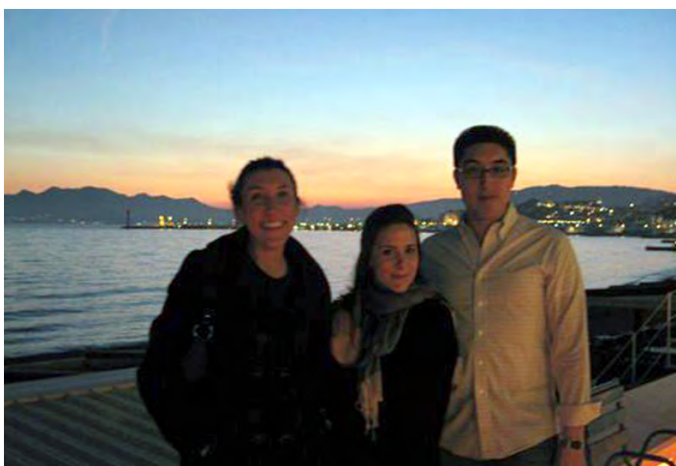
ND alumni gatherings across Europe



At the ND-Michigan State game watch in Paris hosted by ND France member *Dominique Parent '86 M.A., John Fonseca '70, '72 M.B.A.* (standing). In attendance (clockwise): *Jen Nemecek, Gretchen and Dave Mikelonis '70, Madame Parent, Henri Delamonneraye, Dominique Parent and Anne-Marie Delamonneraye.*



ND France meets ND Oman for a 4th of July picnic in the park near Pont Neuf on Ile de la cite in Paris. From left to right: *Michael P. Barrett '07* with his girlfriend, Marie, and *George Dzuricsko '07* and his wife, *Clare Feeney '08*, who live in Oman.



Andrea Nolet '07 and *Dan Martin '07* (right) returned to France in March 2009. They visited *Kristin Pene '06* (left) and *Corinne Viglietta '06* (center) in Cannes on the Cote d'Azur where they were completing the French teaching assistantship.



The Notre Dame Club of Italy meets for a pizza. From left to right: *Fr. Steve Titus '99; Fr. Michael Wurtz '99, '03 M.Div.; Russ McDougall, C.S.C. '85, '90 M.Div.; Kate Ferrucci '97; Giorgio Caramanna; Matt Bleacher '03* and his wife, *Kate; Lucianna Ravasio '06.*



The Notre Dame Club of Italy hosted a 'Pasquetta' picnic in the park for ND students studying in Rome in April 2009.



Goncalo Cornelio da Silva '03 (ND Portugal) speeds along the racetrack with "University of Notre Dame" proudly displayed on his car.

Where Are They Now?

Europe alumni notes

These notes are not only about alumni in Europe but about “Europe alumni”—a more nebulous phrase, which includes alumni, those who have a connection to Europe including ND undergraduates, ND staff, and Domers who are contemplating relocating to Europe.

Ivelin Sardamov '96 M.A., '98 Ph.D. (Bulgaria) received his degrees in political science. He is an associate professor of political science at the American University in Bulgaria, his native country, and he is still expecting his first exchange student from ND. AUBG is located in Blagoevgrad, 60 miles south of Sofia, but Ivelin lives with his family in the capital city.

Oldrich Bures '04 Ph.D. (Czech Republic) graduated from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in 2004. He is the head of the Department of International Relations and European Studies, Metropolitan University Prague, and adjunct senior lecturer at the Institute for Political Studies, Charles University. Most recently, his research has been focused in the areas of conflict resolution and international security, with special emphasis on United Nations peacekeeping operations, private military companies, and the EU counterterrorism policy.

Nina Driver '04 (France) is studying this year in the Masters in International Business (MIB) program at the Grenoble École de Management in France. nwhittak@alumni.nd.edu

Jim Hennigan '84 (France) is a commercial attorney who practiced in Washington, D.C. and South Carolina before moving with his family to Clermont-Ferrand, where his wife is Michelin's General Counsel for Africa and the Middle East. Jim continues to assist European clients that sell products (mostly capital equipment) in the United States, which was the bulk of his practice before moving to France in 2008. The family, which includes son, Tim (16), and daughter, Claire (10), expect to reside in France through 2013. They are trying to travel as much as possible from their new base in Clermont-Ferrand, which Jim (jokingly) describes as “the perfect place to be if you want to visit other places.”

Danielle Thomson '07 (France) will be an assistant English teacher at Lycée

Dessaigues (high school) in Blois, France until April 2010. She says “I’m looking forward to improving my French while exploring Europe.” dthomson07@gmail.com

Mary M. Allison '09 (Germany) just graduated from Notre Dame in the spring of 2009, and majored in both political science and German. She studied abroad in Innsbruck during her junior year, fell in love with the culture, and she has decided to continue on with her German career, thanks to her experiences while abroad. She will be an English teaching assistant for the Fulbright Program during the 2009-2010 academic year in Germany's Nordrhein-Westfalen region.

Brian Faiola '96 (Hungary) earned undergraduate degrees in French and communications. After six years in Los Angeles, he escaped to Budapest where he now lives and works as a film producer.

Gudrun Gunnarsdottir '05 (Iceland and Sweden) was a finance major. After graduation, she worked for the Central Bank of Iceland until spring 2009. She graduated with a master's degree in financial economics from the University of Iceland in February 2008. Since graduation she has been doing what she loves—playing soccer, and she is a full-time professional soccer player in Sweden, living in Stockholm. This summer she was preparing for the European Championship with the Icelandic national team. She accepted a job at the Riksbank (The Central Bank of Sweden) starting in mid-September doing economic research in the financial stability department.

Robert (“Bob”) Connolly '74, '77L (Ireland) is a solicitor in Dublin. He spent the first 24 years of his career in Fort Wayne, Ind., before qualifying to practice in England, Wales, and Ireland in the mid 1990s. He practices licensing (i.e. representing pubs in matters relating to their licenses). He has done a bit of writing over the years, and has just launched a new book, which is now available in an

American version. For more details, visit his website at www.thelegendsbooks.com (move over Harry Potter). It is a good mix of Irish history, myth, and legend. It finds the son of a legendary Irish warrior growing up in modern Ireland (not superhero but athlete). Maybe in a subsequent book he will attend ND and bring back the glory!

Greer Hannan '09 (Ireland) has been living in Dublin, Ireland since May, working as a full-time volunteer with the Dublin Simon Community. The Simon Community is committed to serving the homeless in Ireland and the UK. Greer serves in an alcohol rehab shelter for the homeless. Simon is a great organization, and Greer loves being back in Dublin after studying abroad there in 2007-2008 through ND's Dublin Program at Trinity College.

Lucianna Ravasio '06 (Italy/N. Ireland) Since graduating with a major in anthropology and a minor in gender studies, Lucianna has been to seven foreign countries and one U.S. territory. After one year teaching English in Japan and a TEFL course in the Czech Republic, she moved to the south of Italy. Lucianna recently lived in Rome where she worked as an English teacher and an au pair, but she did not stay put for long. In September she moved to northern Ireland to pursue her master's in social anthropology at Queens University Belfast where she has been awarded a scholarship.

Charles Brown '81 (Italy) graduated from Notre Dame with a major in history and then did further studies at Oxford and the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New York in 1989, and has been living and working in Rome since 1994 as an official of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Fr. Russell (“Russ”) K. McDougall, C.S.C., '85, '90 MDiv. (Italy) holds a bachelor's in theology and English (1985) and a master's of divinity from Notre Dame (1990). He also holds an S.S.L. from the

Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1998). He was ordained as a Holy Cross priest in September 1991, and served as assistant pastor at Holy Cross Parish in Nairobi, Kenya until June 1994, when he went to Rome to pursue master's-level studies in scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (the "Biblicum"). After receiving his S.S.L. in 1998, he was lecturer in Old Testament at the Queen of Apostles Seminary in Jinja, Uganda, from 1998 to 2005, and served as academic dean from 2001 to 2005. After a sabbatical year, he returned to Rome in mid-2006 to pursue doctoral studies at the Biblicum, where he is now engaged in a narrative study of the story of Gideon in the Book of Judges.

Father John C. Vargas, C.Ss.R., '94 M.S. (Italy) graduated from Notre Dame in 1994 with a master's of science in administration. He was ordained a priest on June 24, 1978. He is a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (commonly known as The Redemptorists). He has lived in Rome since 1993, when he was transferred to Rome to take the position of vice treasurer general for the Redemptorist Congregation. After three years in that position, he was appointed executive director of public relations and development for the Alphonsian Academy of Moral Theology, a graduate Pontifical Institute specializing in advanced studies in moral theology, which is part of the Pontifical Lateran University. He holds a Pontifical License in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. that he earned in 2003. Father John is a native of El Paso, Texas. After his ordination, he ministered in the New Orleans area until his transfer to Rome. His ministry was primarily in mission preaching and youth retreats, but he also had the opportunity to serve as chaplain to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department and the Slidell, Louisiana Police Department. Additionally, he was the Catholic chaplain for the New Orleans Saints. A very unique experience that he had while stationed in New Orleans was being selected to 'shoot pool' against Minnesota Fats on NBC Sports. His most memorable experience was being in Rome to share in the events during the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of the present Pope Benedict XVI.

Francis "Ted" Fay '89 (Netherlands and Chicago) is on an expatriate assignment with Océ Technologies in the Netherlands. He has been working for Océ since 1995 in various sales and marketing positions in the United States, and has been the portfolio director in Océ's Strategic Planning department for the past three years. He lives with his family in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Watts Shima '03 M.B.A. (Netherlands) is originally from Tokyo, Japan. He is working for Chiyoda Corporation, a Japanese engineering and project management firm present across all energy industries, as a general manager for Europe business development. He was posted to the Hague, Netherlands, after graduating with an M.B.A. from the Mendoza College of Business in 2003, and spent six years there. He moved to Tokyo in October and hopes to join the ND Club of Tokyo.

Carl Garmann Clausen '90 (Norway) received an LL.M degree from Notre Dame London Law Centre. Following graduation from the University of Oslo Law School, Carl worked for six years as an associate in the Law Office of John Sebastian Vaneria in New York City. He relocated to his home country Norway in January 1997, where he became an associate in Advokatfirma Ræder DA in Oslo. Carl became a partner in the firm in 2001. He specializes in corporate, securities and international contract law and maintains a particular focus on Norway/U.S. relations.

Amy M.P. Oen '91 (Norway) has an engineering degree from ND and has lived and worked in Norway since 1995. She currently works for the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute in the field of environmental engineering. She and her family are recently returning to Norway after a temporary stay in the U.S. during her post-doctoral position at Stanford. She looks forward to settling back into normal everyday Norwegian life, including great tasting water, good, hearty bread and even the erratic weather. Amy lives in Oslo with her husband, Hallvard, and daughter, Sigrid.

Gonçalo M. B. Cornelio da Silva '03 (Portugal) has worked as an architect since 1992, after having received his degree at Universidade Tecnica de Lisboa, and after equivalence studies from the

Ecole Supérieur de Saint Luc in Brussels. He works for the Lisbon Council, and collaborates on several other projects. He also works as project manager for an international real estate fund. His work, the New Palladians exhibition, was exhibited in London last year, and is currently on exhibit at the Gorcums Museum in Gorinchem, Netherlands. He frequently races classic cars at the National Classic Car Championship. He misses the ND campus and would love to return to teach at Notre Dame.

António C. Sá Fonseca '77 Ph.D. (Portugal) has worked at the Centre for Nuclear Physics of the University of Lisbon (CFNUL) as a full-time researcher since graduating from Notre Dame. He has traveled extensively over the world participating at conferences and collaborating with colleagues in other universities and national laboratories. He has been a Fellow of the American Physical Society since 1992. He has been director of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research for the last 15 years, as well as CFNUL for the past six years. Last June, he became vice dean of the faculty of sciences of the University of Lisbon.

Leah Ashe '01 (Spain and Italy) received a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. She left her cubicle behind two years ago and has since been living between Bologna, Barcelona, and Tours as she completes a master's in the history and culture of food. Officially she's finishing her thesis, but mostly she eats. She's trying to get her translation and editing business to take off, and has become a big fan of running as a form of transportation.

Meg Towle '07 (Switzerland) a Marshall Scholar, recently finished a program in community health and development at the London School of Economics. Currently she is in Geneva interning in the HIV/AIDS department of the World Health Organization (WHO) before beginning work.

Isin Canturk '06 (Turkey) moved back to Turkey after graduation, and is working for Deloitte in Istanbul as a senior auditor, and had a chance to welcome the ND executive MBA class last year. They participated in a short EMBA program that took place at Koc University in Istanbul.

David M. Johnson '99 (Turkey) is employed with the U.S. Department of

State, and working at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara. His tour there concludes in September 2010, after which he will be returning to Washington, D.C. before his next overseas posting. The American community in Ankara is fairly small, generally consisting of spouses of embassy employees, English teachers, or people working with NGOs. His job involves representing the U.S. government and advancing U.S. interests in Turkey. The U.S. Air Force has a large airbase near the city of Adana, in southern Turkey, as Turkey has been a member of NATO for over 50 years. They work very closely with America's Turkish counterparts on a whole range of issues from human trafficking to countering weapons proliferation, to mediation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He calls it a "fascinating job" where he learns something new every day.

Burcu Konakci '06 (Turkey) is originally from Istanbul, Turkey. After receiving her bachelor's in marketing from ND's Mendoza College of Business in 2006, she decided to combine her marketing degree with fashion and she got her master's in fashion buying from Istituto Marangoni (Milan, Italy) in 2007. Following graduation, she worked for two years for several distributors in Milan as an associate for the Middle East market, and she just moved back to Istanbul.

Oksana Klymovych '04 (Ukraine) received her law degree from Lviv Ivan Franko University in 1999, and her LL.M. degree from ND in 2004. Oksana worked for the Parliament of Ukraine, the Ministry of Justice, and the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in the past. As legal advisor and project manager at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, she has been involved in a number of legislative projects. Her specializations are public international law, human rights, criminal justice reform, combating corruption, and rule of law. She is a visiting scholar at the Center of International Law and Comparative Studies at Emory Law School, working on the issues of implementation of international law.

Alexandra Hanson '07 (UK) is working for the U.S. Air Force in the UK, and would love to go to grad school in Scotland before she leaves. She has been spending her free time traveling (she highly

recommends going to Cinque Terre, Italy, and going kayaking in Norway) and doing outdoor things like mountain climbing in Scotland and very random events such as Tough Guy here in the UK.

Diego Moppett '97 M.B.A. (UK) and his wife, Macrui, are pleased to announce the arrival of their first son, Nicolas, who was born on April 14. Diego and Macrui have been settled in London since September 2008, where Diego works in renewable energy project finance at HSH Nordbank. dmoppett@yahoo.com

Heidi Reichenbach '97, '02 Ph.D. (UK) is living in Liverpool, UK, and is working remotely for the U.S. Institute for Defense Analyses and looking for a full-time position in the United Kingdom. She has been an analyst for six years, but would like to use her analytical skills either in the study of solutions to climate change or to move back into materials research and work on novel advanced materials. Her partner, Andrew Holland, is Scottish, and is a chef specializing in exotic meats. He supports Notre Dame football—provided that she supports Burnley Football Club there! He even knew who the Gipper was before she met him.

Christopher Dillon Liedl '08 (USA) is working for Juno Beach, Fla.-based NextEra Energy Resources on developing a 100 MW solar farm in Extremadura, Spain.

Pai Gee-Janssens '97 (USA) has a BBA in finance from Notre Dame. She and her Belgian husband moved to NYC in August 2009 after eight years of life in Europe. She is deliberate about living *joie de vivre* in NYC. She enjoys seeing amazing things upon every walk through Central Park, such as the cat without a leash sitting quietly next to her owner doing yoga. She also loves discovering the food culture of the boroughs of NYC. Next time you visit, get your free tour by a New Yorker via www.bigapplegreeter.org. You never know who you might meet.

Andrea Nolet '07 (USA) After spending sophomore year in Angers, France, a summer internship at the EU Parliament in Brussels, and a teaching assistantship in Oyonnax, France, Andrea is trying to readjust to life in the States. She is living in New York City and working on a master's in foreign language education (French and English as a second language)

at NYU. She plans to graduate in May 2010 and begin teaching high school French wherever she's able to find a job. She hopes to extend her certification to Italian after a few years. And as always, she hopes to travel back to Europe as often as possible!

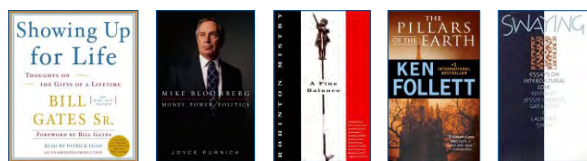
Miguel Diaz '92 M.A., '00 Ph.D. (Vatican City) is currently serving as the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See (Vatican). Diaz served on the graduate faculty of the School of Theology Seminary of Saint John's University and undergraduate faculty of the Department of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Diaz earned his master's and doctorate in theology from the University of Notre Dame. He taught previously at Barry University, Miami Shores, Fla.; St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fla.; University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio; and the University of Notre Dame. He also served as the academic dean at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. He served as a member of Barack Obama's Catholic advisory group during the 2008 presidential campaign. His wife, **Marian Diaz '91**, is also a Notre Dame graduate (Program of Liberal Studies and Philosophy). She completed a research M.A. in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL and a Doctor of Ministry degree at Barry University. She has taught at the University of Dayton, Barry University and the College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University. Marian started the School of Christian Formation in English for the Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida, and directed the program for four years. Up until Miguel's appointment, Marian directed two Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, grants sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. at the College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University. They have four children.

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The Book Corner

What Domers in Europe are reading



A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry

“Fascinating read about India shortly after Pakistan was made a separate country and the total havoc that ordinary people had to live through. I loved it because it was a stretch outside of the realm of Western literature, and it is very well written with believable, vivid characters.”—Alexandra Hanson ’07 (UK)

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett

“This is a phenomenal book covering the lives of a core group of characters and an English cathedral from birth to death, tied into the historical upheavals of the times. You get a bit of a history lesson combined with a story about love and loss and good fighting against evil told with such rich detail and heartbreaking realism. It’s a long book, but worth every page.”—Alexandra Hanson ’07 (UK)

Mike Bloomberg: Money, Power, Politics by Joyce Purnick

“Mike Bloomberg is from a hardworking middle-class immigrant family in Massachusetts with origins in Russia, Belarus, Poland, Lithuania. This ‘stoic nerd’ garners extreme

loyalty from the people around him. School was beyond easy for him ... luckily, because as a child he dreamed the biggest dreams: to be president of the World Bank, head of the UN or U.S. President. We are lucky that he has always believed in the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people because he created his own means to do this on a mass scale. Mr. Bloomberg, the self-made billionaire founder of the Bloomberg financial information firm (upon being fired from his job), donated \$235 million (actually wrote checks, not just pledged money) in 2008, making him the leading individual donor in the United States, according to a 2009 list released by *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*.” —Pai Gee-Janssens ’97 (USA/Belgium)

Showing Up for Life by Bill Gates Sr., et al.

“The Gates are such inherently good and humble people—way before there was a Microsoft or a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. I love what he says about repealing estate taxes and his point about polio eradication by Rotary International. Read about how the Gates were originally introduced to Warren Buffett under special familial connections. Remember, arriving late is not fashionable. Show up for life! Start now!” —Pai Gee-Janssens ’97 (USA/Belgium)

Swaying: Essays on Intercultural Love by Jessie C. Grearson

“This is a wonderful and insightful collection of personal stories from women in a variety of intercultural relationships. An interesting read for anyone who has made romantic commitments across cultural lines.”—Kate Ferrucci ’97 (Italy)

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This team was started by alumnae and past Regional Director *Pai Gee-Janssens* ’97, and currently has four other ND alumni members in Europe. We loan because we want to share and promote Notre Dame’s greatest traditions: a commitment to faith, learning, family and service.

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Notre Dame Sports

ND athletes in Europe, and watching ND football abroad

Notre Dame Athletes in Europe

Former ND athletes who are now playing in Europe include:

- **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir '05**, a full-time professional soccer player in Sweden, living in Stockholm
- **Colin Falls '07**, who when last reported, was in the Czech Republic with club BK Prostějov
- **Chris Thomas '05**, who is playing for Ayuda en acción Fuenlabrada (Madrid, Spain) in Spain's top professional basketball league the ACB
- **Torin Francis '06**, who is in Greece with AEL (Larissa, Greece)



Chris Thomas '05



Colin Falls '07



Torin Francis '06



Gudrun Gunnarsdottir '05

ND Football Abroad

Ways to watch ND football games outside of the United States



1. Watch the game live in a pub/bar:

If you know of a pub/bar in another European city where ND fans can watch football games, please let us know. We'll add it to the list!

London

The Sports Cafe, 80 Haymarket, SW1Y 4TE

T (+44) 0207 8398300

Rome

Scholars Lounge, via del Plebiscito, 101b

T (+39) 06 6920 2208

2. Watch the game online:

NBC Sports (home games)

<http://nbcsports.msnbc.com/id/25889627/>

North American Sports Network (away games)

<http://www.espnamerica.com/>

3. Watch the game at home with the aid of a Slingbox. Slingbox hardware required:

<http://www.slingmedia.com/>

4. Listen to the game live on WVFI:

<http://www.nd.edu/~wvfi/>

At Your Service

Your resource for staying connected to Notre Dame

Irish Online

<http://irishonline.nd.edu/>



Irish Online is the online community of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Access to Irish Online is available to Notre Dame alumni, students, parents of current students, and friends of the University. It's a great way to stay connected to the ND family!

Update your information on Irish Online today. Your up-to-date contact details on Irish Online will enable ND to send you newsletters by regular post and e-mail. ND club leaders worldwide use this system to find new members for their clubs.

Through Irish Online, ND alumni will be able to:

- Connect with friends and classmates through the ND online community
- Use the improved directory to find fellow alumni
- Find mentors and contacts for career networking
- Discover greater access to Notre Dame news and events
- Take part in alumni events and volunteer activities

Irish Online requires a login name and password.

Registration is quick, easy, and free.

Note for alumni without a SSN:

If you are having trouble registering for Irish Online because you do not have a SSN, there is an option to log in with your 10-digit code, which should be on the label of your *Notre Dame Magazine*. If you cannot retrieve your 10-digit code, contact the Irish Online Help Desk, and they will be able to assist you. Send an e-mail to onlinehelp@alumni.nd.edu or call +1 (574) 631-1579.

Pray at ND

<http://pray.nd.edu/>

Pray at ND, wherever you are in the world! Have you heard about the green candle? NDAA's green candle's living flame burns weekly for all intentions received through the website.

ND Women Connect

<http://womenconnect.undgroup.org>



In May, the Alumni Association officially launched a new initiative called ND Women Connect. The group, facilitated through local ND clubs, provides opportunities for women graduates to foster personal and professional relationships; enhance personal and professional development; and make valuable contributions to Notre Dame, to their local communities, and to causes that inspire them.

Onward: Alumni Career Development

<http://career.alumni.nd.edu/>



Whether you are currently out of work or simply looking to find something new, the NDAA knows

that searching for a job can be challenging. ONWARD: Alumni Career Development provides a series of career and professional tools and resources to aid you in your job search. These resources are designed to focus and simplify your search, and help you discover and use your own special skills and abilities to land that next position. The ONWARD program also allows you to network with other Notre Dame alumni, and provides unique career resources to help you be successful.

Are You a Notre Dame Lawyer?

The [Notre Dame Law Association](#) is open to lawyers who graduated from the Notre Dame Law School as well as lawyers who graduated from Notre Dame, but attended law school elsewhere. Contact Melanie McDonald of the ND Law School External Relations Office at Melanie.McDonald@nd.edu or +1 (574) 631-6891 to ask about joining the NDLA. Membership is free.

Do You Have an APO Address? We want to hear from you!

Notre Dame's club presidents and country contacts in Europe do their best to reach out to the alumni, parents and friends living in their countries. To assist them in their efforts, the Alumni Association provides these volunteers with lists of people living in their countries. Unfortunately, those of you with APO addresses do not show up in these lists since your country is technically listed as the United States.

We would love to help you connect with fellow Domers in Europe. You can find your nearest club or country contact by using the International Club Locator at www.alumni.nd.edu/intlclubs. Or you can contact the Alumni Association's Regional Director for Europe, Kate Ferrucci at kateferrucci@hotmail.com and she will connect you with the appropriate club or country contact.

The Notre Dame spirit is building in Europe and we don't want you to miss the opportunity to be a part of the excitement!

Getting Involved

Networking with Notre Dame alumni

LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com



The Notre Dame Alumni Association teamed up with the ND Career Center to create the official **Notre Dame**

Alumni Network on LinkedIn. LinkedIn is an online network of more than 47 million experienced professionals from around the world. This free service is one of the most powerful career development tools available today. When you join LinkedIn, you create a profile summarizing your professional accomplishments. Your profile helps you find—and be found by—former colleagues, clients, and partners.

LinkedIn ND Alumni Network Group

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/802>



The “ND Alumni Network” on LinkedIn currently features more than 12,000 members who are ready to help alumni open doors to opportunities using the ND family connections.

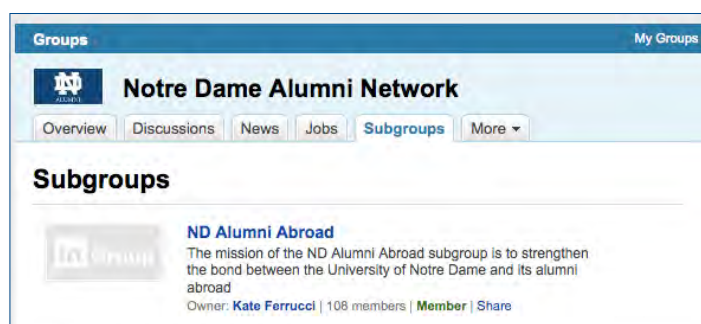
NEW! LinkedIn Alumni Abroad Subgroup

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/2286051>

The ND “Alumni Abroad” subgroup of the “ND Alumni Network” on LinkedIn launched in September. Please consider joining and being an active part of this alumni community! The mission of this subgroup is to:

- Strengthen the bond between Notre Dame and its alumni abroad
- Help connect and build links between alumni abroad in order to support networking opportunities and professional career development
- Promote mentoring and internship opportunities for current ND students who desire to work abroad.

NOTE: Before joining the ND Alumni Network or the Alumni Abroad subgroup, you must first login to linkedin.com and create a profile.



Facebook

www.facebook.com



Are you on Facebook? If so, why not join the Notre Dame network on Facebook? You can also join the following country-

or region-specific Facebook groups of ND alumni. It's another great way to connect with ND alumni currently working and living in Europe.

- **Notre Dame in Europe** (currently 150+ members consisting of current students, alumni, and friends). If you want to join the group, just do a search for the group name and add it to your groups.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4755692067>



- **ND Club of France**
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=186007131494>
- **ND Club of Germany**
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=132397266592>
- **ND Club of Greece**
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<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54478851321>
- **ND Club of London**
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=49472083429>

Websites for ND Clubs in Europe

Does your Notre Dame Club currently have a website?

Check out these two club websites in the region:

- **ND Club of London**
<http://notredamelondon.typepad.com/alumni/>
- **ND Club of Italy**
<http://italy.undclub.org>

... and coming soon, websites for other clubs in the region, including: France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland, and more! Would you like to help develop your club's website? If so, contact your club to find out how to get started.

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