My instinct, in looking at the year just past and what lies ahead, has to be to extol the new. But before I do, let me start with an appreciation of the old. International Studies is still the home of the most ambitious and passionate students in the College of Arts and Sciences on Indiana University. As has been true throughout the first decade-plus, nearly everyone spends serious time abroad, developing a mastery of languages, cultures, and approaches to the problems of the world. Every student tackles a research problem in depth, in a way that few other undergraduates at IU can. Fortunately, a core of equally passionate teachers, some of whom have been with International Studies from its early days, infuse the new International Studies with their experience.

In other exciting ways, International Studies is utterly new. One has to start with the brand-new building. One has to be filled with pride to hear students and visitors to the Bloomington Campus marvelling at the architecture and the amenities of the building. I hope that alumni will make this a destination, too.

The faculty is new, too. In three years we have hired ten new faculty (including our Dean, Lee Feinstein); seven faculty (including myself, from History) have come from other departments on campus. It is remarkable, given the rapid change, how much this group of faculty has become a community, together with the students. And we are now hiring at least four new faculty to join us next year. We still teach the core of International Studies, but can now offer so many new courses as well. And as you’ll read inside, the Department can now offer Master’s degrees. Someone returning to Bloomington after just a few years away might find International Studies unrecognizable at first – but the same spirit still inspires what we do, and energizes our new home.

Padraic Kenney
Department Chair
The Department of International Studies welcomed four new Assistant Professors, Hussein Banai, Sarah Bauerle-Danzman, Yan Long, and Stephen Macekura. They bring diverse backgrounds as well as unique research interests to IU. Their research and teaching have already contributed to the strength of the department and the new School of Global and International Studies. As we look forward to their bright future, we explore their previous accomplishments, in four short introductions.

Huss Banai

Huss Banai joined the Department of International Studies by way of Occidental College (where he was an assistant professor in the Department of Diplomacy and World Affairs) and Brown University (where he received his PhD in Political Science). He is a Non-Resident Research Fellow at the Center for International Studies at MIT, and a Global Ethics Fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs.

His research interests lie at the intersection of international and comparative political theory with a special focus on topics in democratic theory, Middle East politics (especially Iran), and diplomatic history. His current research concerns the development of liberal political thought in modern Iran. Provisionally entitled Hidden Liberalism in Modern Iran, his book project is an investigation into the reasons for liberalism’s poor showing compared to rival ideologies (varieties of socialism, Islamism, nationalism, and nativism) over the course of the last century in Iran. Theoretically related to, but topically distinct from, this project is Professor Banai’s broader interest in the relationship between liberalism and the politics of post-imperialism in the contemporary Middle East.

In addition to his current book project, he is a collaborator on a multi-volume critical oral history of U.S.-Iran relations since the Islamic Revolution at the Center for International Studies at MIT, where he has been a research affiliate since 2008. The first volume from this series, Becoming Enemies: US-Iran Relations and the Iran-Iraq War, 1980-88, was published in 2012 (Rowman & Littlefield), and a second volume is currently under contract with Oxford University Press for publication in 2016-17. The chief aim of this project is to explore the sources of missed opportunities for the purposes of devising better and more ethically responsible future policy prescriptions.

Professor Banai resides - along with his wife (Tracey) and daughter (Elyse) - in Indianapolis, Indiana. He enjoys living in Indiana, as well as visiting friends and family in Scandinavia, especially those living in Norway.

Sarah Bauerle Danzman

Sarah Bauerle Danzman (Assistant Professor in International Studies) received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (Political Science) - awarded August 2014. She has been a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University 2014-2015. She was also a Technical Analyst for Citigroup Smith Barney (2006-2008).

Professor Bauerle Danzman is currently working on a book manuscript that considers the conditions under which domestic firms will support policies of openness toward foreign direct investment. In the manuscript, Sarah develops a theoretical argument that emphasizes the importance of the local and global financing environment as structuring firms’ positions toward liberalization. She uses a mixture of large N quantitative analysis and comparative case studies to evaluate support for this theory.

Bauerle Danzman is also developing a research project that considers how the networked structure of globalized fragmented production and financing networks affects the political power of multinational firms vis-a-vis states, governance institutions, and societal actors. She will be presenting initial findings from the project at the International Studies Association’s annual conference this spring. She is also co-hosting a conference on this topic at Princeton University’s Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance in the fall of 2016.

In addition to these two large research projects she has ongoing projects, some of which are co-authored, related to international investment treaties and arbitration, public opinion over foreign direct investment, and how network structures influence patterns of economic booms and crises globally.

Presently, Professor Bauerle Danzman enjoys the short commute between her home and the office, the collegiality of the departmental colleagues, the beautiful and easily accessible outdoor spaces, the walking paths that make running safe and enjoyable, and the beauty of a Bloomington autumn. She hopes to be able to continually return to the South of France every early summer for the quaint beauty, and delicious food and wine. She loves traveling as well as more adventurous athletic pursuits. Her favorite trip so far was to Egypt to volunteer for a 150 mile running race in the Sahara desert. She hopes to travel to Chile in the (post-tenure?) future to participate in a similar race across the Atacama desert.
Yan Long

Yan Long (Assistant Professor in International Studies and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology) received her Ph.D. in sociology and Women’s Studies from the University of Michigan. She has been an Affiliated Faculty and Chinese NGO Archive Director at Stanford Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society Board Member, and Oversea Young Chinese Forum. Her research focuses on Global health governance, community health inequalities, transnational social movements, authoritarian politics, international development and organizations, gender and sexualities. Her interests in how people experience and respond to inequalities in access to resources and self-determination generated a series of articles on long-term medical care. International development studies promote access to health insurance as an effective tool to increase equity in medical care use in the Global South, but Professor Long’s research based on China’s health insurance reform shows that this tool does not automatically decrease disparities in health-seeking behaviors. Rather, it is the interplay between medical care systems and cultural discourses that affects people’s decisions about whether and how to seek medical care.

In her current research, Long analyzes the evolution of transnational institutions and their impact on domestic conflict, especially forms of community mobilization and political repression. Her book project, Side Effects: The Transnational Doing and Undoing of AIDS Politics in China, builds upon her dissertation, which received the 2014 American Sociological Association Best Dissertation Award and the 2013 ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award. It challenges most scholarly models that cast external interventions as “cures” for all that ails struggling local communities in repressive environments. Professor Long highlights the unintended consequences of external democratic interventions, that resulted in strengthening the authoritarian apparatus, and increased mobilization for urban gay males but demobilization for other communities, such as female sex workers and sick rural populations.

Professor Long is also exploring big data and new research methods by building the first digital archive of Chinese grassroots NGOs, through leading a collaborative initiative support of the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, East Asian Library and Digital Library Services and Systems at Stanford University. The goal is to track, collect and preserve the digital documentary outputs of 250 Chinese NGOs including their websites and social media between 2015-2025. 

Yan Long Cont.

This task is particularly urgent now, as the Chinese government has drastically tightened its political control against such organizations. The project recently received financial support from the Lepping Social Entrepreneur Foundation and the Yintai-Guanghua Center for Philanthropy and Social Impact.

Stephen Macekura

Stephen Macekura (Assistant Professor of International Studies) is a historian studying international history, the history of United States and the world, the history of political economy, and global environmental history. He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia in 2013. He has been a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture in 2013-2014, where he served as the associate director of the program on Culture, Capitalism, and Global Change, and at the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College in 2014-2015.

Professor Macekura’s first book, Of Limits and Growth: The Rise of Global Sustainable Development in the Twentieth Century, is now available from Cambridge University Press. It analyzes how environmental NGOs struggled to implement environmental protection measures in the developing world in the 1950s and 1960s, and then critiqued and reformed the development policies of the U.S. government, World Bank, and UN system in the 1970s and 1980s.

His new book explores the history of the meaning and measurement of economic growth, with a particular focus on how reformers across the world have challenged and sought to rethink the ways in which the concept of “growth” has been defined, assessed, and measured. He has published articles and chapters in a variety of journals and edited volumes, and shorter essays have appeared in online publications such as PublicBooks and Solutions.

Beyond his solo projects, he has also co-organized, with Erez Manela (Harvard), a workshop on the global history of development, which will be held at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study in June 2016. Their goal is to take stock of the past two decades of innovative historical research on international development to produce a wide-ranging, global history of development of use for scholars, students, and practitioners alike. The resulting edited volume will likely be published by Cambridge University Press, as well.

In Bloomington, he’s enjoying the strong sense of community in the town. As for travel, he enjoys visiting most places; Professor Macekura is looking forward to spending time in two of his favorite cities, Paris and Berlin, during an extended research trip next summer.
The department of International Studies is pleased to announce its new M.A. and integrated B.A./M.A. degrees. Students can apply by December 2015 for admission in Spring 2016, and March 2016 for admission in Fall 2016. More information can be found on the department website at: http://www.indiana.edu/~intlweb/graduate/

B.A./M.A.
The B.A./M.A. program offers students an enhanced education for a significantly lower price point than comparable programs. Similar to other world-renowned programs in the School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University, the B.A./M.A. program in International Studies offers students access to deep linguistic, cultural, and area studies resources combined with a globally inclusive pedagogy, and internationally renowned instructors. In addition to the majority of courses being taught by professors and tenured or tenure-track faculty, two points that distinguish the new International Studies M.A. and integrated B.A./M.A. programs are:

1) Significantly reduced cost per credit hour, versus programs at comparable universities

2) Quality, quantity, and variety of academic, professional, and international resources available to students

These programs provide students with the skills, knowledge, and credentials that are in demand in an increasingly competitive job market. Students learn lessons that prepare them for success in the classroom and beyond, through courses that address current global events. A goal of these programs is to train students for positions with government, NGOs, non-profits, and business, equipping them with a deep understanding of issues important to their field, and with the tools to analyze, interpret, and engage with solutions. Upon completion of the B.A. and B.A./M.A. students are also well prepared to handle the rigor of an M.B.A., law degree, or academic Ph.D., should they decide to continue their studies.

Dana Vanderbergh is a student in the third year of the integrated B.A. and M.A. program in international studies. She also serves as outreach coordinator for Movement Exchange and president of its IU chapter. Dana had this to say about her experience as part of the first cohort of the new program:

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the B.A./M.A. program in International Studies! It is so exciting to be able to begin my graduate studies in such an incredible program. I wasn’t planning on getting my Masters degree immediately after completing my undergraduate studies, but this program was too perfect to pass up. I not only get to continue learning from some of the utmost experts in the field, but grow with the department as it continues to develop. I have already started my first graduate class and have already learned so much. I can’t thank the faculty enough for helping me navigate the world of graduate studies and I can’t wait for the journey ahead!”

Dana Vanderbergh
Civic responsibility and a global mindset have always been distinguishing marks for International Studies majors. Two service-learning classes this semester exemplify the idea of linking local and global issues together through community engagement.

Food Security

Students in Olga Kalentzidou’s Food Security course in 2015 have tackled issues of food justice and sovereignty through direct service in three Bloomington food pantries. The combination of carefully selected readings and active engagement in the three agencies – Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard (Hub), Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM), and Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB), have allowed students to understand and evaluate issues of global food availability and accessibility, as they play out on local community levels.

During one of the service days, students worked at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank Garden. HHFB’s mission is “to collect, store and distribute food to non-profit agencies that feed the hungry in six counties in Indiana, Monroe County being one of them.” The Garden has been in operation for the last eight years; its purpose is to expand fresh food selection to several food pantries served by HHFB. Directed by Bobbi Boos, the one-acre area was given to HHFB by the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department in order to grow vegetables organically for distribution to local patrons. The Garden relies heavily on volunteers. According to Bobbi, “the gardens could expand, but we need more volunteers...the more volunteers, the more harvesting.”

Nature and the City

In Stephanie Kane’s service learning class ‘Nature and the City’ students study global modalities of water management in local settings. On October 14th, they toured campus wetlands with Michael Dorsett, storm-water expert from IUB’s Office of Environment and Safety. They talked about how biology faculty and students created the wetlands; how wetlands help prevent flooding on campus and downstream in Bloomington; and how difficult it is to preserve the dominance of native plant species without ever being able to use fire.

They also visited the site of the digitally controlled rainwater capture and irrigation system that lies below ground, between the two wings of the SGIS building. In this service-learning class, students combine their readings and their discussions with experts with their ethnographic fieldwork projects in several local parks with important water features. The students’ work was carried out in collaboration with the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. At the end of the semester, students presented their findings in the atrium of SGIS. Professor Kane’s collaboration with Michael Dorsett began when they participated in the Environmental Quality and Land Use Committee (EQLU) of IU’s Office of Sustainability.
At the Opening Ceremony of the new Global and International Studies Building, speakers included Lauren Robel, IU Bloomington Provost and Executive Vice President; Larry Singell (top left), Executive Dean of the IU College of Arts and Sciences; and Lee A. Feinstein, founding Dean of SGIS. Remarks were given by Prof. Purnima Bose, Associate Professor of English and International Studies, and Anna Williams (top right), an IU graduate student (and International Studies alumna) and an IU trustee.

In her opening ceremony remarks, Ms. Anna Williams, International Studies Alumna of 2010 and Trustee, reminded attendees how the new School of Global and International Studies started as the International Studies Program, with no centralized connection point. Today, the new building has already become the epicenter of its students’ lives as they attend classes, work together in common spaces, and collaborate across departments. Anna describes the new SGIS building “as a symbol for students and faculty alike in the journey to address grand global challenges of the 21st century.”

For Professor Purnima Bose, the new GIS Building (bottom right) is not only an architectural structure, but the product of many people’s physical and intellectual labor: construction workers, staff, faculty, employees, and students. Comparing IU’s new School of Global and International Studies to International Studies Programs around the country, she notes that their teaching missions are top-down oriented, from the perspective of states, whereas “IU’s distinction is to be home to a community of scholars, who are committed to acquiring a granular knowledge of the world based on the mastery of languages and to understanding it from below, from the perspective of individuals and communities who are shaped, and who themselves shape, larger impersonal and influential institutions.” Professor Bose concludes with the hope “that we will transmit to our students our sense of wonder and profound optimism at the courage exhibited by those struggling to make the world into a better, more just, and more equitable place, and that our research will contribute to these positive ambitions as well.”

On Thursday morning, October 15th, U.S Secretary of State John Kerry (left) addressed the School of Global and International Studies at the IU Auditorium at 11AM. His visit was timed to celebrate the opening of the new Global and International Studies building. He delivered remarks about U.S. Foreign Policy with a focus on four important areas: 1. War in Israel, 2. the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), 3. Afghanistan and democracy, and 4. Climate change. His address was aimed not only at students, but also at anyone interested in working for the Department of State, and all American citizens. So, why is IUB the best place for the new School of Global and International Studies? As IU President Michael A. McRobbie (top center) pointed out, we nurture a diverse campus, have many faculty & alumni (going back to Herman B. Wells) who have contributed to world affairs, and the current faculty and student cohort are ready to contribute to an ever more interconnected planet.
Congratulations to Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations to our new graduates! We wish them luck in their future careers!

Undergraduate Capstone Symposium

Fall 2015 marked the eighth anniversary of the Undergraduate Capstone Symposium. International Studies seniors presented topics that addressed global governance issues, identity and labor politics, global media policies, and intercultural education. Family, friends, and IU professors were in attendance for presentations and a poster session, held

Undergraduate Dispatches

Kelly Kreutz was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Brazil.

Shelby Gullion, Patrick Hernandez, Catherine Krege, Anu Kumar, Savannah Meslin, and Elizabeth Nixon were among the recipients of the 2015 Kate Hevner Mueller Outstanding Senior Awards.

Victoria Hicks and Molly Zweig received the 2015 Elvis J. Stahr Distinguished Senior Award.

Phi Beta Kappa nominees for fall 2015 included: Victoria Hicks, Gabriel Sy Ancil, Brittany Belkiewitz, Megan Rose Kelly, Erik Allten Troske.

Sigma Iota Rho: The Zeta Gamma chapter at Indiana University was founded in 2014 and inducted its first members in spring 2014. Recent inductees included: Taylor Allen, Gabriel Ancil, Victoria Barnard, Juan del Valle Coello, Dorothy English, Katherine Knapp, Kayla Moody-Grant, Emily Tallo, Dana Vanderburgh, Claire Waggner, Brittany Belkiewitz, Bailey Riggs, Margery Weidman, Molly Moffitt, Mikaela Breese. Many previous inductees were studying abroad for the fall 2015 semester, including: Grace Burris, Drew Kunard, Katelyn Testerman, Elizabeth Lindemann, Olivia Houston.

Anna M. Williams, an International Studies alumna and IU graduate student, has been appointed to a two-year term as student trustee for Indiana University, beginning July 1, 2015.

International Studies Senior Leslie Luna is currently interning with the US Department of State at the United States Diplomacy Center, a museum and educational center that will open in 2017.

Katharine Adams & Maya Wilson-Fernandez were named 2015 Wells Scholars.

**Huss Banai** attended the Association for Political Theory’s annual conference in Boulder Colorado, where he presented a paper entitled “Imperialism and the Plight of Iranian Liberalism.” Prior to the conference, he conducted research for three days at the Iran Oral History Project’s archives at Harvard University’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies.


**Gardner Bovingdon** has joined the Executive Board of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. At the annual conference of the CESS in Washington DC, he presented a paper on China’s policies toward minorities; presented comments on Morgan Liu’s prize-winning book, Under Solomon’s Throne: Uzbek Visions of Renewal in Osh; and participated in a panel discussion on Uyghur Studies.

**Sarah Bauerle Danzman** co-authored with William Kindred Winecoff “This is why you shouldn’t blame China for the havoc in the markets” for the Washington Post’s Monkey Cage political blog about the sources of global market turmoil. She is currently involved in several research and outreach projects related to international political economy. She participated in a roundtable organized by IUB’s student chapter of Oxfam America, that brought together faculty from SGIS and the Maurer Law School to discuss the legal, political, and economic implications of the landmark trade deal. She also will present research at Emory University this spring. She will present initial findings from a project at the annual International Studies Association conference in March and will co-host a related workshop at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson school next autumn.

**Elizabeth Dunn** spent the summer on a fellowship at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, where she was finishing her book, Unsettled: Humanitarianism and Displacement in the Republic of Georgia. She wrote several articles on the topic of the present European refugee crisis for newspapers: “Indiana University expert: Building new camps won’t solve European refugee crisis,” The Failure of Refugee Camps” for the Boston Review Journal; “Better Than a Tent, Worse Than a House” for Slate Magazine. Elizabeth also gave a talk at Duke University’s Department of Slavic Studies, titled: “Corpses and Places: World and Afterworld in A Refugee Crisis.”

**Hamid Ekbia** co-organized with Majed Akhter (Geography, IUB) a conference on drones in July 2015. All the info about the conference, including live podcasts of all talks, can be found on its website: http://www.dronewarinsti-tute.org/
Amali Ibrahim has received a Visiting Fellowship at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies of the National University of Singapore, where he will spend the summer and fall of 2016.


Stephanie C. Kane did ethnographic field research on how the city of Zagreb, Croatia controls flooding of the Sava River, funded by an International Network Grant from the Leverhulme Trust. She will co-lead Arctic community meetings in the Local and Indigenous subproject of the Indeterminate and Changing Environments: Law, the Anthropocene, and the World, a.k.a. the Ice Law Project (2016-2018) http://icelawproject.org/about/. The aim is to explore how the geophysical environment of the world’s frozen regions challenges Western normative principles of state power and legal authority that are based on an idealized stable binary between land and water. As a member of the steering committee, Professor Kane will present Ice Law Project work at the 2017 triennial International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS), to be held in Umeå, Sweden.

Padraic Kenney has received a Visiting Fellowship at the Moore Institute at the National University of Ireland in Galway, where he will spend June 2016 on a project entitled: “Approaches to Global Research in the Humanities.” He organized and chaired a forum on “The Memory of Economic Crises” for the European Network for Remembrance and Solidarity in Warsaw in which scholars from four countries discussed how people remember events like recessions, famines, and hyperinflation, and how those memories impact politics. Kenney presented talks at the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Copernicus Program in Polish Studies at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and at the University of Michigan – Dearborn.

Stepanka Korytova published Global Human Trafficking Bibliography 2000-2010, available on the Global Center website and in the library of The Kinsey Institute and coauthored with Toby Strout “Meeting the Needs of Victims of Sex Trafficking: Are Domestic Violence Victim Services Organizations Appropriate Providers?” in Domestic Violence Report: Law, Prevention, Protection, Enforcement, Treatment, Health. As a Themester instructor, Professor Korytova had an informal discussion session on “Fair Labor” with undergraduate students; this was part of the Fall 2015 @Work: The nature of Labor on a Changing Planet Themester Dessert and Discussions.

Yan Long has been appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology.

Stephen Macekura just published his first book, Of Limits and Growth: The Rise of Global Sustainable Development in the Twentieth Century, with Cambridge University. He did an interview about his book and the upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris in late November 2015, entitled “History surrounding sustainable development could hinder climate agreement,” and was interviewed by a public radio show called “With Good Reason” about the long, imperial history behind big-game hunting and environmental protection in Africa (the backstory to the “Cecil the Lion” controversy).

Jess Steinberg spent two months in Africa, conducting field work in Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa and Zambia for her current book project.
Sponsor a Scholarship!

For Fall 2015 we have two new awards available for International Studies undergraduates!

The Capstone Scholar Award grants $500 to the I-400 student who authors the best Capstone Thesis.

The Paper Scholar Award is a $300 award given to the student who submits the best paper in an INTL class other than the Capstone.

Students were required to nominate their own papers to be considered. We are pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2015 International Studies Paper Awards:

Capstone Award:

Mikaela Breese: “Fire or Smoke? Media Discourse vs. the Reality of Japan’s Role in the South China Sea”

“After I came back from studying abroad in Tokyo, I knew that I wanted to choose a topic related to Japan. With the help of my capstone mentor, Professor Adam Liff, I decided to focus on how recent media rhetoric portrayed Japan’s actions vis-à-vis the South China Sea. There were a lot of great resources I was able to access through IU to use for my case study. For example, by using The Japan Times archive through IU Libraries, I was able to create my own graph analyzing articles with specific keywords published every year since 1945.”

Paper Scholar Award:

Niloofer Asgari: “Iranian Women in Sex Work”

“While studying various experiences of working women in countries such as India, Barbados, and Thailand, I found myself curious about regions and countries not discussed in class. I chose to focus my research on sex work within the Iranian context due to the lack of scholarship surrounding the subject and my interest in the region as a Near Eastern Languages and Cultures major. Throughout my time in Professor Purnima Bose’s course, I found the multi-disciplinary approach of the course useful for my research paper because it inspired me to use theology, history, political science, gender studies, and anthropology in my approach to this rather complex topic. In addition, the guidance provided by Professor Bose allowed me the opportunity to present a comprehensive and organized research paper.”

Congratulations to both recipients!

Name the Student Research Awards!

We’d like to recognize the best student research in International Studies every year. To do so, we could use your help. The awards need a name, and we’d like your suggestions. We’d also appreciate your contributions to the future of these awards. If you are interested in either, please contact Department Chair Padraic Kenney at pjkenney@indiana.edu.

Help Build the Future of International Studies!

Even if you graduated from Indiana University just a couple of years ago you’ll notice that a lot has changed. We hope you find these changes exciting. There is a lot we’d like to do at International Studies, and we could use your help. Please consider making a donation to International Studies. See the link below for details, or contact Department Chair Padraic Kenney at pjkenney@indiana.edu.
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Keely Bakken ’13 has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Award for research in Kazan, Russia and a Boren Fellowship to Istanbul, Turkey.

Alex Borowicz ’05 received his M.A. of International Security from the University of Arizona. He recently spent seven months in Maputo, Mozambique. Borowicz currently works for the United States Army in Arizona. Taylor Bossung ’12 is a senior account executive for the public relations firm Weber Shandwick in Doha, Qatar.

Natalie Brown ’08 is Program Manager for KWEST at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Molly Savage-Breiner ’07 runs the marketing department of an early-stage startup called Synap Software Labs, based in Chicago.

Amy Cosgrove ’11 celebrated her 1 year as Director of Career Services at International Business College. She will attend grad school next year.

Lauren Dexter ’10 was a member of the Leadership Bloomington Monroe County Class of 2014, and hYPe (helping Young Professionals Excel). She also served as Steering Committee Member, and Special Events Manager of the Bloomington Hospital Foundation.

John Kelley ’15 started working as a Coordinator of International Relations in Miyazaki, Japan for a city hall.

Kelsey Lechner ’15 has been working for almost 3 months as a Coordinator for International Relations for Tochigi prefectural government in Japan. She is frequently called on to do interpretation for international delegations. She is also trying to start up fundamental English classes for the office employees and a high-level English conversation class open to the general public. Kelsey also provides support for the English ALTSs in her prefecture, and is actively trying to integrate them into the local community by participating in volunteer projects. She started up a monthly project in which she helps out a grassroots one-woman animal shelter in need of volunteer help.

John Lidester ’12 transitioned to a full time teaching position at a Cambridge English Language Exam preparation Center, English Zone Academy in Sevilla.

Emily M. Lippold Cheney ’08 has been engaged in the USA Cooperative Youth Council’s 4th Annual Cooperative Youth Convergence in Philadelphia, PA. She also provided trainings on cooperative start-ups and conversions through the Traveling Cooperative Institute.

Hannah Miller ’11 is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique.

Kayleigh Long ’12 is currently attending IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law to obtain a JD with a focus on international human rights law.

Victoria Mans ’10 is currently working as a Substance Abuse Counselor and is a MSW candidate.

Carolyn Pryor ’06 is currently Program Officer for Europe, Asia, Pacific, and Latin America at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. federal foreign aid agency based in Washington DC. She also served as Acting Resident Country Director and Deputy Resident Country Director in Mongolia and Jordan.

Alexandra Rice ’13 is pursuing an MA in International Business at the University of Leeds in England.

Angel Sanders ’13 is pursuing a graduate degree in the International Studies Graduate School at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea.

Alex Schutz ’12 is employed as an International Graduate Admissions Counselor at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. She is going to join the International Admission Office and she is enrolled in the Masters of Public Administration program at IIT.

Eric Tatman ’13 is attending Suffolk Law School.

Jon Underdahl-Peirce ’07 works currently for the U.S. Department of Labor’s International Bureau of Labor Affairs.

Jacqui Wagner ’11 received an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of California, San Diego. Wagner started an NGO, Surf Lobitos, and manages the NGO remotely. She lives in LA and works as a Programs Coordinator at UCLA’s International Center.

Hannah Wishart ’12 is a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching secondary English in a public school in the town of Chiatura in Georgia.