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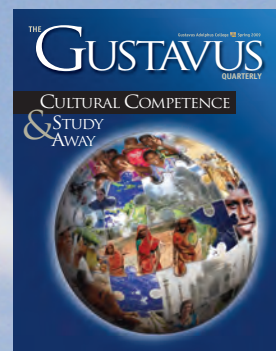


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*Apple blossoms in Linnaeus Arboretum are a sure sign of spring. Photo by Anders Björling '58*



**ON THE COVER**  
Study away helps students find patterns and relationships among fragmented worldviews, part of the journey toward cultural competency. Photo illustration by Sharon Stevenson; travel images courtesy the Center for International and Cultural Education.

# Expanding the College's boundaries

Jake Seamans '10



When I was a student at Gustavus in the late '60s, the idea of off-campus study was just gaining momentum. Summer study tours had first been made available to Gustavus students nearly 20 years earlier, through two programs that represent the roots of today's well-organized international program, but the summer months provided the only feasible opportunity for travel abroad or off-campus study.

The Student Project for Amity among Nations (SPAN), Minnesota's oldest study-abroad program, began offering study tours to students enrolled at Minnesota colleges and universities in 1947. Christianity professor George Forell led the first Gustavus group of six students on a SPAN summer trip in 1949. In 1953 the College's own Bernadotte Foundation provided financial support for the first Bernadotte European Study Tour (BEST), which involved about 20 students and their adviser, College treasurer C.E. Sjostrand. The BEST program offered a study tour for a mix of students and faculty every other summer from 1953 through 1963.

In 1963 Gustavus was among the first colleges and universities in the nation to adopt the 4-1-4 curriculum—two semesters separated by a January Term during which students enrolled in only one class. The flexibility inherent in taking just one course allowed Gustavus faculty to propose January travel courses. By 1968, when an international programs office was added to the administration to handle the burgeoning interest, the departments of art, languages, theatre, biology, and economics had developed their own international travel courses or were coordinating with other 4-1-4 colleges. Education and religion courses offered domestic travel. Biology professor Ward Tanner led a very popular "Tropical and Terrestrial Marine Biology" course that studied reef life in Puerto Rico. Business professor Ellery Peterson '49 annually took a group of business and economics majors to Europe to study the workings of foreign economic systems. The Urban Church group attended sessions of the Cook County Family Court in Chicago.

I must admit that I didn't take advantage of the opportunity to study away from campus during my years at Gustavus. However, I was part of the Gustavus Choir's first international tour in the summer of 1967, a three-week concert tour of Sweden and Denmark followed by two weeks of independent travel, during which I headed for England and Scotland. While not a study tour in the sense of a SPAN or BEST trip or any of the then-available January Term travel courses, it did serve to awaken my curiosity about how the rest of the world lives.

Fast-forward to the 21st century. Opportunities for cross-cultural awakening through off-campus study abound, thanks in part to another great idea—the development of semester-long international and domestic study programs. During the fall semester of 2008, 54 Gustavus students studied off-campus in 22 countries (Argentina, Australia, Chile, China, Denmark, England, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, and Tanzania, as well as the United States). During the January 2009 Interim, 150 students enrolled in Gustavus faculty-led off-campus study courses in 12 different countries. This spring 61 students are studying off-campus in 18 countries, including Costa Rica, Jordan, and Thailand, and seven others are completing full-year programs in five different countries.

The Center for International and Cultural Education at Gustavus Adolphus College is now a critical tool in helping to realize the College's mission of being "a community of persons from diverse backgrounds who respect and affirm the dignity of all people," a community in which "students are encouraged to work toward a just and peaceful world." Read about our study-away initiatives in this issue of the *Quarterly*.

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## Nordstrom knighted by Swedish crown

**B**yron Nordstrom, professor of history and Scandinavian studies, was awarded the insignia of Commander in the Royal Order of the Polar Star on Nov. 8 from Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf. Nordstrom received the honor at the 60th anniversary meeting of the Swedish-American Historical Society in Chicago, Ill.

The Royal Order of the Polar Star, founded in 1748 by King Frederick I, is given to deserving non-Swedish citizens who personally contribute to Sweden's benefit and to strengthening ties between Sweden and other countries. The honor is the highest award the Swedish royal family can bestow on a foreign national and has previously been

awarded to such notables as Gen. Colin Powell, the late Nobel laureate Glenn Seaborg, and VocalEssence founder and director Philip Brunelle.

Nordstrom has been a professor of history and Scandinavian studies at Gustavus since 1974. His professional and research interests are in Swedish-American and Scandinavian history. Over the course of his career he has written a number of books, including *A Dictionary of Scandinavian History*, *Scandinavia Since 1500*, and *The History of Sweden*. He has also contributed chapters in books, written articles on various aspects of Swedish-American life in Chicago and Minneapolis, and authored numerous reference


work entries on Scandinavian history. Nordstrom, who has been president and an advisory board member of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, served on the board of the Swedish-American Historical Society from 1981 to 1987 and 1988 to 1994, and has been editor of the society's journal, *Swedish-American Historical Quarterly*, since 1997.

Nordstrom joins Gustavus presidents Carlson (1963), Barth (1976), Lindell (1976), Kendall (1987), and Steuer (1996), as well as former Dean of Students



Byron Nordstrom

Kevin Proescholdt

Melva Lind (1963) and former Vice President for Development Robert Peterson (1996), in being so honored by the Swedish crown. 

## Gustavus admission events, March through June, 2009

### March

- 9 College fair in Des Moines, Iowa
- 12 College fair in Estherville, Iowa
- 12 College fair in Storm Lake, Iowa
- 21 College fair in Seattle, Wash.
- 22 College fair in Portland, Ore.
- 24–25 College fair in Sioux Falls, S.D.
- 25 College fair in Iowa City, Iowa
- 31 College fair in Grand Rapids, Mich.

### April

- 1 College fair in Detroit, Mich.
- 2 College fair in Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 3 **Experience Gustavus** visit day on campus
- 4 College fair in San Francisco, Calif.
- 4–5 College fair in Houston, Texas

### April continued

- 6 College fair in Naperville, Ill.
- 7 College fair in Austin, Texas
- 7 College fair in Palatine, Ill.
- 8 College fair in LaGrange, Ill.
- 13 College fair in Barrington, Ill.
- 14 College fair in Fox Valley, Ill.
- 16 College fair in Northbrook, Ill.
- 20 College fair in Hinsdale, Ill.
- 26 College fair in Denver, Colo.

### May

- 6 College fair in Mason City, Iowa
- 16 **Preview Day** visit day on campus

### June

- 22–26 **Minnesota Private College Week** visit days on campus

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# College celebrates 68th Festival of St. Lucia

**R**achel Schmitt, a sophomore from Excelsior, Minn. (third from right), reigned as St. Lucia for Gustavus Adolphus College's 68th annual Festival of St. Lucia, a Christmas-season tradition that reflects the College's Swedish heritage and celebrates the "return of light" to the world. She was selected by community vote from a court of six sophomore women who had been nominated based on their academic achievement, spiritual leadership, service to the College, charity, and kindness toward others.

Fellow sophomores in the Lucia court were, from left, **Bergit Nerheim**, Minnetrista, Minn.; **Sarah Cartwright**, Windom, Minn.; **Amber Kirk**, Coon Rapids, Minn.; Schmitt; **Kimberly Braun**, formerly of Mankato, Minn., now living in Sioux Falls, S.D.; and **Megan Myhre**, Bloomington, Minn.

Children of Gustavus employees participate in the Lucia procession each year as star children and tomten. This year's



Tom Roster

group included Alex Wilson, son of Marie Walker, associate professor of psychology, and her husband, John Wilson; Breeley Ruble, daughter of Megan Ruble, director of student activities, and her husband, Jeff; Anders Taylor, son of Barbara Larson Taylor '93, assistant to the presi-

dent for special projects, and her husband, Jaime Taylor; Zoe Thomson, daughter of Kyhl Thomson, Market Place supervisor, Dining Service, and his wife, Tiffany; Sydney Young, daughter of Tom Young '88, vice president for institutional advancement, and his wife, Meredith; and Max

Seppelt, son of Troy Seppelt, assistant director of residential life, and his wife, Heidi.

A sold-out luncheon in Alumni Hall, sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates and featuring entertainment by storyteller **Kevin Kling '79**, capped the day's festivities. 

## Two Gusties win peace and justice scholarships

by **Steve Mellema '72**

**T**wo Gusties earned scholarships in recognition of their demonstrated commitment to peace and justice when the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace and Justice

held its annual awards presentation at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis on Nov. 16, 2008. On that evening, 20 students from colleges and universities in the five-state area were awarded scholarships. Two of the top four awards were

given to **Asitha Jayawardena '09** and **Jing Han Soh '08**.

Jayawardena, a senior from Mason City, Iowa, majoring in biology with minors in neuroscience and peace studies, used his scholarship for a study-abroad course this past January

in South Africa and Namibia, which included a service-learning component with a youth camp in Cape Town. Last spring at Gustavus, he co-chaired the "Building Bridges" Conference, a global diversity conference focused on genocide awareness.




**Hawkinson Foundation scholars Jing Han Soh '08 (left) and Asitha Jayawardena '09.**

During his senior year in high school, he started Operation Restoration to support displaced families in his home country of Sri Lanka following the tsunami in 2004. "My passion for peace and justice has matured from a hesitant intuition to a necessary commitment in my life," he says. "I ultimately hope to become a doctor and work for an organization like Doctors Without Borders internationally, while at the same time applying what I learn internationally to domestic health care."

Soh, who is originally from Malaysia and graduated from Gustavus last spring with a major in physics and a minor in economics, is currently a graduate student in physics at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Last spring she co-chaired (along with Jayawardena) the "Building Bridges" Conference. She also served as co-president of the Gustavus International Cultures Club. "Building Bridges is a student-led and student-initiated diversity conference dedicated to addressing global issues," she notes. "This year we involved

more student organizations, academic and administrative departments, and individual participants than had attended any previous student-led event."

The Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace and Justice was created to honor the Rev. Vincent Hawkinson '38, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church on the campus of the University of Minnesota for more than 30 years. The late pastor vigorously advocated peacemaking and racial equality and stood up for the poor, the oppressed, and the powerless. For 20 years the foundation has been awarding scholarships to students "to encourage these individuals, who have already demonstrated a commitment to peace and justice, to strive for peace and justice both in their educational pursuits and in their personal and professional lives." 

*Steven Mellema '72, Ph.D., is professor and chair of the Department of Physics at Gustavus and was present at the Hawkinson Foundation awards ceremony.*

## Staff members recognized for years of service

Members of the Gustavus support staff were recognized for milestone anniversaries of their service to the College at the annual Staff Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 19.



Photos by Steve Waldhauser '70

**Above: 25 years** – From left: **Harriet Rydeen**, Dining Service; **Joanne Derner**, custodian; and **Sherri Peterson**, Dining Service. Not pictured: **Marilyn Marsh**, Dining Service.



**Left: 35 years** – **Carolyn Ritz**, Dining Service

**Below: 2008 retirees** – Seated from left: **Linda Riebesell**, administrative assistant, Office of the Dean of Students (23 years of service); **Katherine Scholl**, administrative assistant, Departments of Biology and Geology (15 years); **Jeanette Heilman**, custodian (24 years); and **Margaret Derner**, sexton, Office of the Chaplains (23 years). Standing: **Harriet Rydeen**, Dining Service (25 years), and **Sandra Volk**, Dining Service (19 years). Not pictured: **Layton Gehrke**, shops coordinator, Physical Plant (46 years).





# 'Relay for Life' builds on previous success

by Catherine Osterhaus, Holly Andersen, and Haley Prittinen

"Relay for Life" is an all-night, team-based fundraiser that unites the Gustavus community each spring to fight back and put an end to cancer. It is the American Cancer Society's signature event and represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

The Gustavus Relay for Life is planned by the Gustavus chapter of Colleges Against Cancer and is one of the most highly attended student-planned events on campus, drawing participation from athletics teams, residential hall floors and sections, music ensembles, academic clubs, greek organizations, and groups of friends. Participants start raising money for the Relay in November


and finally come together in April for an all-nighter that features survivors and caregivers sharing their cancer stories, along with various entertainment performances by student organizations and bands, and competitions to keep the energy level high.

Luminaries, available for \$10 each and decorated to honor and remember those who have battled cancer, light the indoor track of Lund Center during the dark hours of the night. As morning comes, the Relay concludes with a "Fight Back" ceremony representing Gusties' continued commitment to fight back against cancer.

On a Friday night in April 2008, nearly 700 members of the Gustavus community gathered for the fourth annual Relay for Life at Gustavus, celebrating the lives of those who have battled cancer and remembering loved ones lost to the disease. The 2008 Gustavus Relay for Life raised

more than \$54,000 for the American Cancer Society, ranking first in the Midwest Division and fourth in the nation for dollars raised per capita.

The 2009 Relay for Life will be held in Lund Center on April 17. All are welcome to attend the event. For more information about the Relay or to make a do-

nation, e-mail relayforlife2009@gustavus.edu. 

Students Catherine Osterhaus, a senior from Eagan, Minn.; Holly Andersen, a senior from Glenville, Minn.; and Haley Prittinen, a junior from Virginia, Minn., are co-chairs of the 2009 Gustavus Relay for Life.



Top, the wall of notes: Jon Kidd '10 posts his reason for relaying. Above, 2007-08 co-chairs Holly Andersen '09, Catherine Osterhaus '09, and Grace Bury '08.



Ingrid Greenlee '09 and her mother, Barbara Day '75—both survivors. Ingrid spoke at the 2008 event.





## Commission Gustavus 150 off to a promising start

Commission Gustavus 150, the process endorsed in October by the Gustavus Board of Trustees to engage all of the College's constituents in integrating and expanding its strategic plan and making recommendations for future advancement, is off to an exciting start. Gustavus Adolphus College is now poised to engage a broader constituency and develop action steps to implement its strategic plan and celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2012.

The commission, chaired by Warren Beck '67, is organized around eight task forces that have been charged with examining different aspects of the College's mission and making recommendations to the board—Academic Programs and New Initiatives, Community Engagement, Facilities and Finances, Faith, Global and Multicultural Initiatives, Interdisciplinary Programs, Stewardship, and Student Life. The task forces are complement-

ed by 16 "National Summits" of alumni, parents, and other friends of the College held around the country

In November and December 2008 all eight task forces held their first meetings. These meetings were designed to give task force members an overview of the Commission process and timeline, an opportunity to discuss baseline data, and an invitation to begin thinking about the topics within each task force's charge.

Also during November and December, five of the National Summit meetings were held in the Twin Cities area. These half-day meetings were facilitated by President Ohle. Those participating divided into small groups to discuss framing questions for each core value of Gustavus (Community, Excellence, Faith, Justice, and Service). The ideas from the small groups will be shared with the task forces, which are to

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## 2009 Summer Sports Camps

Gustavus's strong athletic tradition is evident with numerous summer sports camps. All camps listed feature knowledgeable coaching staffs, acclaimed athletic facilities, and quality dining service and housing accommodations. Complete summer camp information is posted at [gustavus.edu/oncampus/athletics/camps/](http://gustavus.edu/oncampus/athletics/camps/).

### Gustie Soccer Camps

**Boys and Girls (ages 10–14):** June 21–25

**Boys and Girls (ages 10–17):** July 6–10

**Contact Mike Stehlik:** 507-933-7619 or [mstehlik@gustavus.edu](mailto:mstehlik@gustavus.edu)

### Gustavus Hockey and Leadership Camps

**Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams:** July 5–9

**Mites:** July 6–10

**Defensemen Skills Camp:** July 10–12

**Girls (ages 8–12):** July 12–16

**Girls (ages 13–17):** July 12–16

**Contact Brett Petersen:** 507-933-7615 or [bpeters4@gustavus.edu](mailto:bpeters4@gustavus.edu)

### Gustavus Volleyball Camps

**Competition Camp (Grades 8–12):**

July 25–26 (overnight camp)

**Gustie Camp (Grades 8–12):** July 27–28 (day camp)

**Contact Kari Eckheart:** 507-933-6416 or [keckhear@gustavus.edu](mailto:keckhear@gustavus.edu)

### Tennis & Life Camps

**Junior Camps (ages 11–18):** June 8–11, June 15–18, July 6–9, July 20–23, Aug. 3–6

**Junior Camps (ages 14–18):** June 11–14, June 25–28, June 29–July 2, July 13–16, July 27–30, July 30–Aug. 2, Aug. 6–9

**Tournament Player Camp (ages 11–18):** June 22–25

**Adult Camps (ages 18–80):** June 4–7, June 18–21

**Family Camps (ages 8–80):** July 9–12, July 16–19, July 23–26

**Contact Steve Wilkinson:** 507-931-1614 or [swilkins@gustavus.edu](mailto:swilkins@gustavus.edu)

### Gustavus Golf Camps

**Boys and girls (ages 9–17):** June 14–18

**Parents/Juniors Camp:** August 2–6

**Contact Scott Moe:** 507-933-7610 or [smoe@gustavus.edu](mailto:smoe@gustavus.edu)

### Gustavus Basketball Camps

**Shooting Camp (grades 8–12):** June 6

**Grades 7–8:** June 7–11

**Grades 6–7:** June 14–17, June 17–20

**Grades 8–9:** June 21–25

**Varsity:** June 28–July 2

**Grades 8–10:** July 6–10

**Grades 9–11:** July 12–16

**Contact Mark Hanson:** 507-933-7037 or [mjh44@gustavus.edu](mailto:mjh44@gustavus.edu)

### Gustie Football Camp

**7-on-7 Passing League:** Monday, June 1, and Sundays, June 7–28

**Contact Corey Shea:** 507-933-6440, [cshea@gustavus.edu](mailto:cshea@gustavus.edu)

### Softball Camp

**Girls (Grades 8–12):** Aug. 10–13

**Contact Jeff Annis:** 507-381-0633 or [jannis@gustavus.edu](mailto:jannis@gustavus.edu)

### Gustie Swimming Camps

**Boys and girls (ages 10–18)**

**Technique Camp:** June 11–14

**Sprint Camp:** June 17–21

**Technique & Training Camp:** June 24–28, Aug. 5–9

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### Southern Minnesota Throwers Camps

**Boys and girls (grades 8–12)**

**One-day Shot Put Camps:** June 10, 15, 17

**One-day Discus Camps:** June 11, 16, 18

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### Gustavus Nordic Ski Camp

**Boys and Girls (Grades 8–12):** June 21–25

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## Gustavus Commission 150

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make specific recommendations to the board by the end of the 2008–09 academic year. The board will then prioritize the task force recommendations, providing a foundation for the implementation of the strategic plan and the basis for the

College’s next comprehensive fundraising campaign.

By the end of January 2009 all of the task forces met for at least one more meeting. The second round of meetings was focused on starting to generate ideas around defined topics. These meetings involved “big thinking” and brainstorming around a wide range of ideas generated by faculty, staff, and

students as well as by the Summit meetings already held. Summit meetings also convened during January in Naples, Fla., Washington, D.C., Chicago, Ill., and Denver, Colo., with three more scheduled for February—in Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz., and Los Angeles.

Upcoming National Summit meetings include Boston, Mass. (Saturday, March 14), New York

(Monday, March 16), Seattle, Wash. (Saturday, March 21), and San Francisco, Calif. (Monday, March 23). If you wish to attend a Summit meeting at one of these sites, or have other questions about the commission, e-mail CommissionGustavus150@gustavus.edu. Look for task force updates and other commission news in the next issue of the *Quarterly*. 


# New Coneflower Prairie acreage seeded

The development of the new “Coneflower Prairie” at Gustavus took a significant step forward in the fall of 2008 when the planting process was initiated by Feder’s Prairie Seed Co. of Blue Earth, Minn. Planting of the prairie was strategically planned for late fall, when colder temperatures prevent seeds from germinating, ensuring that during the winter the seeds will make good soil contact and be ready to germinate when spring arrives.

“Prairie is a landscape of vast proportions that once spanned horizons, encompassing 18 million acres in Minnesota prior to European settlement,” said Cindy Johnson-Groh, professor of biology and environmental studies at the College and executive director of Linnaeus Arboretum. “Less than one percent of Minnesota’s native prairie remains. Restoring a larger prairie tract in Linnaeus Arboretum is conscientious environmental stewardship and also creates an educational, recreational, and historical resource for all who visit.”

The prairie will be managed intensively for the first five



years, but with time is expected to attract a diverse community of birds, insects, and animals. The Coneflower Prairie will be the largest prairie in the region. Its contoured landscape and public trails will allow it to serve as a useful educational resource for students of Gustavus and St. Peter schools. 



Photos by Robert Dunlap '08; inset photo by Brian O'Brien



# Sabbaticus ... sabbatikos ... shabbathon ... sabbatical

by **Laura Behling**

**A**lthough the concept of a sabbatical has its roots in Leviticus—and its admonition to neither sow the land nor prune the vineyard in the seventh year—at colleges and universities, a sabbatical can mean anything but rest.

The first record in the United States of a faculty member receiving a sabbatical was in 1886; by the early 1930s, more than 175 institutions incorporated this professional development opportunity. Since then, sabbatical leaves have proven to be vital in enhancing teaching; catalyzing research, scholarship, and creative work; strengthening academic programs; reinforcing a faculty member's commitment to the institution; and demonstrating the value of professional development activities that contribute to a vital and healthy academic community.

Gustavus Adolphus College recognizes that regular professional development is an important part of a faculty member's academic career at all stages. One of the ways that they are affirmed as teachers and scholars is through the College's sabbatical leave program.

At Gustavus, as you'll read below, sabbaticals allow faculty to step away from teaching, advising, and campus service commitments, and offer time and space for thinking and reading and writing, pedagogy and course development, and intellectual and personal refocusing,

recharging, and renewal. These six brief notes detail some of the ways Gustavus faculty committed to their own continued professional development while on sabbatical in 2007–08. The longer article, written by Drs. Elizabeth Baer, professor of English, and Rebecca Fremo, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center,

allows for a more personal look at what sabbaticals do for faculty and for their students at Gustavus.

In all of these stories, as well as the stories currently being written by Gustavus faculty on sabbatical this year, what is clear is the commitment they show by faculty who are engaged in rigorous and innovative intel-

lectual growth, who have a respect for others as they work toward a just and peaceful world, who live a commitment to service and the skills of leadership, and above all, who model for their students a capacity and passion for lifelong learning.

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## Upcoming opportunities for the Gustavus faculty from the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning

**T**he John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning supports faculty in achieving their potential as teachers and scholars. Responsive to the professional needs and interests of each faculty member, the Kendall Center includes support for teaching initiatives and faculty research, scholarship, and creativity, and provides on-campus opportunities for focused conversation on pedagogy, assessment of student learning, and collaboration among colleagues.

### ■ The 2009 Summer Teaching and Learning Workshop

Held every other year since 2000, the summer teaching and learning workshop offers faculty from across the campus intensive time to generate ideas to enhance pedagogy, focus on particular issues vital to intellectual success, and develop better ways to engage students in collaborative learning endeavors.

Previous workshops have focused on enhancing critical thinking skills, teaching multiculturally, and developing students as scholars. This summer, faculty members have the opportunity to choose from a variety of sessions, including Writing and Oral Communication for Today's Student, Developing Faculty Portfolios, Developing Discipline-Specific Learning Outcomes, and Writing about Teaching and Learning.

### ■ Sabbatical Preparation Retreat

A new opportunity from the Kendall Center, the summer Sabbatical Preparation Retreat will provide faculty members an opportunity to reflect on their professional and personal accomplishments, consider and develop professional and personal goals for their sabbatical, weigh opportunities when they return to campus, and converse with other Gustavus faculty about their work. The goal of this retreat is to engage faculty in conversation about what it means to be a tenured faculty member at a liberal arts college, how one can re-emerge in the campus community after a sabbatical with a professional and personal focus, and how faculty can serve as resources for each other about professional goals and aspirations.



## Sabbatical

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and Creativity Grant, **Kate Wittenstein**, Ph.D. (professor of history), researched the history and gendered nature of Black women’s political activism during the first half of the twentieth century. Her focus is on a group of four Black women and how their experiences as leaders of the segregated Harlem branch of the YWCA during the 1920s shaped their understanding of social justice and led them into the more formally organized and male-dominated Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. The research will be published online as part of the Women and Social Movements Project located at the University of Binghamton’s Center for the Study of Women and Gender.

■ **Doug Huff**, Ph.D. (professor of philosophy), wrote two plays, *A Far Shore* and *The National Endowment*, and a philosophy article, “A Failure to Denote.” *A Far Shore* is a play based on the life and work of B.R. Ambedkar, a project Huff undertook at the request of

the Midwest. “Any similarity to actual places and people,” Huff cautions, “is purely coincidental, more or less.” Huff’s essay, “A Failure to Denote,” is an analysis of Bertrand Russell’s famous paper, “On Denoting,” in which he attempts to demonstrate that it is possible to make meaningful empirical statements about non-existent objects without introducing metaphysical entities.

■ **Dr. Mimi Gerstbauer**, Ph.D. (associate professor of political science and director of the Peace Studies program), focused her research on two essays, “The Whole Story of NGO Mandate Change: The Peacebuilding Work of World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, and Mennonite Central Committee,” currently under review at *The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*; and “Transnational Peacebuilding: Bringing Salt and Light to Colombia and the United States,” submitted to *Development in Practice*. Gerstbauer also completed her first case study of international forgiveness (the U.S.

and wrote an article on the death, funeral, and memorialization of Union general William Tecumseh Sherman for the jour-

part of her work, she read over 40 books or articles on these topics and became an inaugural member of the Association for


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nal *Civil War History*. Sherman, who served under General Ulysses S. Grant in 1862 and 1863 during, most notably, the campaign against Confederate stronghold Vicksburg, was recognized for his outstanding command of military strategy and criticized for “scorched earth” policies against the Confederacy. In 1864, Sherman succeeded Grant as the Union commander in the western theater of the war and led his troops to the capture of the city of Atlanta. Sherman’s subsequent march through Georgia and the Carolinas further undermined the Confederacy’s ability to continue fighting.

When Grant became president, Sherman succeeded him as Commanding General of the Army (1869–1883).

■ **Carolyn O’Grady**, Ed.D. (professor of education), focused on three areas during her sabbatical: the research and literature on mentoring first-year students of color at predominant-

Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, a new organization of scholars and teachers interested in research on contemplative practice in higher education.

■ **Barbara Zust**, Ph.D. (associate professor of nursing), provided leadership to the INSIGHT program at the Hennepin County Correctional facility and the Minnesota State Correctional Facility in Shakopee. INSIGHT, designed by a former member of the nursing faculty, Dr. Verona Gordon, works with women in prison to better understand the effects of poverty, racial profiling, social injustice, economics, mental health issues, and funding, and the importance of education in empowering change. Zust also published two articles, “Partner Violence, Depression, and Recidivism: The Case of Incarcerated Women and Why We Need Programs Designed for Them,” in *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, and “Assessing and Addressing Domestic Violence amongst Incarcerated Women” in *Creative Nursing Journal*. 

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members of the Bangalore Little Theatre (BLT) in Bangalore, India. *The National Endowment* is a two-act comedy about the trials and tribulations of a small Lutheran liberal arts college in

and Nicaragua) and presented it at the International Studies Association Conference in Spring 2008.

■ **Greg Kaster**, Ph.D. (professor of history), researched

ly white institutions, ways to evaluate Writing Across the Curriculum programs, and the role of contemplative practice in helping students learn more effectively in higher education. As

*Laura Behling, Ph.D., associate professor of English and chair of the department, also serves as director of the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning.*



# Opening doors— a collaboration on sabbaticals

by Elizabeth Baer, Professor of English, and Rebecca Taylor Fremo, Associate Professor of English

*“Yet it is in our idleness,  
in our dreams, that the  
submerged truth sometimes  
comes to the top.”*

— Virginia Woolf, 1928

**E**ditor’s Note: During academic year 2007–08, two English professors at different stages in their careers were granted sabbaticals. Drs. Elizabeth Baer and Rebecca Fremo agreed early in the year to write a piece for the *Quarterly* in order to convey a sense of what faculty members do when they are “on leave.” The piece that follows is the result of a writing collaboration between them. Both wish to express their profound gratitude for the sabbatical itself and the other forms of professional development the College provides to its faculty, which, in turn, enrich the experiences of Gustavus students.

**Elizabeth:** *Sabbatical* . . . a word that comes from the same Hebrew root as *Sabbath*, the day of rest, the seventh day. So, a sabbatical is a respite from the usual round of work, a time to let the mind and spirit work at a deep level, renewing, replenishing. However, a sabbatical is decidedly not a vacation. When I occasionally dropped into my



Steve Waldhauser '70

English professors Elizabeth Baer (left) and Rebecca Taylor Fremo compare notes on their recent sabbaticals.

local bead store during my sabbatical, the owner would look at me, somewhat crossly, and ask: “Are you still on vacation?” I would patiently explain to her that I was writing a book, doing some travel, etc. But, apparently, it all sounded like a lark to her . . .

**Rebecca:** During the academic year we teach, mentor students, participate in committees, develop new courses. Much of this work is collaborative, even conversational, and we do it with office doors wide open. So what do faculty members do when the doors close? And why is that closed-door time so important?

When we close our doors, we do the intellectual and creative work of our disciplines: research,

writing, painting, dance. And that work finds its way back into the classroom, where it informs and energizes our teaching. My sabbatical was an extended opportunity to close my office door and focus on the scholarly, creative, and pedagogical writing that sustains me.

**Elizabeth:** In trying to convey a sense of what my sabbatical was like, I am tempted to begin with numbers: I read 125 books, saw 55 films. Many of these are related to the research I am doing on the golem, a Jewish legend, or are about Africa, a place I visited for the first time this year, or are for future classes. I have written about 160 pages, including a 35-page essay on the writer W. G. Sebald, forthcoming

in an anthology, and 125 pages of the book manuscript on the golem. I also revised and published two articles, wrote twelve book reviews, and reviewed three book manuscripts for academic presses.

**Rebecca:** During the academic year, I close my door to write whenever I can grab a free half hour, but I’m usually jazzed about my last class or jittery about the next. I try sometimes to write in my office after classes end Friday, when I’m already exhausted. I can’t write on demand. I need time to think, plan, read, and imagine. When I’m writing an article, for instance, I need an hour to read over what I wrote yesterday be-

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## Collaboration

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fore I get going. Like my students, I'm prone to procrastination and fits of panic. I eat chocolate. I even get writer's block, which is compounded by the fact that as a rhetoric and composition specialist, it's my job to help other people get over theirs.

Ouch.

**Elizabeth:** Perhaps I could best convey to you what this leave has meant to me by recounting my travel. The sabbatical was "bookended" by two international trips. I flew to Berlin and Prague in June 2007 as the leave began, to do research for the book. The golem legend is most closely associated with 16th-century Prague's Jewish community, and I was able to visit museums, synagogues, and memorials there as well as discover key texts unavailable in the United States. A year later, I took the long trip to Africa to

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prepare for a January Term class in 2009 when, with three other faculty members, I took students to South Africa and Namibia. The South Africa seminar provided two to four lectures daily plus tours to key sites such as Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for two decades.

In between these bookends, I traveled monthly. I spent two glorious weeks in September at the Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Red Wing, a retreat for scholars and

artists. This quiet haven enabled me to "jumpstart" the writing of the book. Other trips included travel to San Diego to give a paper at a conference, a visit to Ohio to serve on an accreditation team reviewing a college, and a weekend in Michigan to give talks at a synagogue and a Lutheran church for Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

**Rebecca:** A full year's sabbatical enabled me to complete projects in all three of my areas of interest: composition theory, poetry, and pedagogy. I completed all but the final chapter of my book project. This manuscript, *Locating Readers: Understanding Encounters with Students' Texts*, considers the ways that teachers' identities—cultural, racial, and educational—shape how they read and value students' papers. The book highlights "scenes" of reading as they appear in composition scholarship and within actual classrooms. Since 2004, I've been sitting on two new, unfinished chapters based upon

interviews with Gustavus students. During my sabbatical I finally transcribed those interviews, gathered excerpts from the students' papers, and analyzed their work, drafting the two additional chapters.

I remember doing much of my work last fall in snippets. My youngest son, Cyrus, was a newborn, and I spent bleary-eyed mornings drafting fragments of poetry. My English department colleagues encouraged me. Joyce Sutphen and Phil Bryant '73 read countless drafts of

dreadful stuff, and John Rezmerski, who retired right after I came to Gustavus, got me my first "gig," presenting to the Southern Minnesota Poets Society last November. Last fall, I revised existing poems and wrote new ones, most of which reflect upon what it means to be an East Coaster living and raising a family in the Midwest. I published my first two this summer in a collection called *County Lines* (Loonfeather Press 2008).

**Elizabeth:** Perhaps I should recount for you the ways in which my life changed as a result of this gift of time. A sabbatical often allows one to close some doors and open new ones in life. For the past 17 years, I have been a Holocaust studies scholar and, more recently, have widened my focus to include other genocides. Shortly before the leave, I became intrigued by the cause and effect relationship between colonialism and genocide. In the future, I will focus my study on comparative systems of oppression and how tools such as laws, hierarchies, segregation, and dehumanization preserve power and economic privilege for a chosen group. I will also be returning to the field in which I was trained—literature—for my next writing project(s), most likely studies of South Africa postcolonial writers. I am already utilizing what I learned in both classes I am teaching this fall, most notably in a senior seminar in the English Department on intertextuality.

**Rebecca:** I've always seen myself as a teacher of writing first and

foremost, but at Gustavus, I don't teach the theory behind that practice. During the spring of 2008, however, I was asked to teach a composition theory seminar for graduate students at Minnesota State University, Mankato. That graduate seminar last spring energized me. By June I was ready to rework my First Term Seminar. That course, titled "Stories, Selves, and Communities," considers narrative as persuasion. The FTS asks, how and why can stories bridge gaps between diverse groups of people, when more traditional forms of persuasion fail? In my revised FTS, my students now study Mary Louise Pratt's notion of "contact zones," applying her concept to Gloria Naylor's *Mama Day*, a novel set on a mythical island inhabited by freed slaves. They also conduct interviews in St. Peter, learning how national stories like the economic crisis affect real people within our community.

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As Elizabeth explained, a sabbatical is a respite from the usual round of work, a time to let the mind and spirit work at a deep level, renewing, replenishing. It certainly was that for me, and I try daily—now that I am back teaching—to preserve my sabbatical's sense of warmth and promise. When my office door is open, I welcome the students and colleagues on the other side. 

*Elizabeth Baer, Ph.D., was appointed to the Gustavus faculty in 1992. Rebecca Taylor Fremo, Ph.D., joined her in the Department of English in 2000.*



# Art by Native American artists, photos from China featured at Hillstrom Museum of Art



*Priscilla Briggs, Young and Old, 2008, lightjet print, 24 x 32 inches.*

by Donald Myers '83

The Hillstrom Museum of Art has two concurrent exhibitions on view through April 19: *Migrations: New Directions in Native American Art*, and *Fortune: Photos of China* by Priscilla Briggs.

Artist Priscilla Briggs, who specializes in photography, has been a member of the Gustavus art department since 2003. Her courses include video art and digital photography, and her own work in the latter medium is featured in the exhibition *Fortune: Photos of China*. Briggs traveled to China in June and

July of 2008 and again this January, and her photographs, in her words, “explore the retail landscape of China as the country straddles the ideological gap between communism and capitalism.”

In images such as *Walmart, II* or *Young and Old* (both from the 2008 trip), Briggs considers

“the nature of human desire and identity as they are shaped and reflected within the context of capitalist societies.” She notes that China, during this period of transition and transformation, is “absorbing Western ideals of upward mobility and individualism” at the same time that Western corporations are branding China.



Priscilla Briggs, *Walmart, II*, 2008, lightjet print, 54 x 36 inches.

*Walmart, II* is an image of brightly colored consumer goods stacked enticingly in the store, with signs in both English and Chinese, and with a Wal-Mart employee to the left stocking the shelves with even more products. *Young and Old* juxtaposes an older Chinese man, walking along the sidewalk, with a billboard depicting a girl modeling a fancy red dress and wearing a similarly fanciful hairstyle. Most of Briggs's China photos were made with an eye for scale. In *Young and Old*, the image of the young girl dwarfs that of the man, while in *Walmart, II*, the color scale provides the distinction, brilliant oranges and fuchsias of the products contrasting with the drab tones of the background and even of the Wal-Mart employee.

Briggs's travel and the exhibition of her works are supported by a prestigious McKnight Fellowship, the Minnesota Center for Photography, the Gamelin China Studies Endowment Fund of Gustavus Adolphus College, and a Research and Creativity Grant, also from the College. The exhibition is presented in conjunction with the Gustavus Global Insight program, which is focusing this academic year on China.

The *Migrations* exhibition includes more than 40 works by six artists representing different Native American groups from across North America, artists who migrate between indigenous cultures, traditional and contemporary aesthetics, and different media, to represent the Native

American experience. The aim of the exhibit is to support innovative, emerging artists who, while exploring their Native heritage, are engaged in work of a more experimental nature than what is generally thought of as "Native American Art."

Artist Larry McNeil holds an M.F.A. in photography from the University of New Mexico and is an associate professor of photography at Boise State University (Idaho). He is a member of the Tlingit and Nisga'a nations who sees his work as a bridge between cultures, one that is satirical about both mainstream American culture as well as the Tlingit culture in which he was raised.

McNeil's digital print *Yeil* features a large raven's beak. "Yeil" (Tlingit for "raven") is a frequently encountered figure in Tlingit mythology who is seen as both a creator and a trickster. The figure appears often in McNeil's work, including the "Fly by Night" series and the "Pontiac" series, to which the print belongs.

The artist often combines imagery with text, and *Yeil* includes the following exchange: Pontiac: Why are you asking so many questions? Raven: I like shiny stuff, and boy are you shiny.

The dialogue seems simultaneously profound and absurd in its dual reference to "Pontiac" as both the great Native American figure of that name and to the automobile that appropriated his identity. McNeil notes about his works that they "are about American Mythology, Ravens, the intersection of cultures, and finding the sacred in unlikely places. It is about the sacred not being for sale, but being able to be rented at reasonable rates. It

is about being able to fly by night."

In a similar vein, another artist in the exhibit, Tom Jones, explores mainstream commodification of Native culture, as in his lithograph *Commodity II*. The print is related to the artist's "Dear America" series, which includes images of Natives drawn from vintage photographs, postcards, and other ephemera. *Commodity II* features a provocatively posed woman wearing braids, a feather head-dress, and a short garment, the central image on a queen of hearts playing card. Other images surround the woman, including one from an old Valentine that has the caption "I'm an INDIAN GIVER, so please RETURN my love, Valentine!" Framing and setting off these images are colorful patterns based on Woodland Indian tradition.

The artist has affixed a pair of tiny moccasins and a small canoe to the face of the print, commenting on how the culture of Natives is often reduced to not only the stereotypes in the Valentine card but also such mass-produced items that are intended for tourists, as the inscription "SOUVENIRS FOR THE TOURISTS" indicates. An additional inscription on the litho, "MADE IN JAPAN," refers to the fact that such tourist items are not only inauthentic as representations of Native culture, but also do not derive from the Native communities and instead are often made in Asia. As is noted in the catalogue that accompanies the exhibition, such a work asks viewers to consider what it is that is being sold in objects and images of the sort indicated in the print, and who it is that profits. This is inti-



mately connected with the artist's self-proclaimed "responsibility to the tribe to help carry on a sense of pride about who and what we are as a people."

Jones, who holds an M.A. in museum studies and an M.F.A. in photography (both from Columbia College, Chicago), is a member of the Ho-Chunk Sovereign Nation and lives in Wisconsin.

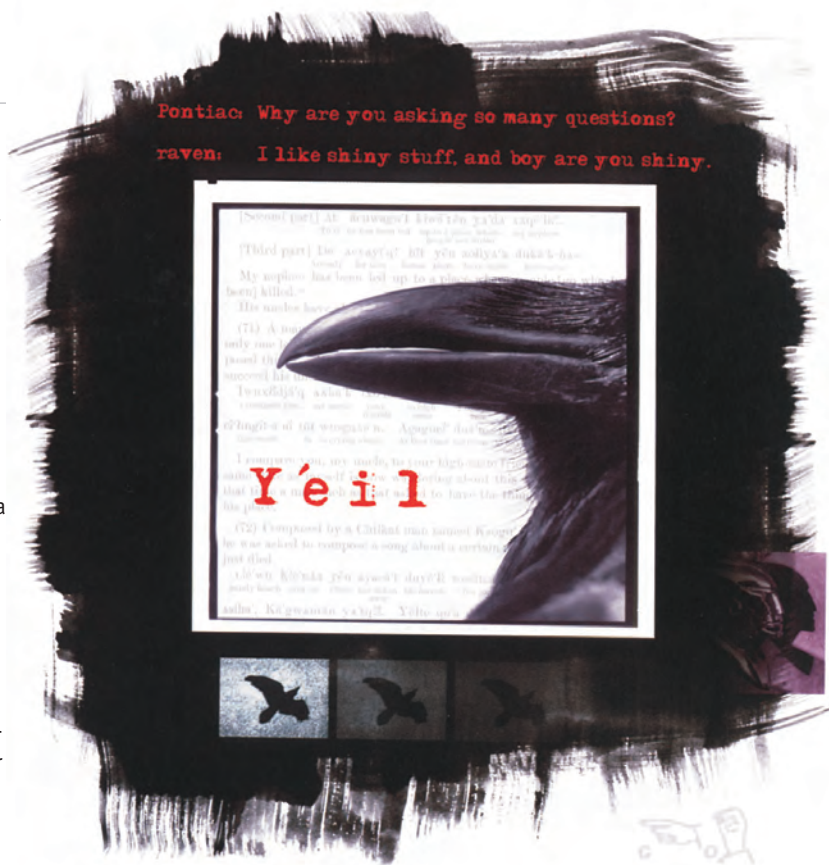
Star Wallowing Bull is a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Reservation. Born in Minneapolis and now living in North Dakota, he is largely self-taught, and his interest in art was encouraged by his father, prominent artist Frank Big Bear, who initiated his son into drawing when he was only a year old. Wallowing Bull creates detailed images that draw

from his background and identity as a Native American living partly in mainstream culture.

His drawing *The Curious Crawler* features a wide-eyed infant—a reference to the artist himself—crawling amidst toys and less benign objects such as a beer can or a cigarette butt. In the background a pan of food burns on the stovetop, both it and the baby neglected by the woman passed out on the floor in the next room. Wallowing Bull's early life included a period living with his mother, a member of the Arapaho Nation who suffered from alcoholism, a problem that later faced the artist himself. As noted in the exhibition catalogue, although



Tom Jones, *Commodity II*, 2004, lithograph, 30 x 22 inches.




Larry McNeil, *Y'eil (Pontiac Series)*, 1998, digital print, 24 x 24 inches.

the subject of *The Curious Crawler* is harsh, the image has cartoon-like buoyancy that prevents it from becoming too heavy or filled with despair.

*Migrations* also includes works by Marie Watt, a member of the Seneca Nation; Steven Deo, a member of the Creek Nation; and Ryan Lee Smith, a member of the Cherokee Nation. The artists were chosen by a distinguished national jury that included Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, a prominent artist, curator, educator, and activist who is a member of the Flathead Salish Nation; Truman Lowe, an artist and member of the Ho-Chunk Sovereign Nation who is the curator of contemporary art at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution; Deborah Wye, a curator at the Museum of Modern Art, New York; Siri Engberg, a curator at the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; and Marjorie Devon, director of the Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, N.M.

The exhibition was organized as a joint venture of the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque) Art Museum with the Tamarind Institute and with Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts (Pendleton, Ore.). Both Tamarind and Crow's Shadow are acclaimed for their support of Native American artists, and several of the works in the exhibit are lithographs made at the two institutes during residencies of the exhibition's six artists.

The appearance of *Migrations* at the Hillstrom Museum of Art is presented with assistance from the Diversity Center of Gustavus Adolphus College. 

Donald Myers '83 has directed Gustavus Adolphus College's Hillstrom Museum of Art since its opening in 2000. He is also an instructor in art history at the College.

# Calendar

## Springtime promises

### March

Continuing through April 19 Art

Exhibitions: **Migrations: New Directions in Native American Art** and **Fortune: Photos of China** by **Priscilla Briggs**; Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 1–5 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

- 4 Music: **U.S. Army's Jazz Knights** in concert; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 11 **Rydell Lecture:** Curtis Marean, at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Limited seating; for reservations, contact the Science Museum of Minnesota (651-221-9444).
- 13, 14, & 15 Dance: **"Range of Motion: The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert,"** Michele Rusinko and Melissa Rolnick, directors; Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (March 13 & 14) and 2 p.m. (March 15). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 14 Conference: **"Building Bridges"** student-led diversity conference, "Liberation through Education," featuring Erin Gruwell, president of the Freedom Writers Foundation; Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Ticket required; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 14 **"Easter Bunny Breakfast,"** hosted by GLA; Mt. Olivet

Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 9:30–11 a.m. Register online at [gustavus.edu/gla](http://gustavus.edu/gla).

- 14 Artist Series: "A Dim Sum Evening," **The Ying Quartet**, concert and residency; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 15 Music: **Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras**, James Patrick Miller, guest conductor; Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 18 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Ken Westphal, vice president for finance; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

### April

- 2 **Diversity Week Lecture:** "Straight Talk about Class and Classism," featuring Felice Yeskel, executive director of Class Action; Alumni Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge; for more information, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 2–4 Music: **2009 National Tubonium**; Jussi Björling Recital Hall. For more information, visit [www.houseoflowaire.com](http://www.houseoflowaire.com).
- 4 26th annual **President's Ball:** "Timeless Elegance," featuring the Rockin' Hollywoods; Nicollet Island

Pavilion, 6 p.m. Tickets required; for information and reservations, contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).

- 5 Music: **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra**, Warren Friesen, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 5 Music: **Gustavus Choir Home Concert**, Gregory Aune, conductor; Christ Chapel, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 7 **GLA Author Day**, featuring Minnesota poets Joyce Sutphen and Deborah Keenan; Edina Country Club, 9:30 a.m. For reservations, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7550).
- 15 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni Breakfast**, featuring Steve Wilkinson, men's tennis coach; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30–10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.
- 18 Music: **Gustavus Jazz Lab Band Home Concert**, Steve Wright, director; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 19–22 **Linnaeus Symposium Artist-in-Residence:** Watercolor artist Gail Johnson Speckmann '73. For schedule, contact Shirley Mellema, Linnaeus Arboretum (507-933-6181).
- 19 Music: **Adolphus Jazz Ensemble** and **Gustavus Chamber Singers**, Steve Wright and Gregory Aune, directors; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 22 **Linnaeus Symposium:** "Global Trees: Releaf – Relief," keynoted by Margaret Lowman, tropical rainforest canopy biologist; Alumni Hall. Open to the public without charge; for information and reservations, contact Shirley Mellema, Linnaeus Arboretum (507-933-6181).
- 24–25 Second annual **Traditional Pow-wow**, presented by Gustavus and MSU Mankato; Lund Center Arena, 7 p.m. (and 1 p.m. on April 25). Open to the public without charge.
- 24 Music: **Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert**, Patricia Kazarow, conductor; Christ Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 25 **Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations'** 22nd annual convention, keynoted by Terence Fretheim, Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary; Christ Chapel, opening at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration required for delegates from member congregations; for more information, contact the Office of Church Relations (507-933-7001).
- 29 29th annual **MAYDAY! Peace Conference:** "Tiananmen +



2008 Nobel Conference lecturer Curtis Marean returns to the campus in March as the Drs. Robert E. and Susan T. Rydell Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College

20," keynoted by Jianli Yang and Andrew Nathan; Christ Chapel, opening at 10 a.m. Open to the public without charge, but pre-registration requested; contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).

## May

- 1, 2, 3, 8, & 9 Theatre: **The Impresario from Smyrna**, by Carlo Goldoni, directed by Henry MacCarthy; Anderson Theatre, 8 p.m. (May 1, 2, 8, & 9) and 2 p.m. (May 3 only). Ticket required; contact the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).
- 2 **Honors Day**: Convocation, Christ Chapel, 10:30 a.m.; Honors Recital, Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).
- 2 **Diversity Awards Banquet**, Jackson Campus Center Banquet Rooms, 6 p.m. Open to the Gustavus community without charge; for information and reservations, contact the Diversity Center (507-933-7449).
- 2 Music: **Gustavus Wind Orchestra Spring Concert**, James Patrick Miller, guest conductor; Christ Chapel, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 2-31 Art Exhibition: **Senior Studio Art Majors' Exhibition**; Hillstrom Museum of Art. Open to the

public without charge; regular museum hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 1-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Opening reception: May 2, 4-7 p.m.

- 3 Music: **Percussion Ensembles Spring Concert**, Robert Adney and Paul Hill, conductors; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 3 Music: **Woodwinds Chamber Concert**, Ann Pesavento, director; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 3 Music: **St. Ansgar's Chorus and Birgitta Singers**, Gregory Aune and Nick Wayne, conductors; Christ Chapel, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 8 Music: **Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra and Vasa Wind Orchestra**, Brian Buckstad and James Patrick Miller, conductors; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 7 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 10 Music: **Lucia Singers' Mothers Day Concert**, Patricia Snapp, conductor; Christ Chapel, 1:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 10 Music: **Brassworks!** Scott Moore, conductor; Jussi Björling Recital Hall, 3:30 p.m. Open to the public without charge.
- 20 **Spring Semester ends.**
- 20 **Twin Cities "Come On, You Gusties" Alumni**

**Breakfast**, featuring Kathy Tunheim, assistant professor of economics and management; Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place, Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100, 8:30-10 a.m. Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083.

## 29-30 Alumni Reunion

**Weekend**: 45th- and 50th-anniversary class reunions and 50 Year Club gathering; Alumni Association Banquet and awards presentation (May 30), Evelyn Young Dining Room, 5 p.m. Pre-registration required; contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437 or [gustavus.edu/alumni/](http://gustavus.edu/alumni/)).

- 30 Music: **Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Season Finale**, Warren Friesen, conductor; Christ Chapel, 8 p.m. Open to the public without charge.

- 31 **Commencement**: Baccalaureate, Christ Chapel, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; commencement exercises, Hollingsworth Field (weather permitting; if inclement, Lund Arena), 2 p.m. Tickets required for baccalaureate and for commencement if indoors; for more information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520).

## September

- 8 **Opening Convocation** for the 148th academic year of the College, Christ Chapel, 10 a.m.

## October

### 6-7 Nobel Conference<sup>®</sup> 45:

"H<sub>2</sub>O - Uncertain Resource," Lund Arena, opening at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. For ticket information, contact the Office of Marketing and Communication (507-933-7520), look for the registration form inserted in the Fall 2009 issue of this magazine, or visit the College's Nobel Conference website ([gustavus.edu/nobelconference](http://gustavus.edu/nobelconference)).

- 9-10 **Homecoming and Family Weekend** (note revised dates): Receptions and dinners for the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 in Mankato and the Twin Cities on Friday evening; reunion events on campus on Saturday. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations (800-487-8437).

**Please Note:** Times and dates of the events listed on this page are subject to change. Please call to confirm events of interest.


## Additional schedules, information and updates

**Sports** Up-to-date **sports schedules** may be found on the Web, through the Gustavus homepage ([gustavus.edu](http://gustavus.edu)). Also, you can listen to selected Gustavus athletics broadcasts over the Internet through RealAudio. Broadcasts may be accessed through a link on Gustavus athletics website, where a broadcast schedule may also be found.

**The Arts** Tickets for theatre and dance performances are available two weeks in advance of the performance through the Gustavus Ticket Center (507-933-7590).



# CULTURAL COMPETENCY-



study away

# —WHY IT MATTERS

BY CAROLYN  
O'GRADY

**m**ore than ever before, Gustavus students need the opportunity to learn about the world beyond the borders of their comfort zone. According to a 2006 survey sponsored by *National Geographic*, most young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 are woefully ignorant about the rest of the world. While about half of the respondents answered most of the survey questions correctly, a surprising 63 percent could not find Iraq on a map, though U.S. troops have been there since 2003. Furthermore, 48 percent of young Americans think the majority population in India is Muslim (it's Hindu), 20 percent think Sudan is in Asia (rather than being the largest



Students studying in Peru bring home images of Machu Picchu and a “bigger vision” of a complex world. Photo by Brigette Peterson '08, spring 2007.

country in Africa), and half of respondents could not find New York on a map. Add to this the fact that two-thirds of young American adults do not speak a second language fluently and we have the dismal reality that too many recent college graduates are unprepared for a future that is increasingly global and multicultural. As the survey authors noted, “Far too many lack even the most basic skills for navigating the international economy or understanding the relationships among people and places that provide critical context for world events.”<sup>1</sup>

International educators are increasingly using the term “cultural competency” to describe an array of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that has become essential for college graduates and those entering the professional workplace. But what exactly does this term mean, and how can it be cultivated?

The idea of “cultural competency” has its roots in the fields of health care and education. As health practitioners recognized the need to respond to growing diversity in their clientele, they soon came to understand that providing culturally appropriate

## A HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AT GUSTAVUS

**a**n official international programs office was first established at Gustavus in 1968. Even before that time, members of an International Relations Committee composed of faculty and administrators had nurtured exchange programs that enabled faculty and students to travel abroad and what were then called “foreign students” to attend Gustavus. By 1973, the faculty had voted to establish an international education office, but it would be another eight years before a full-time professional director would be hired to coordinate this aspect of the College’s mission.

From the outset, faculty believed that international education experiences should have an academic

focus as well as a cross-cultural one. Furthermore, the faculty was united in its belief that financial assistance should follow students as they studied abroad, a commitment many colleges and universities were then (and still are) unwilling to make.

Through the years, as the international education office became the Office of International Education (OIE) and, more recently, the Center for International and Cultural Education (CICE), this emphasis on *study* and *culture* has guided the work of each director of the office.



Ruth Mason



Carol Moline

As dean of students from 1953 to 1965, **Melva Lind** had responsibility for foreign students on campus and for undergraduates applying for study assignments to other countries. Her support for international perspectives helped pave the way for the establishment of a professional office of international programs.

**Jere Victorson Thompson '76** was the office administrator for international education during the 1970s. In 1981, the first official director, **Sarah Stevenson**, was hired to manage the office (Sarah still works in international education, now at the University of St. Thomas). **Ruth Mason** became director of

care was both a more effective means of ensuring patient health and well-being and a means to close the disparities gap in health care across racial, ethnic, and linguistic communities. If a health practitioner could understand the health, healing, and wellness belief systems of a client and the impact of these on healing, he or she would likely be more successful. Likewise, in the field of education, a teacher's skill in understanding cultural differences in students enhances his or her ability to help every student learn most effectively.

In essence, cultural competence is the ability to honestly examine one's own prejudices and stereotypes and learn to effectively understand and interact with people of different cultures. Acquiring cultural competency takes time and, perhaps most importantly, a willingness to accept that one's own cultural values and perspectives are not the only way to see the world. If we are to educate a generation of leaders who will be able to cope with global threats and opportunities—terrorism, environmental degradation, economic globalization—we must help them expand the boundaries of what

they know. As Sharon Parks, associate director and member of the faculty at the Whidbey Institute, near Seattle, reminds us, the complex world in which we live requires moral courage, persistence, and a bigger vision if we are to engage the most critical issues of our time.<sup>ii</sup>

Every college education should push students to step out of their comfort zones, examine their own values, identify on what basis those values are built, and grapple with new ideas from multiple perspectives. Any college education worth its salt should *dis*-comfort students enough that they learn to think critically about taken-for-granted assumptions, but not so much that they feel a sense of failure and just give up. One of the most effective ways to help students step out of their comfort zone, begin to develop cultural competence, and feel supported in the process, is through off-campus study. When students study away, either at a domestic or international location, their learning goes beyond textbooks into an experiential education with unique depth and intensity.

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*The Greek island of Santorini, a popular stop for students studying in Europe. Photo by Martin Kaduc '01, fall 1999.*

the office in 1983. Under her guidance, the College made huge strides forward in establishing a comprehensive approach to international perspectives. Ruth increased the number of off-campus study programs, ensuring their academic integrity through regular



**Mona Rizk-Finne**

program reviews. She was committed to increasing the number of international students on campus and was effective at working collaboratively with others on campus to promote an international perspective at Gustavus. Ruth was ably assisted in the office by **Marianne Colberg Keswani '53**, international student adviser, and later by **Carol Moline**, study-abroad adviser. Both these women brought energy and commitment to



**John Cha**

their work, and are remembered by many alumni for their wisdom and generosity.

When Ruth retired in 1997, **Julie Rabaey**, the office's then international student adviser, stepped in as interim director for two years, assisted by Carol Moline. In 1999, **Mona Rizk-Finne** was recruited from the study-abroad office at Texas A&M. Born in Egypt, married to a Norwegian, Mona brought a wealth of international experience to the



**Patrick Quade**

Gustavus students were studying off-campus prior to graduation, almost triple the percentage from the early 1970s.

When **John Cha**, associate professor of religion, became director in 2003, he faced financial and staffing pressures because of students' growing interest in study abroad. John worked diligently to ensure that off-campus study costs were as low as possible for stu-

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*Students studying off-campus encounter people, languages, and cultures that enable them to view their own country and culture from a broader perspective. Photo of children in Viti Levu, Fiji, by Amanda Johnson '06, January 2005.*

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Gustavus first-year students are in line with a national trend that shows a majority of entering college students have some international travel experience, and a third of entering students hope to study away while they are in college.<sup>iii</sup> Study away can help students grow in maturity. It challenges their stereotypes of the “other,” helps them build skills in independence and decision-making, introduces them to what will likely be lifelong friends around the world, and enables them to view their own country from a broader and more nuanced perspective. Students who return from study abroad often comment that residents of the country in which they studied know more about what is going on politically and so-

cially in the United States than the students themselves know.

Off-campus study is also the best way to learn a language. Being immersed in a culture that speaks another language—whether among Latinos in south Texas or in Spain—enables students to learn it more quickly. Study away also enhances employment prospects. From an employer’s perspective, a student who has studied off-campus has gained valuable experience that will be an asset to the organization. Students who study off-campus become more self-motivated, independent, able to embrace challenges, and able to cope with diverse individuals and situations—all skills that organizations want in their employees. Living and studying in a foreign country, or

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*The CICE staff: Jeff Anderson, Jill Fischer, Nancy Plamann, and Linda Shaw.*

## HISTORY

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dents but in balance with the financial needs of the College. John’s efforts at long-range planning for the office provided opportunities for on-campus discussions about the importance of international education to the mission of the College. He was instrumental in leading a pivotal self-study and external review of international education at Gustavus before returning to the faculty in 2006. Upon his departure, Carol Moline also retired after serving 18 years in the office.

**Patrick Quade** was hired as interim director to respond to recommendations made by the external reviewers. Pat had already retired from St. Olaf as a professor of theatre and director of international and off-campus stud-

ies. His years of experience in international education were instrumental in helping Gustavus move toward a more viable financial model for off-campus study, as well as more rigorous policies and application procedures and a more comprehensive approach to issues of program safety and academic quality. He led the office for two years before “retiring” once again, this time to take a job as chief of international development at United International College in Zhuhai, China—now an exchange partner with Gustavus.

**Carolyn O’Grady**, professor of education, became the sixth director of international studies at Gustavus when she assumed the post in the summer of 2008. When Provost Mary E. Morton renamed the office the Center for International and Cultural Education (CICE), the role of the director changed as

well, with the expectation that a new director would also oversee curricular and institutional commitments to the cultural components of off-campus study. On her staff are **Jeff Anderson**, international student services coordinator;

**Jill Fischer**, study abroad adviser; **Nancy Plamann**, CICE finance manager; and **Linda Shaw**, assistant CICE director and January Interim program coordinator.

Each of the program’s directors believed firmly that off-campus study and international student recruitment are essential aspects of a liberal arts education. Through their work, the College continues to realize its mission to educate students with an international perspective to work toward a more just and peaceful world.

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*Contributions to articles in this section also came from Jeff Anderson, international student services coordinator; Melinda McCannell-Unger, interim study abroad adviser; Nancy Plamann, finance manager; and Linda Shaw, assistant CICE director.*



## MEET THE CURRENT DIRECTOR

**C**arolyn O'Grady became director of the newly named Center for International and Cultural Education (CICE) in 2008. A Quarterly representative visited with O'Grady recently.

**GQ:** Why did you decide to accept this position?

**CO:** I was on sabbatical during 2007–08, doing research on several areas of interest to me [see p. 12]. I also had time to reflect on where I was in my career, and I realized I needed a new challenge. I am 54, and I'd been doing the same thing for quite awhile. I wanted to do something new that would really push me out of my comfort zone, force me to learn new things, and also give me an opportunity to stretch in new ways. Simultaneously, the provost was looking for someone to lead the office under its new configuration as the Center for International and Cultural Education. My desire to do something new coincided with her desire to move the office in a new direction.

**GQ:** What experience do you have for this job?

**CO:** I've had a lot of administrative experience from positions I held prior to working in higher education. For instance, I've had other jobs where I've supervised staff, developed strategic plans, and managed big budgets. Most of my colleagues at Gustavus don't know how varied my professional past has been. So this position calls on some skills I haven't tapped in a while. I also have an in-depth understanding of faculty governance at Gustavus, as I have been here since 1994 and have chaired or served on several faculty committees. So I brought a knowledge of the Gustavus context and the kinds of students we serve. I took students to Northern Ireland in January 2005 to study issues of conflict and social justice, a course I co-taught with English professor Elizabeth Baer and theatre professor Steve Griffith '75. I also have extensive experience with multicultural education and cultural perspectives, the subject of my doctoral dissertation and my subsequent teaching. However, I had little expertise in the field of international education, and that has been the steepest learning curve for me.

**GQ:** Did you study abroad when you were in college?

**CO:** No, I wasn't able to take advantage of any study abroad opportunities when I was a college student. I also wasn't able to do the "backpacking in Europe" trip after graduation that so many of my friends did back in the 1970s. However, when I was 29 I finally got my international experience. I quit my job (I was teaching high school at the time), sold my car, and I left the United States on a one-way airline ticket. I didn't know how long I would be gone, but I didn't plan to come back until I had spent all my money (all \$1,600 of it). I finally returned almost two years later. In those two years I traveled widely, hitchhiking most of the time and living on about \$5 a day no matter what country I was in. (It was easier to live on five dollars a day in Turkey than it was in Sweden!) For the most part I camped in a tent, and I definitely depended on the kindness of strangers. I think of my life as "BT"—before travel—and "AT"—after travel—because those two years certainly had a huge impact on me.



Steve Waldhauser '70

Carolyn O'Grady

**GQ:** What languages do you speak?

**CO:** I am woefully monolingual. I have studied French and can sort of get by with it when I travel. I know just a little bit of Spanish. One of my life goals is to learn to speak Spanish, but I haven't accomplished that yet. My advice to every student is to learn a second language. I am embarrassed when international students come to Gustavus and they speak at least two languages, usually more, and most of us speak only one. It is a weakness in our educational system.

**GQ:** What is the biggest challenge you face in your job?

**CO:** There are really two big challenges. The first is to figure out how to keep off-campus study financially accessible for students. This is a problem every off-campus study office in the country is facing. Travel costs are up, the economy is down, and yet we want as many students as possible—ideally every student—to study away. The second big challenge is to cope with the safety issues that inevitably arise when we send students on study away. I've been introduced to the world of risk management and the responsibility that entails. All the other challenges pale in comparison to these two.

**GQ:** What plans do you have for the office in the next few years?

**CO:** I know from reading through the office archives that I stand on the shoulders of the wonderful directors who preceded me in this job. What I hope to do is to continue the initiatives begun by the likes of Ruth Mason, John Cha, and Pat Quade [see p. 22]. Central to my goals are to build an endowment so that more students can afford to study away, to help the faculty integrate international perspectives more deeply into the curriculum, and to continue to refine the quality of the academic off-campus study programs that students can choose. It's also important that we expand the numbers of international students who study at Gustavus, and this means we have to work on how to fund that.

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## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Gustavus offers three exemplary semester programs that focus on aspects of the College's mission and heritage: our commitment to social justice and our Lutheran and Swedish foundations. The programs are designed and led by Gustavus faculty members.

### Social Justice, Peace and Development: A Semester in India

A semester in India opportunity had been available to Gustavus students in the 1980s, but it took the vision and efforts of several individuals to create what would become a signature program for Gustavus. In 1992, Deane Curtin, professor of philosophy, Peter Hovde, director of the Office of International Education at Concordia College in Moorhead, and Ruth Mason, director of international education, proposed to the faculty a Gustavus-Concordia semester program focusing on community development in India. In the fall 1993 semester, 18 students enrolled in the first offering of "Community Development in India," with funding and collaboration from the ELCA. Courses focused on theories of development, the environment, the role of women, and the history of India. Students also engaged in independent study. By 1996, the consortium included Visthar, an NGO in Bangalore led by David Selvaraj, who became the program dean for "Community Development in India." Now in its 15th year, the program has a different name and slightly different academic



David Selvaraj

courses, but its focus on the environment, culture, gender, ethics, and development remains the same. The program is led in even years by a Concordia faculty member and in odd years by a Gustavus faculty member. Professors Doug Huff (philosophy), Barbara Simpson (psychology), and Phil Voight (communication studies) have been past faculty leaders. In fall 2009, Pam Kittelson (biology) will lead the program. As one anonymous student participant wrote about the experience, "The trip to India isn't just a trip, but a journey into yourself. All of a sudden, India becomes part of you, and you end up being more afraid of going home than coming [to India]."

### Gustavus Semester in Germany

This program is based entirely in the former East Germany and explores the history, culture, and religion of the country. Students study the language and gain an informed understanding of Germany and of Germans in the modern era. Weekly cultural excursions augment students' academic learning, and lodging through the semester includes home stays, a monastery, and guesthouses. Run in collaboration with the ELCA Wittenberg Center, the program began in 2001 and is offered in the fall semester. Faculty director for Fall 2009 is Mary Solberg (religion).

### Gustavus Semester in Sweden

A Gustavus semester program in Sweden has long been a goal for Scandinavian studies professor Roland Thorstenson, and his planning has finally borne fruit. During the Spring 2009 semester, he and 13 stu-

dents are spending four months studying contemporary Swedish history, current migration policies, environmental policies, the culture of the indigenous Sami, and emigration/immigration history. Anders Wall, Uppsala, Sweden, has provided funding for the 2009 group to ensure the program cost for students is as low as possible. The Spring 2010 faculty director will be Lisa Heldke (philosophy). Three members of the 2009 student group are blogging: Alex Legeros is at <http://alexinsweden2009.blogspot.com/>; Andrew Nelson is at <http://nearthenorthpole.blogspot.com/>; and Kristen Chirafisi is at <http://kristensinsweden2009.blogspot.com/>.



Roland Thorstenson



Andrew Nelson '10

The most valuable thing studying abroad taught me was . . . to trust yourself. I was an unsure, naive sophomore when the Gustavus/Concordia Semester in India program found me. I learned more about myself during the months I spent traveling in India than I had in my whole life. It clarified for me my goals, my dreams, and my beliefs. My time spent studying India's healthcare system put me on the path to becoming a registered nurse. Today I am a nurse manager in my hometown hospital, thrilled to be able to give back in a tangible way to the community I grew up in. My study-abroad experience is never far from my mind and on a daily basis I can still feel the effects of what I learned.

from Jennifer Bottke '04 (nursing)

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even a different state, can set an applicant apart from the majority of job candidates, who will look less well-rounded or experienced than the applicant who studied away. The same skills that make someone marketable in employment are also valued by graduate schools. Flexibility, an understanding of cultural contexts, ability to adapt to new circumstances, independence, self-confidence, teamwork, analytical skills—these traits are what employers *and* graduate schools are looking for.

And the majority of Gustavus graduates understand how important such an experience can be. About two-thirds of our students study off-campus before graduation, either in short-term courses during January Interim, or on semester- or yearlong programs. Since an international education office was first established at Gustavus, our students have studied in almost every country of the world, and many students select study abroad in places that are challenging. They tend to choose India more often than Italy, for instance, or somewhere in Central America rather than somewhere in central Europe.

Because students are engaged in *academic* study, their off-campus study courses



generally count toward graduation and, often, toward general education or major requirements. The personal, emotional, and intellectual growth that takes place is, to quote students' most mentioned comment, "life changing." These students are beginning—

*Exposure to different traditions and religions is critical to functioning and communicating across national and cultural boundaries. Photo by Kyle Chester '07, Chiang Mai, Thailand, spring 2006.*

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME? STUDY AWAY, STUDY ABROAD, OFF-CAMPUS STUDY?

Off-campus study is more than just "study abroad," though that is the first term that comes to mind, especially when we think about global study opportunities. But "study abroad" is in fact too narrow a description of the opportunities Gustavus students have for off-campus study. The Center for International and Cultural Education has a list of almost 150 approved semester- or yearlong programs from which students can choose. Among these are programs in Oregon, Washington, D.C., and Minneapolis. Off-campus study experiences during January Interim include courses to India, Argentina, and Tanzania, but also the U.S. Southwest and northern Minnesota. The term "study away" is a more accurate description of what students are doing, since it expresses their choice to study in an approved *off-campus* program.

Students may be most significantly affected when they choose to travel abroad, but not always. It can be more potentially transformative to immerse oneself in a study program on the Texas-Mexico border, among illegal immigrants and those who work with them, than to engage with the more familiar cultural context of central London. At the same time, some students will find studying in central London to be a big stretch merely because the location is outside the boundary of the United States. The mission of Gustavus is to develop culturally and globally engaged students. Whether students develop these competencies through international or domestic off-campus study also depends upon their personalities, backgrounds, comfort levels, and objectives.



*"My Sherpa Sister, Dawa," photo by Amber Wilson '05, Nepal, spring 2004.*



Sharon Stevenson

**The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra (pictured in January 2008) has toured in China twice.**

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ning to explore what it means to be a global citizen, and this knowledge is critical for all our futures. As Richard Slimbach, professor in the department of global studies and sociology at Azusa Pacific University, remarks in defining what is meant by a “transcultural journey,” our nation’s future security and prosperity depend on the ability of citizens to function across national and cultural boundaries.

In the final analysis, . . . political and economic dilemmas can only be adequately addressed through persons and policies that recognize that our destinies are intertwined, and that choices to harm our neighbor actually end up harming ourselves.

Transcultural learners are challenged to develop thoughtful and clarified identifications, not only as members of particular cultural and national communities, but also as global citizens who understand that their neighbor is everyone alive. In a world that daily grows smaller, and in which everyone’s problems are everyone else’s, transcultural understanding will become the only place where peace can find a home.<sup>iv</sup> (p. 218)

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*Carolyn O’Grady, professor of education, joined the Gustavus faculty in 1994 and was named director of the Center for International and Cultural Education in 2008.*

<sup>i</sup> The 2006 *National Geographic-Roper Survey of Geographic Literacy* can be found at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/roper2006/findings.html>.

<sup>ii</sup> Parks, Sharon Daloz, foreword to *The Spirit of Service: Exploring faith, service, and social justice in higher education*, Brian T. Johnson and Carolyn R. O’Grady, eds. (Bolton, Mass.: Anker Publishing Company, Inc., 2006), pp. xv–xvii.

<sup>iii</sup> See the Open Doors 2008 Report at <http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/>.

<sup>iv</sup> Slimbach, Richard, “The transcultural journey,” *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*, Vol. XI (August 2005), pp. 205–230.

## THE ECONOMICS OF OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

**T**he cost of off-campus study is a challenge for parents, students, program providers, and colleges. Program and travel costs are up, scholarship and loan availability is down, and everyone is looking closely at their budgets. The global economic crisis has hit us all, and it is fair to ask whether the value of off-campus study is worth the cost.

At Gustavus, off-campus study will generally cost more than the comprehensive fee (tuition plus room and board), but how much more depends on the program type and its location. The College contributes a portion of a student’s tuition toward the cost of the program (currently that contribution is 60 percent). Some colleges and universities do not contribute any part of a student’s tuition to the cost of off-campus study, expecting students to pay full on-campus tuition and full off-campus program tuition. Other colleges or universities send all the tuition money off campus, but for budget reasons choose to limit the number of students who can be off-campus at any one time. Gustavus has chosen a middle path. Our philosophy is that any student should have the right to study off-campus (providing he or she meets our requirements for off-campus study), and the cost should be borne by both the student and the institution.

The long-term benefits of off-campus study, particularly at international locations, far exceed the short-term program cost. A student’s future employment prospects are enhanced with international experience, facility with a second language is increased, and the skills that are learned through the experience positively impact a student’s world view and sense of self. In economic terms, the cost of off-campus study is still a good value, earning a student credits that count toward graduation or toward major or general education requirements. At no other time in their lives will students have the flexibility in time, the support of many individuals working on their behalf to make the experience worthwhile, and an underwriting of the costs as they have while in college. Generally, students who are financial aid recipients will continue to receive the same financial aid awards as they would have received had they remained on campus, with the exception of a work-study award for the term they will be abroad and certain scholarships that require a student’s participation on-campus (e.g., some music and theatre scholarships).

For more information about how program costs are figured, see the CICE website ([gustavus.edu/academics/ied/studyabroad/ProgramFees.php](http://gustavus.edu/academics/ied/studyabroad/ProgramFees.php)).

## on exchange PROGRAMS

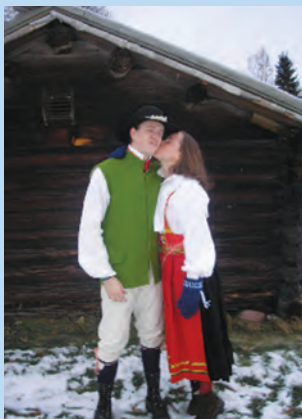
**P**articipating in an exchange program can be an especially cost-effective way to study off-campus. Gustavus offers seven exchange programs, which generally operate on a one-to-one tuition exchange. For each, students pay their regular tuition at Gustavus and receive tuition at the exchange school. At Kansai Gaidai University and Universiti Sains Malaysia, exchange students also pay their room and board to Gustavus and it is applied to the cost of the program; at the other five listed below, students pay room and board direct on-site.

- Uppsala University, Sweden
- Växjö University, Sweden
- Mora Folkhögskola, Sweden
- CAL-Besançon, France
- United International College-Zhuhai, China
- Kansai Gaidai University, Japan
- Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia



**Beth Zirbes '06**

"The options that worked in my schedule," she recalls, "were German, French, and Swedish. Since I had heard good things about Professor Roland Thorstensson, I decided to take Swedish. I have no Swedish heritage and I knew nothing about Sweden."



### Exchange programs— an alum's perspective

**Beth Zirbes '06** signed up for Swedish 101 completely on a whim. She had intended to take Spanish for all the typical reasons: she had some experience from high school, it was a useful language to know, etc. But, as a freshmen, her registration priority was low, and she wasn't able to make it into any of the convenient sections of

Spanish. "The options that worked in my schedule," she recalls, "were German, French, and Swedish. Since I had heard good things about Professor Roland Thorstensson, I decided to take Swedish. I have no Swedish heritage and I knew nothing about Sweden."

At first, Beth's intent was simply to learn another language. "I had no particular interest in the Swedish culture," she admits. After being exposed to it, however, she became more and more interested in Sweden for its culture. "After all, how many places require fathers to take leave from work when they have a baby?"



Somewhere in the middle of her second year studying Swedish, Beth decided to study abroad in Sweden. "Gustavus has exchange programs with a few universities in Sweden. Studying at a big university allowed the opportunity to take upper-level courses, but there was a chance that all of the Swedes, eager to practice their

English skills, would only speak English with me. Also, it was very likely that the classes I would take would be taught in English.

"There was also an exchange program with a little school in Mora. My classes in Mora would only give me elective credits, but all of those classes would be in Swedish. Since my primary goal was to master the Swedish language, in the end I decided to study in Mora. Most students in

Mora are preparing for college, so the difficulty level is lower than at a university. However, from day one, I spoke nothing but Swedish. In the beginning it was terribly confusing, but over time, I became more and more proficient. At one point in time I started to dream in Swedish! On a few occasions I even forgot how to say some things in English. Mora was the perfect environment to learn the Swedish language."

*from Beth Zirbes '06 (math)*

Looking back, I now view my semester abroad as having had two roles in my development.

First, it supplemented and enhanced the well-rounded nature of my Gustavus education. I had the opportunity to see historical sites in person—to smell the air at the swimming pools from the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, to feel the energy of the crowd around the Mona Lisa at the Louvre in Paris, to taste my own tears at the International Red Cross Museum's Holocaust exhibit in Geneva. . . .

I learned to mesh academics with personal perspective.

Secondly, and more importantly in my estimation, my travels afforded me a sense of cultural tolerance and of self-reliance that I only thought I had prior to living in a foreign country. I had been fortunate enough to travel to Europe as a teenager, visiting family friends for a couple of weeks. They shepherded me around Paris, closely under wing. I thought I had seen the world! A few years later, mapping out my own adventures and navigating my plans in the "real world" proved to be a more challenging task. In one day,

I experienced both prejudice and unexpected kindness from strangers, each from the most surprising of sources.

I learned to temper hasty judgment of others while remaining in tune with my instincts..

*from Tracy Sorenson '95, RN (international management major; semester abroad in France, 1992)*

# THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE



*Graziela Tanaka '02 and her son, Ziri.*

**W**hen **Graziela Tanaka '02** arrived at Gustavus from Brazil, she was planning an academic career in archaeology, but, as happens with many people, she left the College with a completely different idea of what she wanted to do.

"My last semester was the Fall of 2001, when the Twin Towers fell, and like everyone else my perspective of the world shifted dramatically. As an international student in the United States at that time, I developed a strong globalist identity, and sensed a vocation to take responsibility for the world. I had already been active with the Gustavus chapter of Amnesty International and also

Gusties Against Poverty. The Nobel Conference on globalization was also an important formative experience, where I was exposed to development theories and personally met Jeffery Sacks, who is an inspiration on issues of global poverty, and trade and globalization."

After graduating, Graziela's first job was as a community organizer in the Bronx. After two years in New York City, she decided that it was time to start building a bridge between the United States and Brazil. "There was an increasing global sense of people's shared struggle and a drive to change things," she recalls, "and I wanted to be a part of it. So I organized a delegation of 104 community leaders from the U.S. to the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, bringing together local communities to address global issues. After that I got involved with different projects in Brazil such as a HIV/AIDS prevention program in *favelas* in Rio de Janeiro, a technology cooperative, and an NGO that promoted digital inclusion in low-income communities."

In 2007 she joined a new global Web movement—Avaaz—that promised to "close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want."

Graziela says, "People talked about how the Internet would revolutionize politics, but no one really had an idea of how that would happen. Avaaz . . . showed how it could happen. It started ambitiously, tackling big global issues such as climate change, Israel and Palestine, global poverty, and conflict situations. In less than two years we created a list of more than 3.4 million people from every



*Tanaka in Morocco.*

## I participated in two programs

while attending Gustavus. During the fall of my junior year, I studied in Geneva, Switzerland, and followed it up a year later with a semester in Apia, Samoa. I used my study-abroad experience to study a subject I couldn't otherwise study at Gustavus: the airline industry. I spent two semesters on opposite ends of the world meeting airline executives, government officials, and opponents of the airline industry. When I returned to Gustavus, I used my experience abroad and wrote my senior thesis on the airline industry. That thesis then helped me get my first job in the airline industry working on the commercial side for Southwest Airlines in Dallas, Texas. I spent a few years in Dallas and eventually moved on to other airlines in Washington, D.C., and New York. Seven years after graduating from Gustavus, I'm still involved with the industry but now living and working in Barcelona, Spain, as the European director of sales and support for a U.S.-based software company that provides software to airlines.

*from Martin Kaduc '01 (political science)*



*Above, international students at Gustavus display their home nations' flags during International Day in chapel.*

*Royalty for a day:*

*International students Kabor Xiong and Megdi Wu clown for the camera.*



country on the globe, which responds quickly to global crisis moments. We bring the world's representation to global decision-making moments, meeting directly with world leaders and attending international events which have always been out of reach to the average person. We have accomplished some pretty big feats, such as raising more than 2 million dollars for the cyclone relief efforts in Burma and passing a human chain handshake from the Dalai Lama all the way to China. We created a YouTube hit to challenge the 'Islam versus West' mentality, and helped pass global policies on cluster bombs and overfishing.

"It's exciting to work for an organization where one day I am coordinating volunteers in Warsaw and the next talking to civil society groups in Zimbabwe. I work with people from Iraq to Singapore, and I love being able to act as a world citizen expressing a shared vision for the planet and actually working to impact it."

**V**waire Orhurhu, a senior chemistry major and pre-med student from Nigeria, is using education to help prevent needless death in Africa. That is the goal of Africa Partners Medical, a national organiza-



**Vwaire Orhurhu**

tion developed by health care practitioners at Mayo Clinic in which Vwaire is active.

Vwaire has created a chapter of Africa Partners Medical at Gustavus, the first at an undergraduate institution in the United States. Vwaire and 40 other Gustavus students gather surplus medical supplies from hospitals and send them to Mayo Clinic, which ships them to Ghana to be distributed

to doctors throughout Africa. The Gustavus chapter of Africa Partners Medical has held fundraisers and has raised awareness of the need for health care in Africa with campus programs such as "Battle of the Majors" and volunteering at Immanuel-St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato, Habitat for Humanity, and the Salvation Army.

Vwaire feels that his experience as a Collegiate Fellow for three years at Gustavus has helped improve his leadership skills, critical thinking, organization, and independence, which was necessary to begin the chapter of Africa Partners Medical at the College. Vwaire also has been a chemistry teaching assistant, an assistant in the Office of the Chaplains, a tour guide for the Office of Admission, and a member of the Gustavus Percussion Ensemble, the Pan African Student Organization, and the International Cultures Club. He has conducted neuroscience research at Gustavus and genetic research at Mayo Clinic, and has taught children in local schools about Nigerian culture.

"It is all about creating community," says Vwaire. Clearly for Vwaire and Gustavus, that community is international.



*Right, President Jack and Kris Ohle are surrounded by the new international students enrolled for the Fall 2008 semester.*



## GUSTAVUS STUDENT TEACHERS IN SPAIN



*Student teachers Dawn Lewis, Brittany Oslund, Annika Torkelson, Riley Hoffman, and Rachael Click in Sotogrande, Spain.*

### I studied abroad in Berlin

in the fall of 2004 and in Dijon in the spring of 2005. During the summer of 2006, I also was an intern at RUBiS, a program at the Freie Universitaet in Berlin, Germany. I knew even before I started college that I wanted to study abroad, and I knew that I wanted programs where I could learn to speak the language, live with a host family, and also have the opportunity to take unique courses and have time to travel. The year I spent abroad proved what I was capable of, and I came back a different, and also hopefully a better, person. I began working at CIEE (Council on International Education Exchange) in Portland, Maine, a few months after I graduated from Gustavus. Since working at CIEE I have traveled to various countries, such as Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Jamaica, Trinidad, Singapore, and my all-time favorite, Thailand. My study-abroad experience helped prepare me for working in an international setting, and I am extremely grateful for all of the opportunities that I've had because of it.

*from Danielle Brandts '06 (international management and German)*

**F**ive students from the Department of Education completed a session of their student teaching in Spain during Fall 2008. They were assigned to the International School at Sotogrande (SIS), which was founded in 1978 and is located on the southeast coast of Spain. The curriculum and instruction used at the school is under the direction of the International Baccalaureate Organization ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)) and is based upon project-oriented curriculum and facilitative instruction. Students conference with teachers to choose, develop, and present conceptual topics of interest they learn about and experience.

Rachael Click, Riley Hoffman, Dawn Lewis, Brittany Oslund, and Annika Torkelson were the first students in the Sotogrande-Gustavus teaching partnership, inaugurated in 2008. According to headmaster Christopher T.J. Charleson, the student teachers "had an amazing impact at SIS." At least two of the students have been offered jobs at SIS when they graduate with their teaching certification.

This experience is one of four proposed "study away" opportunities for student teachers. In Spring 2009, five students will student-teach in Barrow, Alaska. In addition to Spain and Alaska, proposed sites include China, South Africa, and a border-state domestic site. Read more about the Sotogrande experience on the students' blog: <http://rclick9.blogspot.com>.



# OFF-CAMPUS STUDY EXPERIENCE BENEFITS PROFESSOR AND HER STUDENTS

“The opportunity to lead January courses abroad has been of huge benefit to me as a professor and as an artist,” says Priscilla Briggs, assistant professor of art at Gustavus. “Researching and designing a course abroad with a colleague from the geography department was a great learning experience. We worked to create an interdisciplinary course in which students study the positive and negative effects of tourism in a developing nation through a combination of assigned readings, research, experiential learning, and photography.”

Briggs maintains that her teaching experience has informed her personal artwork as well. “While in Thailand with the students, I took photographs that became part of a solo exhibition, ‘Global Market,’ which explores the interconnectedness of the global market and, specifically, tourist markets. One example of a photograph in this exhibit is a portrait of a long-neck Karen woman holding a postcard she sells in a souvenir stall in front of her house. The image on the postcard is a picture of her dressed in the traditional clothing she wears on a daily basis because her village has become a tourist destination. Admission is charged to enter the village, and



Priscilla Briggs

its occupants—Burmese refugees without Thai citizenship—have little choice but to participate in this charade in order to earn a living.”

In addition to leading January courses abroad, Briggs has participated in two faculty seminars focused on social justice and service-learning, in

Cuba and Namibia. After these trips, she worked to bring the seminars’ experiences to the larger campus and community by curating exhibitions of photographs by faculty members who were on these trips. “I also show some of these photos to students in classes when addressing image and text and advertising. For instance, one section of the exhibit on Cuba included photographs of public advertising—exclusively government propaganda, which is in sharp contrast to American billboards and advertising. A parallel in the photographs of Namibia was the ubiquitous presence of Coca-Cola advertising as it appeared on schools, welcome signs for towns, and even shanties in the settlements.”



## ROLE OF PARENTS

Parents have an essential role in helping their son or daughter decide when and how to pursue off-campus study. In many cases, parents provide the financial means, but they also provide the moral support, encouragement, and good advice that are needed in selecting a program or country in which to study.

What are some reasonable expectations your son or daughter should have of your role in the process?

- You will talk with your child about his or her plans and goals for the experience. Your interest and enthusiasm will be clear through the kind of questions you ask.
- You will research your child’s destination in collaboration with him or her. Both of you should know about the culture and geography of the location of study. This pre-departure preparation always pays off.
- You will help your child plan for day-to-day expenses while on off-campus study and what kind of daily budget to live within.
- You will support your son or daughter through inevitable culture shock or homesickness. It is important to be responsive and sympathetic, and to remember that these emotions are a typical part of the off-campus study experience.
- You will expect your child to be changed by this experience. Encourage your son or daughter to share stories, thoughts, and perspectives, and be prepared to hear new passions and new ideas.

What are some **unreasonable** expectations of your role in the process?

- You interfere with your child’s control of the experience. Remember that this is not *your* study-abroad adventure, it is your son or daughter’s. It is very important that your child take primary responsibility for the selecting, applying, and planning of the off-campus study experience.
- You allow your fears about your child’s safety to undermine his or her confidence in traveling. It is normal to have anxiety when a son or daughter ventures far from home. It is important not to let this anxiety inappropriately influence the choices your child makes.
- You expect daily e-mail or telephone updates from your child. Too frequent communication with family or friends back home can undermine the experience your child is seeking. Encourage your son or daughter to communicate with you regularly, but remember that he or she should be busy and fully engaged in the study experience.

The Center for International and Cultural Education can answer many questions parents may have (within the guidelines of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act—FERPA). We include parents in the application process of off-campus study by requiring your signature on some forms. For more information, please see the Parent page of the Gustavus website ([gustavus.edu/academics/ied/parents/](http://gustavus.edu/academics/ied/parents/)).

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN A MORE DANGEROUS WORLD

by Carolyn O'Grady

**L**ate in November, terrorists attacked several key targets in Mumbai, India, including the main Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) railway station, the CAMA hospital, a Jewish religious center, and the luxury Taj Mahal and Oberoi Trident hotels. At least 174 people died in the attacks, including 27 foreigners; roughly 239 others were wounded. All eyes were on India, and news reports of possible further violence continued for weeks. At the time of the bombings, Gustavus students were on the Gustavus/Concordia Social Justice, Peace, and Development Semester in India program. Our students were in Udaipur with their faculty leader (near New Delhi in the north), but scheduled to return to Bangalore by way of Mumbai. Such events fray the nerves of study-abroad advisers, parents, and college administrators. What is the right course of action in such an event?

There is no question that traveling involves some risks, regardless of whether one is traveling to Southern California or to the southern hemisphere. News reports of violent events in far-flung places can reinforce parent or student anxieties about studying off-campus. These anxieties are understandable, but should not be blown out of proportion. The truth is, students may be safer on an approved off-campus study program than visiting the hottest new destination for spring break.

Indeed, within hours of the bombings in India, Concordia and Gustavus had implemented the emergency management protocols that immediately go into effect in such a situation. Among other things, this involves ensuring that students are in a safe place and, with the help of contacts in-country as well as security services to which we subscribe, determining whether we should keep the students where they are, move them, or even bring them home. After much consultation and monitoring the situation closely, it was clear that students were safer where they were than had we tried to bring them home prematurely. This decision also ensured that their academic study could continue. The students on the Fall SJPD program were adamant that they did not want to be sent home early.

The Center for International and Cultural Education conducts regular reviews of all approved programs to ensure academic rigor and high quality student service, including attention to health and safety for program participants. But no off-campus study office can *guarantee* anyone's health and safety. Instead, our goal is to "manage risk" to the greatest extent possible, and prepare for both the known and the unknown circumstance.

In considering international off-campus study, it is important to have a comparative perspective of the United States and the world. International observers view the United States as a quite dangerous country. Our street crime statistics back up this view. No country has as many guns or gun-related injuries and deaths. U.S. drug and alcohol abuse is among the highest in the world. Yet, the percep-

tion is often that life at home is safer than life "over there." U.S. media coverage of the rest of the world focuses on overseas political upheavals, violent strife, and natural disasters rather than on positive political and social developments or on the richness and human warmth of life as it is actually lived. Students who study abroad often comment on how "normal" life seems abroad, in spite of cultural differences.

Regardless of whether a student studies off-campus within the United States or at an international location, safety is everyone's responsibility. Parents, students, and the Center for International and Cultural Education all have a role to play in minimizing potential dangers. It is essential that both students and parents educate themselves about the potential safety risks associated with any area of the world. Whether in the United States or in another country, a student's safety depends most on his or her exercising good judgment and responsible behavior.

The Office of International and Cultural Education works closely with students as they plan their off-campus study so that they will have the best experience possible. Several policies govern health and safety, and Gustavus will not allow students to begin a program at a site that is under a U.S. State Department travel warning. Situations throughout the world are monitored on a daily basis. Most importantly, our office tries to prepare students and faculty prior to departure for whatever may arise. Terrorist attacks remain extraordinary situations, and the vast majority of trips to India or other countries are incident-free. We may not be able to guarantee safety, but we work hard to plan for the unexpected and educate the College's student and faculty travelers to do the same.

## Resources

U.S. Department of State **country-specific information**  
([http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/travel\\_1744.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/travel_1744.html)).

U.S. Department of State **travel safety tips**  
([http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety\\_1180.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1180.html)).

CICE website for **policies regarding health and safety**  
([gustavus.edu/academics/ied/studyabroad/policies.php](http://gustavus.edu/academics/ied/studyabroad/policies.php)).

Center for Global Education **Study Abroad Handbook**  
(<http://studentsabroad.com/resources.html>; scroll down to section on Safety).

## 2008-09 study away stats

Seven Gustavus students are studying off-campus for the year in five different countries (Spain, Sweden, Japan, Greece, and England).

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Fifty-four students studied off-campus in Fall 2008 in 22 countries (Tanzania, Chile, Argentina, Australia, China, Portugal, Germany, India, Ireland, New Zealand, England, Spain, Denmark, Scotland, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, Russia, Sweden, Ghana, and Italy as well as the United States).

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In Spring semester, 61 students are studying off-campus in 18 countries (Italy, Sweden, France, Thailand, Chile, Costa Rica, South Africa, Ireland, Russia, Spain, Jordan, Denmark, England, Scotland, Australia, Argentina, South Korea, and the United States).

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During January Interim 2009, 150 students took Gustavus faculty-led off-campus study courses in 12 different countries (South Africa and Namibia, Tanzania, India, England and Wales, Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Australia, and Washington, D.C.)

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Two students studied on a career exploration, one in Bolivia and one in Honduras. Two students were on independent studies (in Madagascar and the United States), and two students were on internships (in Ghana and China).

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## I spent a semester in Nepal

my junior year at Gustavus and that experience has had a profound impact on my life, both personally and professionally. Living with a host family really opened my eyes to a different way of life, while at the same time

I learned that at the end of the day we all care about the same things. My study-abroad experience undoubtedly helped me to get my internship my senior year at Children's HeartLink, an Edina-based International NGO. After college I got the itch to travel again, so another Gustie and I lived in Seoul, South Korea, for a year teaching English and traveling around Asia. The following summer I backpacked around Europe for seven weeks and got a taste of European culture.

I am currently working as an international services specialist for a relocation company in the Twin Cities. I feel extremely fortunate that I was given such a wonderful opportunity. The Center for International and Cultural Education helped me choose a program that was right for me, and it had a greater impact on me than anything else up to that point in my life.

*from Amber Wilson '05 (communication studies)*

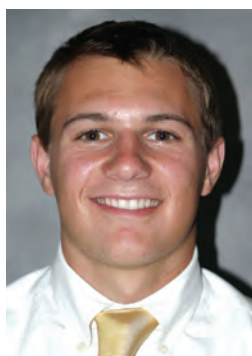


*The opportunity to meet other world citizens face to face makes off-campus study "life changing." Photo taken in India by Lillie Hollingsworth '08, fall 2007.*



# Sports notes

## Ridley named Academic All-American




T.J. Ridley

**G**ustavus football player T.J. Ridley, a junior safety from Edina, Minn., has been named to the CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-America College Division Second Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Ridley, who carries a 3.96 grade point average with a major in biology, finished the season with 38 tackles (18 solo), two interceptions, and 1.5 tackles for loss. He is also a forward on the Golden Gustie men's hockey team.

Ridley becomes the 75th Gustavus student-athlete to be named to a CoSIDA Academic All-America

team. He is the eighth Gustavus football player to be honored, following Dave Najarian '82 (1980, 1981), Dan Duncan '00 (1998, 1999), Andy Kopperud '01 (2000), Brian Bergstrom '02 (2000), Andy Traetow '03 (2002), Ben Spilseth '03 (2002), and Isaac Sieling '05 (2004).

Gustavus ranks ninth among all Division III institutions in total number of CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (75). Last year, the Gusties tied for the fourth-highest number of Academic All-Americans among all divisions, with eight. 

## Haugen is new head football coach




Peter Haugen

**P**eter Haugen, a Minneapolis, Minn., native who has been the head football coach at Washburn High School in Minneapolis for the past 15 years, has been named the head football coach at Gustavus. Haugen succeeds Jay Schoenebeck '80, who announced just prior to the 2008 season that he was stepping down after 15 years as the Gusties' head coach to pursue other interests and spend more time with his family.

Beginning his responsibilities in January, Haugen was enthusiastic about joining the Gustavus community: "My wife, Brenda, and I are excited to begin serving Gustavus Adolphus College, and we feel blessed to be a part of its incredibly rich academic and athletic heritage."

During his 15 years as the head coach at Washburn High School, Haugen compiled an overall

record of 111–44, while winning 11 league championships and posting a league record of 76–8. He directed the Millers to the Class AAAA quarterfinals in 2007, finishing with a mark of 9–3. While building the program at Washburn, Haugen increased player participation from 35 players in 1994 to 110 players last fall.

Gustavus Athletics Director Al Molde stated, "Peter Haugen brings an outstanding record of success on the football field. Eleven conference championships speak volumes about his ability to lead a football team. However, Peter is much more than a football coach. He is a valued administrator, a caring counselor and leader, working in a multicultural setting to develop programs for student leadership and retention. We are excited to have him join our coaching staff." 


## Welch named to d3football.com All-America Team



Joe Welch

**G**ustavus Adolphus junior safety Joe Welch (Hastings, Minn.) has been named to the 2008 D3football.com All-America Team. Welch, who was selected to the Third Team Defense, is the second Gustavus player ever to be named to the D3football.com All-America team, joining Andy Traetow '03, who was a second-team selection as a return specialist

in 2000. Welch was also a d3football.com First Team All-West Region selection.

Welch had an outstanding 2008 season, leading the Gusties with 98 tackles, including 51 solo stops, to go along with one tackle for loss, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery. Welch finished third among MIAC defensive players with 10.1 tackles per game as he was named to the All-MIAC first-team defense. 



Brian Fowler

## Fall Sports Summary

by *Tim Kennedy '82*

**Football** – The Gustavus football team was in contention for the MIAC title the entire season, but heartbreaking losses to St. Olaf (in overtime) and Concordia in the final two weeks of play landed the Gusties in a fifth-place tie with a league mark of 4–4 (6–4 overall). Senior wide receiver Chad Arlt (St. Michael, Minn.) shattered multiple career receiving marks and was named First Team All-MIAC for the second straight year. Others earning First Team All-MIAC honors were senior guard Jared Thelemann (Kilkenny, Minn.), junior linebacker Tony Palma (Lino Lakes, Minn.), and junior safety Joe Welch (Hastings, Minn.). Welch was also named to the d3football.com All-West Region First Team.

**Men's Soccer** – Coach Larry Zelenz's squad just missed claiming its fifth consecutive league title, as the Gusties finished one point (8–2–0, 16 points) behind champion Carleton (8–1–1, 17 points). The team also saw its streak of four consecutive playoff titles come to an end with a 3–0 loss to Augsburg in a semifinal playoff game. The Gusties registered double-digit wins for the eighth consecutive season, finishing with an overall mark of 13–5–0. Senior defender Flynn Stewart-Franzen (Minneapolis, Minn.), junior midfielder Fraser Horton (Missoula, Mont.), and first-year defender Justin Eglseder (Eden Prairie, Minn.)

were named to the all-conference team. In addition, Stewart-Franzen and Horton were named First Team All-Region selections by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

**Women's Soccer** – The Gustie women's soccer team posted a record of 7–8–3 overall and finished eighth in the MIAC with a mark of 4–5–2. Junior forward Chelsea Craven (St. Cloud, Minn.) was named to the all-conference team. Several players received academic honors, including Alison Dittmer (jr., Plymouth, Minn.), who was a First Team CoSIDA Academic All-District selection; Callie Christensen (sr., Bloomington, Minn.), who was a Third Team NSCAA All-Central Region First Team Scholar; and Craven and Christy Tupy (sr., Burnsville, Minn.), who received honorable mention on the NSCAA All-Central Region Scholar Team.

**Volleyball** – Coach Kari Eckheart's squad recorded one of the finest seasons in the history of the program, posting a 26–5 overall record, finishing second in MIAC regular-season play with a mark of 9–2, placing second in the MIAC post-season tournament, and earning a spot in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1986. The Gusties saw their season come to an end with a 3–0 loss to UW-Eau Claire (18–25, 21–25, 21–25) in the first round of the NCAA

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## Women's golf team claims MIAC championship

The Gustavus women's golf team held off longtime rival St. Thomas to win the first MIAC championship in the program's history in early October at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids, Minn. The Gusties fired a 54-hole total of 324-333-323-980 to finish nine strokes ahead of St. Thomas, which posted a total of 328-335-326-989. Senior Kimbra Kosak (Grand Rapids, Minn.) tied for second individually with a total of 80-84-79-243.

By winning the MIAC championship, Gustavus earns an automatic bid to the NCAA championships, which will be held May 13-16 at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The Gusties are ranked #2 nationally in the most recent National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) poll. **G**

*The 2008 MIAC champion women's golf team – front row from left: Lauren Runsvold, Katie Schenfeld; back row: Kali Griggs, Kimbra Kosak, Taylor Drenttel, and head coach Scott Moe.*



### Fall Sports Summary

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tournament, which was held at the University of St. Thomas. Senior setter Bridget Burtzel (Cold Spring, Minn.) and senior libero Emily Klein (Red Wing, Minn.) received First Team All-MIAC honors. Burtzel and Klein were also named to the America Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-West Region Team.

**Men's Cross Country** – The Gustavus men's cross country team closed out a solid 2008 season with a sixth-place finish at the MIAC championships and a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet. Senior Dan


Foley (Minneapolis, Minn.), who led the Gusties all season, earned all-conference honors with a fifth-place finish at the MIAC championships, as well as All-Region honors with a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet.

**Women's Cross Country** – The Gustavus women's cross country team capped its 2008 season with a sixth-place finish at the MIAC championships and an 11th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region meet. Sophomore Brooke Beskau (Hastings, Minn.) earned all-conference honors with a ninth-place finish at the MIAC championships. She also received All-Region honors by virtue of placing 18th at the NCAA Central Region meet.

# John Kauss wins singles title at ITA Small College Championships

**G**ustavus men's tennis player John Kauss defeated Chris Goodwin of Emory University 6-2, 6-3 to claim the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Division III Singles Championship in early October in Mobile, Ala. Kauss, a senior from St. Paul, Minn., is the first Gustavus men's tennis player to win the ITA Division III singles title. Seeded fourth out of eight players in the tournament, Kauss upset defending champion and top-seed John Watts of Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals before knocking off #3-seed Goodwin in the finals. He did not drop a set in any of his three matches at the tournament.

Kauss joins former Gustavus men's tennis players Kevin Whipple '03 and Eric Butorac '03 as the only Midwest Region players to claim ITA Division III titles. Whipple and Butorac won back-to-back doubles titles in 2001 and 2002.

Kauss also played in the doubles portion of the ITA championships with partner Mike Burdakin, a junior from Bettendorf, Iowa. Kauss and Burdakin, who were not seeded in the tournament, played extremely well, finishing second out of eight teams. The Gusties top doubles team lost the championship match to Chris and Michael Goodwin of Emory, 6-7 (3), 1-6. Both Kauss and Burdakin received All-America honors by virtue of advancing to the ITA Small College Championships. 



John Kauss




Mike Burdakin



Brian Fowler

**Women's Golf** – Coach Scott Moe's squad ended a frustrating string of four consecutive second-place finishes at the MIAC championships by winning the program's first-ever conference title at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids, Minn. in early October. The Gusties fired a 54-hole total of 324-333-323-980 to finish nine strokes ahead of St. Thomas. Four Gustavus golfers finished in the top ten, earning all-conference honors: senior Kimbra Kosak (Grand Rapids, Minn.), who placed second; junior Kali Griggs (Burnsville, Minn.) and sophomore Katie Schenfeld (Indianola, Iowa), who tied for sixth; and first-year Taylor Drenttel (Eagan, Minn.), who placed eighth. By winning the MIAC title, the Gusties automatically qualified for the NCAA championships, which will take place May 13-16 in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

**Men's Golf** – The Gustie men's golf team closed out its fall season with a second-place finish at the MIAC championships, which were played at Bunker Hills Golf Course in Coon Rapids, Minn. Top finishers for Gustavus were junior Ricky Copeland (Mahtomedi, Minn.), who finished third, and junior Josh Curb (Bemidji, Minn.), who tied for tenth. Copeland and Curb both received all-conference honors by virtue of placing in the top ten. The Gusties will spend the spring season trying to earn an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament, which will take place May 13-16 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. 

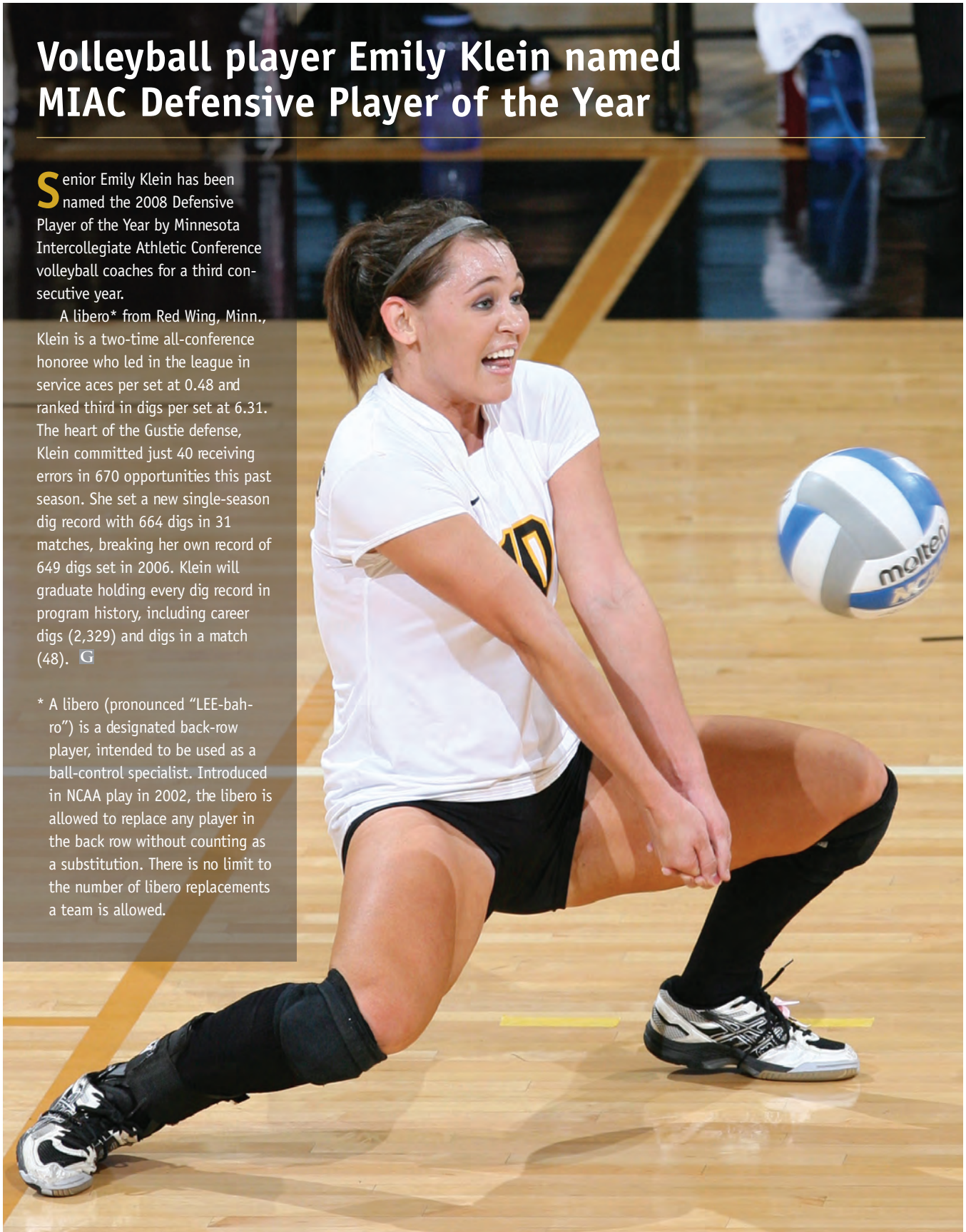


## Volleyball player Emily Klein named MIAC Defensive Player of the Year

Senior Emily Klein has been named the 2008 Defensive Player of the Year by Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference volleyball coaches for a third consecutive year.

A libero\* from Red Wing, Minn., Klein is a two-time all-conference honoree who led in the league in service aces per set at 0.48 and ranked third in digs per set at 6.31. The heart of the Gustie defense, Klein committed just 40 receiving errors in 670 opportunities this past season. She set a new single-season dig record with 664 digs in 31 matches, breaking her own record of 649 digs set in 2006. Klein will graduate holding every dig record in program history, including career digs (2,329) and digs in a match (48). **G**

\* A libero (pronounced "LEE-bah-ro") is a designated back-row player, intended to be used as a ball-control specialist. Introduced in NCAA play in 2002, the libero is allowed to replace any player in the back row without counting as a substitution. There is no limit to the number of libero replacements a team is allowed.



Brian Fowler





## Alumni gift will 'make a difference' for students with 'big' questions

by Kari Clark '91

For alumni **Brian and Janice Johnson '63 '63**, Gustavus Adolphus College is where they started their life together. Brian and Jan met at Gustavus during their first year of college; Brian went on to pursue a career in dentistry and Janice in education. Together they raised three sons. Brian and Janice see the College as the place where they gained the education, experiences, and values that helped shape their lives.


As Brian and Jan approached their 45th class reunion, they wanted to make a gift that would acknowledge their connection to Gustavus and have an impact on future generations of Gustavus students. They also wanted to be smart about their giving. First, they considered how they wanted to make a difference at the College. In their research, Brian and Jan learned about the Center for Vocational Reflection (CVR), a program established in 2001 through a Lilly Endowment grant. Among the first of just a few programs like it in the country, the CVR is a significant mark of distinction for Gustavus. The Center's mission—to challenge and equip students, faculty, and staff to more intentionally reflect on their vocations, their callings to live out their distinctive gifts, passions, and senses of faith and meaning in ways that benefit their communities and help to address the world's deep needs—resonated with Brian and Jan. The Johnsons understand decisions ranging from career choice to faith can be difficult and confusing. They believe in the value of a program like the CVR, where students can go with questions about life-direction, purpose, passion and faith. They decided to create a named endowment to support the CVR.

With the help of a Gustavus gift planner the Johnsons explored strategic ways to make their gift. Instead of funding their endowment with cash, they wisely decided to make a gift of appreciated stock. This type of gift allowed the Johnsons to support Gustavus and avoid paying capital gains tax on the stock gain. They also received an income tax deduction on the full market value of the stock they donated. With their gift, the Brian and Janice Johnson Center for Vocational Reflection Endowment was established to help fund the programs of the CVR at Gustavus.




Brian and Janice Johnson '63 '63

"We greatly appreciate this significant gift from Brian and Jan," CVR Director Chris Johnson '85 said. "It is an inspiration for fellow alumni, and signals their belief in Gustavus as a place that tackles questions that really matter. Most importantly, they are helping students prepare for meaningful lives of leadership and service in society."

If you would like to discuss intentional ways to make a gift to Gustavus, please call the Gustavus gift planning staff at 1-800-726-6192. 

*Kari Clark '91 joined the institutional advancement staff in 2007 as a director of planned giving.*

### Their charitable gift annuity will fund scholarship endowment

**John '59 and Cherrie Bold** recognize a good opportunity when they see it. They created a secure stream of income for themselves with a Gustavus charitable gift annuity. Proceeds from the annuity will eventually fund an endowment in their name for the benefit of students majoring in economics and management. 



*From the Vice President, Office of Institutional Advancement*

## A new vision for advancement

Recently I celebrated my third anniversary at Gustavus. I find myself in a leadership role that I wasn't anticipating when I celebrated my second anniversary at the College. A year ago Gustavus was looking for a new president and a vice president of institutional advancement. Both positions have now been filled. I can assure you that we have a great president in Jack Ohle. He is going to help us move forward in incredible ways.

I was quite satisfied working as a gift planner for the College and felt I was doing what I was called to do for my alma mater. It was only after meeting with President Ohle that I felt a strong urge to be a part of his administration in a different way. His energy, his drive, his vision for how all of us together will determine the future of the College paved the way for my decision to accept his invitation to serve as the vice president for institutional advancement. It is my honor to do so, and I look forward to the challenges ahead as we work to ensure that the Gustavus we know and love will be strongly positioned to meet the challenges of the future.

I want to touch on three areas affecting institutional advancement to keep you in the loop on activities at Gustavus and as a way of clarifying what we do in institutional advancement (with perhaps even a word or two about what we don't do).

First, a few words about the Office of Institutional Advancement. For too many years, I believe, advancement at Gustavus has been synonymous with simply "fundraising," without regard for the important role that alumni relations plays in our office. As a staff we have discussed and refined a mission statement for advancement that will help us think more clearly about what we do and how we communicate our role internally at the College and externally. We arrived at this statement: "Institutional advancement at Gustavus Adolphus College does three things: **Engage alumni and friends, Invite philanthropy, and Steward great relationships.**"

My hope is that you will help us talk about our office in terms of each of these areas of responsibility. So that our office may functionally meet these three opportunities and ensure that the vice president—regardless of who it is—can lead effectively, we have restructured the office around these areas. Alumni relations is led by Randall Stuckey '83, the person you go to for anything related to alumni engagement, activities, and services. One of his great opportunities this year will be to think strategically about how we engage current students about what it means to be alumni of Gustavus, even as they are students at Gustavus.



Tom Young '88

Philanthropy is led by Director of Development Willie Johnson. Willie comes to us with 25 years of higher education development work, most recently for DePauw University. He gets to lie awake at night thinking about how we raise \$12 million in gift income this year with major gifts, Gustavus Annual Fund gifts, planned gifts, and corporate and foundation gifts.

We are currently searching for a director of advancement services, whose job in one sense will begin with a great audit in mind and back up from there. That person will be charged with documentation of gifts, receipting of gifts, and thanking the givers. He or she is the person to call when you have a question about a pledge payment or matching gift.

These three individuals will be working with another 20 who are the advancement team at Gustavus. These three will allow me to conduct my work in a fashion that will enable me to travel with the president to develop the relationships, secure the funds needed to ensure our success, articulate and plan for the culture of philanthropy we must have at the College, and lead—not micro-manage—the office.

Obviously the three areas in which we work overlap and relate strongly to each other. They are part of a culture of philanthropy that is a circle, each depending on the others. Alumni relations cannot be divorced from fundraising, because for some alumni their gift to Gustavus is the expression of their relationship to the College. Development or fundraising cannot separate itself from alumni relations—great philanthropy is built on profoundly personal relationships. And of course, without the stewardship of great relationships, neither is possible.

You can expect the Office of Institutional Advancement to play a strong role in engaging you more fully in the life of the College and actively, enthusiastically, and unapologetically inviting your philanthropy at levels you may not have imagined possible—both because you can and because we must.



Thomas W. Young '88  
Vice President, Office of Institutional Advancement

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# ALUMNI



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## Gustavus Alumni Association

*The mission of the Alumni Association is to facilitate among former students lifelong relationships with Gustavus and with each other, to enable alumni to actively advance and engage in the mission of the College.*

**Class news and information to be included in the Alumni section of the Quarterly should be sent to:**

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### The camel wore Gustie colors

*Four friends from the Class of 1964 toured Egypt in October 2008. Pictured from left are Diane Kvals Schweitzer, Joyce Wallinder Johnson, John Johnson, and Gary Kenning.*





# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS

- Ron White '75**  
*President*
- Janna King '76**  
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- Jan Ledin Michaletz '74**  
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- Ryan Johnson '96**, Plymouth
- Janna King '76**, Minneapolis
- Peter Nyhus '60**, Park Rapids
- Richard Olson '82**, Edina



### Celebrating 75

Seven members of the **Class of 1955** celebrated their 75th birthdays during Jackie Carlson's birthday party in October. Classmates pictured are from left **Cecile Hilding Swenson**, **Eileen Ekberg Scott**, **Carol Roberg Lind**, **Clarice Tack Swisher**, **Joan Bonn Wright**, **Audrey Anderson Jaeger**, and **Jackie Carlson**. Spouses also were in attendance.



**DeCorsey** inducted into Minnesota Old Timers Hall of Fame  
**Charles "Cubby" DeCorsey '57** (left), Bloomington, was inducted into the Minnesota Old Timers Football Hall of Fame at a banquet last September. He is pictured with 2008 Hall of Fame Committee president **Gary Gustafson '57**. DeCorsey is a retired educator and coach for Richfield ISD #280.

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**Frank Gamelin**, Chelan, WA, and his wife, **Ruth (Vikner '37)**, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends on October 12, 2008.

## 42 Class Agent:

**C. Eddie Johnson**

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**Reuben Swanson**, Fairfield, OH, published his 16th book in January.

## 43 Class Agents:

**S. Bernhard Erling**,  
**Ralf Runquist**

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**Marlys Gerber Johnson**, Chisago City, is an active golfer.



## 52 Class Agent:

**Barb Eckman Krig**

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**Twylah Lundquist Benson**, Greenville, PA, is retired.

## 54 Class Agents:

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**Pauline Melin Glenchur**, Woodland Hills, CA, is retired.



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**Dick DeRemee**

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**Nancy List Sebo**, Cannon Falls, is retired.

## 56 Class Agents:

**Carolyn Jens Brusseau**, **JoAnn Johnson Lundborg**

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**Reuben L. Carlson**, Tigerton, WI, and his wife, **Kay (Jacobson '58)**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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**Nancy Reiter Grimes**,  
**Marlys Mattson Nelson**

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**Karen Stewart Kittlesen**, Faribault, and her husband, **Jim '56**, traveled to Alaska in June 2007 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. **Arne M. Walker**, Gatlinburg, TN, is interim pastor at Holy Trinity in New Port.

## 58 Class Agents:

**Owen Sammelson**,  
**Carolyn Lund Sandvig**

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**Sonya Johnson Berg**, Glenwood, volunteers as a foster grandmother. **Chet and Marcia Amundson Janasz**, Brooklyn Park, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

## 59 Class Agent:

**Carol Johnson Heyl**

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**Ralph Akermark**, Des Moines, IA, is remodeling an old home.

**Duane Aldrich**, Willmar, is a retired insurance agent.

**Dennis A. Anderson**, Omaha, NE, is president emeritus of Trinity Lutheran Seminary. **Joyce Ford Anderson**, Eugene, OR, is a member





of the League of Women Voters and is active at Central Lutheran Church ■ **Stu Anderson**, Axtell, NE, is owner and operator of G & S Farms ■ **Hope Pluto Annexstad**, St. Peter, is a retired social worker ■ **Jack W. Arthur**, Lake Nebagamon, WI, is a retired biologist ■ **Marilyn Gustafson Asp**, Blaine, is a retired visitation minister ■ **Jane Wells Behrhorst**, Axtell, NE, is retired ■ **Delores Johnson Bergman**, Bloomington, is a retired Realtor ■ **Louis Bittrich**, Rogersville, TN, is professor emeritus of English studies and theatre at Texas Lutheran University ■ **Joanne B. Broten**, Denver, CO, is a retired associate conference minister for the United Church of Christ ■ **Elizabeth Johnson Dahl**, Apple Valley, is a retired elementary school teacher ■ **David V. Eckman**, Duluth, is a retired pastor ■ **John Edman**, Okatie, SC, retired as professor and director of the Center for Vector Borne Diseases at University of California, Davis ■ **Muriel Doherty Haegele**, Federal Way, WA, is a retired librarian ■ **Ann M. Hendrickson**, Wauwatosa, WI, is a retired special education teacher ■ **Carol Johnson Heyl**, Winona, is a retired bank officer and is active at Central United Methodist Church ■ **Dean E. Hillman**, Fairmont, is a retired professor of otolaryngology and neuroscience ■ **Clifford and Diana Sroder Johnson**, Albuquerque, NM, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Belize with their family ■ **Orville D. Johnson**, Stillwater, is retired ■ **Ronald N. Johnson**, Crossville, TN, is a retired pastor and is active at Christ Lutheran Church ■ **Marvin L. Larson**, Alexandria, is a retired pastor ■ **Charles B. Lower**, Madison, GA, is enjoying spending time with his nine grandchildren ■ **Connie Ostrom Lund**, Olympia, WA, is director of Capitol Healing Rooms of Olympia, WA ■ **Allegra Nelson Olson**, San Diego, CA, is a retired teacher and an avid quilter ■ **Roger L. Peterson**, Bemidji, is a retired math teacher ■ **Jack R. Proeschel**, Wesley Chapel, FL, is retired from Johnson & Johnson ■ **Jean Hjert Richmond**, Las Vegas, NV, is a retired junior high teacher ■ **Pat and Shirley Zaske Sweeney**, Green Valley, AZ, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2008 ■ **Bob Swenson**, Janesville, WI, is employed by Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. ■ **Floie Vane**, Anacortes, WA, retired from the research division at Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. ■ **Warren E. Woods**, Fridley, played on a 70+ baseball



### Gusties gather in Duluth

The Duluth Gusties Gather! event was hosted by Tom and Mary Boman on October 26. Pictured on floor from left are Al Behrends '77, Mary Boman, and Gene Zwickey. Kneeling are Tom Boman '53, Harley Hanson '78, Katie Pesch '08, Sara Olmanson '07, Connor Ziegler '08, and Kyle McKenzie. Standing are Elaine Vitalis Zwickey '48, Dick Hane '62, Judy Samuelson Hane '62, Janice Erickson Eckman '70, Patti Olson Jenkins '71, Kristin Peterson '75, Sandra Stephenson Nys '70, Helen Sandgren Munson '56, Roger Munson '56, Ellen Johnson, Wally Johnson '57, Kerry Zajicek '07, and Michael Lynch '07. Not pictured but also present was Bob Wahman '57.



### Windy City Gusties

The Chicago Gusties Gather! event was held September 28 at the Hoekstra residence in Round Lake, IL. Pictured from left are Dick Moody '62, Christine Weber Anderson '02, Seth Reatherford '95, Mary Nelson '61, Al Hoekstra '65, Chris Choukalas '97, Rose Anne Farmer Hoekstra '65, Yvonne Mesa-Magee '95, Jack Sikora '96, Craig Magee '95, Vija Klode '81, Darlene Nelson, and Norm Nelson '49.

team last summer ■ **Paul Youngdahl**, Golden Valley, is senior pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

**60** **Class Agent:**  
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**Barb Nordstrom Hanson**, Red Wing, recently returned from a trip to Greece and the Greek islands ■ **Willis Swenson**, Cannon Falls, is retired.

**61** **Class Agent:**  
Virgene Grack Sehlin

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**Jan Sanftner Elvekrog**, Birmingham, MI, is retired ■ **Evelyn Madsen Schroeder**, Apple Valley, traveled to one of Gustavus's exchange schools, Uppsala University in Sweden ■ **Marilynn Clark Tanner**, Hot Springs Village, AR, is retired.

**62** **Class Agents:**  
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**Arthur V. Collins**, Hayden Lake, ID, is president of Health Connections LLC ■ **Mary Anderson Kennedy**, Vining, is a retired teacher ■ **Charlotte Tesberg Stanley**, Balsam Lake, WI, is retired.

# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## 1962 classmates celebrate Festival of St. Lucia at Gustavus

The Centennial Class of 1962 was well represented at the College's 68th Festival of St. Lucia on Dec. 11, 2008, as a group of 14 women returned to the campus for the chapel service and luncheon. Pictured, front row from left, are **Toni Bennett Easterson**, **Jackie Falk Anderson**, and **Ruth Ann Johnson Leadholm**; second row, **Janet Swanson Swanson**, **Karen Koehn Anderson**, **LouAnn Eckberg Reese**, **Roz Johnson Anderson**, and **Gerri Sparks Evans**; third row, **Solveig Overdahl Goldstrand**, **Audrey Kylander Kramer**, **Sandy Luedtke Buendorf**, **Kay Estes Mowbray**, **Mary Linnerooth Petersen**, and **Jan Swanson Sammelson**.



## Luedtke visits White House

**Luther Luedtke '65**, Newton, MA, president and CEO of Educational Development Center, Inc., attended a White House dinner September 15 honoring President John and Theresa Kufuor of Ghana. Pictured from left are **Luther Luedtke '65**, **Theresa Kufuor**, First Lady **Laura Bush**, Ghana's President **John Kufuor**, President **George Bush**, and **Carol Lindstrom Luedtke '67**.

## 63 Class Agents:

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Paul Tillquist*

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**Margit Johnson Asmus**, Monroe, WI, is a retired teacher ■ **Jerry D. Rice**, Edina, is the CFO of BioDrain Medical ■ **Otto E. Templin**, Hutchinson, is retired.



## 64 Class Agents:

*Linda  
Leonardson Hallman,  
Joanna Carlson Swanson*

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**Gordon D. Olseen**, Tipton, IA, recently retired.

## 65 Class Agents:

*Bev Nordskog Hedeem,  
Elaine Buck Stenman*

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**Eunice Madsen Carlson**, Jacksboro, TN, traveled to one of Gustavus's exchange schools, Uppsala University in Sweden ■ **Dwayne P. Daehler**, West Lafayette, IN, recently retired after 38 years in parish ministry ■ The Rev. **Bruce Dissell**, Hibbing, is interim pastor at Calvary Lutheran and Bear River Lutheran ■ **Dan R. Dokken**, Rochester, is retired ■ **Mark Kuechenmeister**, Walla Walla, WA, is a retired ophthalmologist ■ **Marilyn Swenson Richter**, Wayzata, is a Realtor with Roger Fazendin Realtors ■ **Joyce Pick Vigness**, Woodbury, is a retired nurse ■ **Richard B. Whitlock**, Bloomington, IL, retired as vice president for advancement at Illinois Wesleyan University.

## 66 Class Agents:

*Sharon Anderson  
Engman, Joyce  
Henrikson Ramseth*

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**Ed Gustavson**, Tulsa, OK, was honored as Physician of the Year by the Tulsa Area United Way ■ **Margaret Ims Selfridge**, Wayzata, is a retired teacher.

## 67 Class Agent:

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**Celeste Moberg Chayabutr**, Arden Hills, is an application developer at ASI Communication ■ **Karen Gjelsteen**, Seattle, WA, received the 2007 Gregory Falls Sustained Achievement Award in theatre, design, and education in Seattle ■ **Sara Jacobson Hensley**, Hebron, NE, is retired.



**68 Class Agents:**  
John and Kris Lundberg  
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**Mary Kaye Anderson**, Dellwood, is retired ■ **Loretta Larvick Harmatuck**, Madison, WI, is the government services and reference librarian at a Wisconsin state library ■ **Kirk Sikorowski**, Burnsville, is a financial affairs coordinator for Silver Sages.

**69 Class Agents:**  
Dave and Jane Norman  
Leitzman

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**Peter J. Andersen**, Woodbury, retired after 35 years at 3M ■ **Barb Seeley Devlin**, Richfield, is a part-time consultant for Springsted Public Sector Advisors ■ **Cynthia Blomquist Gustavson**, Tulsa, OK, was featured poet at the White Pine Arts Festival in Stillwater ■ **Marge Lovseth Hegge**, Renner, SD, took 13 nurses to Tanzania for a study tour ■ **Cheryl Fisher Hultstrand**, Burnsville, is a retired pre-school teacher ■ **Susan E. Lewis**, Strathroy, Ontario, is senior telecommunications consultant for EDS/Xerox ■ **Jeff P. Miller**, St. Peter, retired after teaching biology 39 years in the St. Peter school system ■ **Bill F. Tews**, Cumberland, WI, is retired and a hospice volunteer.



**70 Class Agent:**  
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**Kathy Murphy Casmer**, Eden Prairie, is the chief EED examiner for Hopkins Community Ed ■ **Steven A. From**, Cambridge, is a consultant for Western Red Cedar Lumber Association ■ **Janet Rice Jaeger**, Willmar, is retired ■ **Craig Nelson**, St. Peter, has retired from the Le Sueur-Henderson schools after teaching for 36 years; he is now a field representative for the U.S. Census Bureau and works part-time at Richard's Restaurant and Pub in St. Peter ■ **Bill Santee**, Milford, MA, is a research physical scientist for the U.S. Army ■ **Luella Peterson Weir**, Colfax, WI, is employed at Community Health Partnerships, Inc.

**71 Class Agent:**  
Bruce Johnson

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**Kay Hagberg Enright**, Grey Eagle, is

retired ■ **G. A. (Judd) Mowry III**, Elk River, is a retired financial analyst.

**72 Class Agent:**  
Todd Dokken

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**Randall Christiansen**, Fairbanks, AK, is semi-retired from The Eye Clinic ■ **Becky Jensen Detert**, Welcome, is retired from teaching but still works at her quilt shop ■ **Sharon Worden Folkerds**, Red Wing, retired from teaching ■ **Steve E. Rogosheske**, Eagan, is director of regulatory affairs at Chem-Tech LTD ■ **Judy Dostal Schultz**, Maplewood, retired from teaching in June ■ **Mary K. Wollan**, Spring Park, is president of the National Association of Orthopedic Nurses.

**74 Class Agents:**  
Rob Linner,  
Jan Ledin Michaletz

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**Gary A. Hoff**, Chaska, is doing computer software consulting ■ **Tom Wetzel**, Ely, is a retired teacher ■ **Marlys Rupprecht Wollschlager**, Madison, is a retired teacher.



**75 Class Agent:**  
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**Barb Johnson Anderson**, Shoreview, is a music therapist for hospice patients ■ **Joanne Sells Currence**, Colorado Springs, CO, is semi-retired from teaching ■ **Judy A. Josephson**, Stillwater, is retired ■ **Claudia Hitchcock Peltier**, Edina, shows horses and has won 50 state championships ■ **Philip Richardson**, Chicago, IL, is a broker/developer for Jameson Real Estate ■ **Bill Skoog**, Bowling Green, OH, is director of choral activities at Bowling Green State University ■ **Paul O. Skoog**, Eden Prairie, is employed at Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota.

**76 Class Agent:**  
Bruce Olson

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**Dave Fritz**, Little Rock, AR, works for EDS, an HP Company ■ **Gail L. Gutsche**, Missoula, MT, was recently elected to the Montana Public Service Commission ■ **Jeff Odgren**, Boyertown, PA, is a pastor at St. John's Hill Lutheran Church ■ **Elaine Johnson Spangler**, Lancaster, PA, received a master's degree in health



**Ballata publishes book**  
**Phyllis Anderson Ballata '68**, White Bear Lake, has published *Living as though There Is a Tomorrow, Creating the Future by Choice using Reason, Duty, Love, and Belief: A Practical Handbook for Moral Growth*. Her book examines the causes and effects of moral growth and moral decay for individuals and families, education, civil society, and governments. Ballata notes that decay is easy but dangerous and destructive for both the human and natural world, while moral growth is difficult but

powerful. She argues that, using our reason, sense of duty, love of life, and deepest beliefs, all of us can choose growth. We can create our personal, family, community, and even national future by choice.

Book topics include finding the common good, the contagious effects of moral growth and decay, parenting and teaching, leadership, justice, uses and misuses of power, taxes and their effects, economics, public policies, foreign aid, and environmental and humanitarian ethics, among others. Open-ended questions challenge the reader to understand where we are heading individually and together.

Ballata is an English professor at Century College in White Bear Lake as well as a musician, business owner, tree farmer, parent, and poet. The Nest, her retail store in downtown White Bear Lake, offers customers choices that support environmental responsibility, fair trade, and local community. She holds a master's degree in English and American literature with additional advanced study in history and philosophy. Her last book, *Writing from Life: Collecting and Connecting*, was published in 1997 as a college-level text for reading, writing, and thinking.

**Women's Health magazine names Gustavus alumnus one of nation's top dermatologists for women**

**Neil Fenske '69** was among four dermatologists in the Southeast and 17 nationwide recently listed among "America's Top Doctors for Women" in *Women's Health* magazine. The magazine teamed up with research firm Castle Connolly to create a definitive list of America's best doctors in specialties of particular interest to women. The list appears in the November 2008 issue of the magazine (available online at [www.womenshealthmag.com](http://www.womenshealthmag.com)).

Using mail and telephone surveys and electronic ballots, physicians and the medical leadership at leading hospitals were asked to identify exceptional candidates. Each doctor's experience was then thoroughly screened before a final selection was made. Fenske's special expertise in skin cancer and melanoma was noted. Melanoma is the second most common cancer in women in their late 20s but when treated early the success rate tops 90 percent.

Fenske earned his M.D. degree at St. Louis University and completed a residency in dermatology at the University of Wisconsin Center for Health Sciences. He is currently professor and chair of dermatology at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL.



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# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## Class of 1969 ready for reunion

Classmates from the **Class of 1969** had such fun getting together in Florida in 2007 they decided to do it again last September in Park City, Utah. The group reports they're looking forward to their 40th reunion on campus. Pictured front row from left are **Sue McNamara Showalter**, **Judy Matalamaki**, and **Jeanne Taylor Erickson '68**. Back row are **Cathy Carlson Jacobsen**, **Chris Pearson Floss**, **Dianne K. Johnson**, **Karen Alrick Jafvert**, **Darlene Gustavson Nielsen**, and **Julena Lind**.

### Representing Gustavus

In the November 2008 elections, two more Gusties won Minnesota state office. **Paul Torkelson '74**, St. James, and **Kory Kath '00**, Owatonna, join **Mindy Rittenhouse Greiling '70**, Roseville, and **Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90**, Minneapolis, in the House of Representatives. **David Hann '73**, Eden Prairie, is the lone Gustavus grad in the Senate.

at Saint Gerard Catholic School ■ **Ron Erickson**, Cannon Falls, is the vice president of academic affairs and institutional planning at Dakota County Technical College ■ **Deb Sommerfeld Stapek**, Minnetonka, is the Minnesota state director of the National Society of Accountants ■ **A. Gregory Stone**, St. Peter, is a sales worker at Lloyd Lumber, Mankato.

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and a teacher at Sweet Briar Public School ■ The Rev. **Peter Lundell**, Walnut, CA, has published his third book, *Prayer Power: 30 Days to a Stronger Connection with God* (Revell, 2009), in which he reveals how, through his own screw-ups, extraordinary experiences, and lessons learned from Christians of every stripe, one really can connect with God; more information is on his website, [www.PeterLundell.com](http://www.PeterLundell.com) ■ **Christy Kimzey Richmond**, Duluth, GA, is the SAP functional lead for G & K Services ■ **Debra Schafer Rose**, Superior, CO, is a senior program manager for Stellar Solutions.

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## Alumni Class Reunions 2009

**Classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, and 1964  
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May 29 & 30, 2009

**Classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984,  
1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004**

October 9 & 10, 2009, Homecoming Weekend

Information will be included in class letters, postcards, and on the alumni website. If you wish to serve on your class reunion committee, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-487-8437 or [alumni@gustavus.edu](mailto:alumni@gustavus.edu).





Princeton, ME, is president of Munich Re America HealthCare ■ **Uwe P. Kausch**, Duluth, is marketing and international sales manager at North Shore ■ **Caryl Duncan Knutsen**, Middleton, WI, is a freelance editor ■ **Dan B. McGinty**, Shoreview, is president and CEO of Essentia Community Hospitals and Clinics ■ **Lynn Lutz McGinty**, Shoreview, is a part-time assistant teacher at Incarnation Lutheran Preschool ■ **Paul C. Nelson**, Minneapolis, is an exclusive sales agent and agency owner for Paul Nelson Agency, Inc. ■ **Jeff C. Pedersen**, Lake Elmo, is employed at Assurant Health ■ **Susan M. Sandberg**, St. Paul, opened Almelund Mercantile, an antique and gift shop ■ **Ellen Lund Strom**, Minneapolis, is a self-employed consultant ■ **Julie Anderson Wawczak**, Roselle, IL, is a media center technician for Spring Hills School.

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**Melissa Bruninga-Matteau**, Irvine, CA, completed her term as president of Associated Graduate Students at the University of California ■ **Sherra Eckloff Buckley**, Burnsville, was an-

## Hedstrand receives Health Hero Award

**Dale Hedstrand '70**, Shoreview, was awarded the "Health Hero" Award for 2008 by the Cedar Riverside People's Center of Minneapolis. The Center is a non-profit organization that provides medical care to disadvantaged individuals. This marks the first time the award has been given, as the Center was looking for a way to honor Hedstrand, a board member of 19 years. As part of the award, a medical examination room will be endowed in his name. In 2006, Hedstrand also received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from AIG for his contributions throughout his career in the financial services industry. Hedstrand founded as well as manages Focal Point Financial Services, which won Business of the Year Award in 2001 from the White Bear Chamber of Commerce.



## Agerter named CEO at Austin Medical Center

**David Agerter '75**, Rochester, has been named CEO for the Austin (MN) Medical Center and its four satellite clinics. In addition to his medical center duties, Agerter will continue to serve as associate dean for the Mayo School of Health Sciences' College of Medicine. Agerter has practiced at Mayo Family Clinic in Kasson for 26 years, served as chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Mayo Clinic from 1996 to 2005, and was honored as the Minnesota Family Physician of the Year in 2007.



nounced as a President's Club winner for her individual achievements in 2007 at BI: The Business Improvement Company ■ **Karin Holm Cortese**, Grand Rapids, teaches kindergarten at Grand Rapids ISD #318 ■ **Heidi Kennedy Manning**, Moorhead, is division chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics at Concordia College ■ **Jon C. Olson**, Wayzata, was announced as a President's Club winner for his individual achievements in 2007 at BI: The Business Improvement Company ■ **Teresa Burgess Paetznick**, Rosemount, is a team manager at 3M ■ **Jill Matthews Rickheim**, Bloomington, is director of external reporting at Ameriprise Financial ■ **Jim F. Roberge**, Zimmerman, is senior vice president at Cobank ■ **Mary Sutherland Ryerse**, Woodbury, is regional director—Minnesota and Washington for Evictus ■ **Teri Hedquist Scott**, Windom, is the traffic office manager for KDOM Radio ■ **Kim Kraemer Westra**, Inver Grove Heights, teaches fourth grade in Inver Grove Heights.

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**'Hosta Vista' – Alumnus takes fresh approach to horticulture industry**  
**Tom Carlson '77** can't get enough of the green stuff—foliage, that is. The Roseville, Minn., hosta grower has turned his passion into two innovative companies in the horticulture industry. HostasDirect, Inc., is now in its third year on the Internet ([www.hostasdirect.com](http://www.hostasdirect.com)), and IDEal™ Garden Markers ([www.idealgardenmarkers.com](http://www.idealgardenmarkers.com)) is now a year old.

"Hostas are the number-one-selling shade perennial in North America, and for good reason," Carlson says. "They are beautiful in many ways, solve landscape problems, and add value to property. As evi-

dence for that, we have customers in 49 states, and people visiting our website from 74 countries.

"My co-workers and customers are what make it fun. Some of our customers in Los Angeles and Florida are so hosta-crazy that they put their hostas into dormancy by refrigerating during the winter. We even have an e-mail newsletter subscriber from close to the Arctic Circle in Sweden."

HostasDirect has taken a fresh approach to a mature industry. Carlson says "We uniquely offer disease-free plants; they might not be as large as those sold at some garden centers, but we save customers 30 to 70 percent. We offer more than 400 varieties and also offer divisions from mature hostas. Our hosta database, HostaSearch™—the world's largest—lists more than 6,300 hostas. Combined with over 5,400 photos and a search engine that can search for hostas using 70 hosta characteristics, our visitors can identify their own plants or just have fun looking. Our video streams of the plants we sell enable visitors to see mature hostas in three dimensions, and we also provide slide shows of our plants. We use the same technology to provide gardening or hosta-related educational information. My goal is to provide all of the hosta information a visitor needs, succinctly, easily, and using the latest technology."

Carlson's newer endeavor, IDEal Garden Markers, is also an innovative company. Carlson explains, "Our unique software allows customers to easily cut and paste data from our database, place it where they want on the label or marker they desire, format the text, and then have us print it out on a sun-resistant tape or have it engraved. We have a patent pending as well on a new product we hope to market soon."

The company has had to endure some trials, like most small businesses. "Just before we opened one year we got hammered by two inches of hail," Carlson recounts, "then I had successful back surgery, our new greenhouse collapsed one winter following a blizzard, a woman ran her car into our greenhouse (no one was hurt), and the list goes on. Most product-oriented businesses are similar but growing things is very different."

"I have been very fortunate to have some very talented and outstanding workers, including college students, working with me," Carlson says. "We keep it loose and have a good time"

Michael, is a teacher at Big Woods Elementary ■ **Steven C. Wilson**, Omaha, NE, is an executive recruiter at C & A Industries.

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### 30 Gusties working at Travelers' St. Paul campus

There are 30 Gusties working at the St. Paul campus of The Travelers Insurance Company. They tried to get together for a group photo recently but eventually settled for two photos, and even then a few missed being pictured.

Seated from left in the upper photo are: **Erin Halligan-Hanson Tait '02**, **Tasha Erickson '07**, **Mary Moilanen '06**, **Jennifer Knutson '06**, **Patoa Lee '06**, and **Laura Graen Rapacz '01**. Standing are **Steve Briggs '77**, **Bob Dittmore '75**, **Lisa Krause Heutmaker '83**, **Scott Moesle '74**, **Nancy Hagstrom Huart '72**, **David Mohn '77**, **Paul Sandbaken '87**, **Greg Schaeffer '87**, **John Madsen '99**, **Joe Arlt '02**, **Scott Frederick '01**, and **Thor Raarup '86**.

The smaller group in the lower photo comprises **Kim Gabrielson Jonas '90**, **Rachel Kronberger '08**, **Julie Dressel Goettl '86**, **Amy Boyd Marthaler '92**, **Al Stromback '83**, **Bryce Anderson '99**, and **Laura Hickson '03**.

Managing to miss both photo opps were **Brian DePaulis '92**, **Jordan Iblings '06**, **Bill Larson '87**, **Eric Lewanski '07**, and **Lana Elsenpeter Matzek '01**.



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Parker, CO ■ **Gina R. Mitteco**, Houston, TX, works at the Houston Area Council ■ **Brent W. Olson**, Madison Lake, is a dentist in Mankato ■ **Stephanie Jensen Otto**, Nashville, TN, is an associate professor in health and exercise science at Gustavus Adolphus College ■ **Kati Olson Pownell**, Hudson, WI, is a nurse anesthetist for Marshfield Clinic-Chippewa Center ■ **Travis A. Prunty**, Eagle Lake, is a dentist in Mankato ■ **Matt Quam**, Edina, is a project accountant at Mortenson Construction ■ **Joshua S. Turnbull**, Minneapolis, is director/strategy for Fidelity National Information Services ■ **Tom Walker**, Minneapolis, is employed at Alliant Life Insurance ■ **Nick Windschitl**, Shakopee, traveled to Honduras in April to work with the Hogar Tierra Santa orphanage.

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**Liz Ackert**, San Diego, CA, received an M.A. in Latin American studies from University of California, San



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## Unanimous decision

Five nurses from the Class of 1980 traveled to Bimini in the Bahamas, where they managed to pose for a photo with former boxer Yama Bahama, a world-ranked middleweight in the '50s and '60s. Pictured in front of his restaurant, "The Bahama Breeze," in Alice Town are from left **Barb Hart Stoll**, **Candy Mandt Ketelslager**, **Kathy Furney Dardick**, **Yama Bahama**, **Teri Gevik Garin**, and **Paula Anderson Berger**.

## Farrow named Mankato Clinic CEO

**Randy Farrow '83**, North Mankato, MN, has been named CEO of the Mankato Clinic. Assuming that position on July 21, 2008, Farrow became the sixth chief executive officer in the 92-year history of the clinic.

The Mankato Clinic has grown to more than 113 physicians and practitioners located in Mankato, North Mankato, St. Peter, Mapleton, and Lake Crystal. The clinic and its satellites employ more than 700 people to rank among the top 15 employers in the region.

Farrow, who has an M.B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder, brings over 16 years of experience in health care administration and leadership to the Mankato Clinic. He had been the president of the River Falls Area Hospital/Allina Health Systems for the past four years. Prior to his employment in River Falls, he led the Mille Lacs Health System/Allina Health System in Onamia, MN, as their CEO. He resides in North Mankato with his wife, Jean (Hagberg '85), and two sons.



Diego, and is studying for a doctorate in sociology at University of Washington ■ **Andy Barnick**, St. Peter, is manager of the members financial services program at Postal Credit Union ■ **Kara A. Derner**, Eden Prairie, is a psychotherapist for Nystrom & Associates, Ltd. ■ **Ryan E. Erickson**, Duluth, is a geologist at Varr Engineering ■ **Kristi Jacobson Hartman**, Minneapolis, is a retirement counselor for the Minnesota State Retirement System ■ **Martin Kaduc**, Barcelona, Spain, is direc-

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**Breitmayer in demand**  
*Peter Breitmayer '87, Los Angeles, CA, is pictured between filmmakers Ethan and Joel Coen. Breitmayer plays the role of Gar Brandt in the Coens' movie A Serious Man, which finished filming last fall. The film is a black comedy set in 1967 and centered on a Midwestern professor who watches his life unravel when his wife prepares to leave him because his inept brother won't move out of the house. Breitmayer also played the role of Councilman Thorpe in Clint Eastwood's recent film, The Changeling.*

## Twin Cities Breakfasts

Join other Gusties for a morning cup of coffee and breakfast while getting an update on Gustavus—a great way to meet and network with Gusties in the Twin Cities. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at:  
Doubletree Hotel, Minneapolis-Park Place  
1500 Park Place Boulevard (Hwy. 394 & Hwy. 100)  
8 a.m. breakfast, 8:30 a.m. program  
\$10 per person

Reserve by calling Don Swanson '55 at 763-533-9083

### Scheduled speakers:

March 18 **Ken Westphal**, vice president for finance  
April 15 **Steve Wilkinson**, men's tennis coach  
May 20 **Kathy Tunheim**, economics and management

**Tuomie Hoffman**, Mounds View, works at Owens-Minor ■ **Ana Sietsema Hulzebos**, Anoka, is a bookkeeper at American Guitar and Band ■ **Mark J. Hulzebos**, Anoka, is a data reviewer at Upsher-Smith Laboratories ■ **Tara A. LaCoe**, Cambridge, MA, is a consulting safety officer for Safety Partners Inc. ■ **Mike Leonard**, Burnsville, teaches in the Chaska school district ■ **Zach Park**, Pittsburgh, PA, is a senior consultant at BI Consulting Group ■

**Corey P. Reagan**, Excelsior, is a financial services associate for B. Cohen Wealth Management, Inc. ■ **Teal L. Slivik**, Stillwater, is client services and party planner for Instudio Inc. ■ **Elsa M. Stavig**, Minneapolis, is a manager for Bare Essentials ■ **Robin E. Thomson**, Roseville, is a graduate assistant in the entomology department at University of Minnesota ■ **Ross E. Welte**, Circle Pines, is a registered representative for The Uram

# GUSTAVUS ALUMNI



## Band alums remember mate

Gustavus Band alums from the classes of 1993, 1994, and 1995 gathered at the home of Michael and Renee Hepperlen in Minnetonka, MN, on Nov. 1 to celebrate the life of bandmate **Aaron D. Lee '94**, who died in a jet ski accident on the 2008 Labor Day weekend. Pictured in the back row, from left, are **Nathan Lee '93**, **Laura Lofquist Lee '93**, **Cynthia Belt Rush '94**, **Kristen Peterson Urbina '93**, **Christine Larson Ringen '95**, **Kyle Klatt '95**, and **Pam Mathews Klatt '95**. In front are **Douglas Nimmo**, conductor, **Matthew Pettis '94**, **Renee Borleske Hepperlen '93**, and **Michael Hepperlen '95**.



## Two psych grads are McKnight Presidential Fellows at the U of Minnesota

The Gustavus Department of Psychology can claim 40 percent of The McKnight Presidential Fellow awards announced at the University of Minnesota this year! **Kathryn Vohs '96**, McKnight Land-Grant Professor and associate professor of marketing, Carlson School of Management, and **Joseph Gaugler '95**, associate professor, School of Nursing, both received the award.

The McKnight Presidential Fellow award is a prestigious award for newly tenured faculty at the University of Minnesota. It is targeted at the five most promising faculty who have been newly granted tenure and promotion to associate professor, to recognize their accomplishments and support their ongoing research and scholarship. Candidates are considered for these awards at the conclusion of the regular promotion and tenure review process each year.

Vohs was also recently recognized with the 2008 International Society for Self and Identity Early Career Award.

Group/Farmers Financial Solutions ■ **Mike Wobschall**, Eden Prairie, is the vikings.com writer for the Minnesota Vikings ■ **Erin Greenlee Young**, Ellicott City, MD, spent the past year traveling to 25 countries around the world.

## 07

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**Husby**, Duluth, is employed by Duluth Edison Charter Schools at Washburn Junior Academy ■ **Kalie A. Larson**, Minneapolis, is a production manager for Equinox Creative ■ **Derek D. Martin**, Crookston, is a sports editor for the *Crookston Daily Times* ■ **Drew P. Nelson**, Maplewood, is a recruiter at Entero ■ **Andrea D. Peterson**, Vadnais Heights, is assistant women's hockey coach at Gustavus Adolphus College ■ **Emily A. Petraitis**, Eden Prairie, is attending Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine ■ **Dana L. Setterholm**, Marine, is the membership coordinator for the American Swedish Institute ■ **Christopher M. Skordahl**, St. Paul, is an account executive for KAISERComm, Inc. ■ **Katie Stoeckel**, Rochester, is a program assistant for Out for Equity in the St. Paul School District ■ **Anikka C. Wattnem**, Superior, WI, is an administrative assistant for the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation ■ **Josh Waylander**, Montevideo, is a manager trainee at Menard's ■ **Landon J. Zinda**, Washington, DC, is a research assistant/legislative events for The Heritage Foundation.

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## Weddings

**David J. Spiegler '87** and H.J. Cho, 8/31/08, Chicago, IL.

**Tim Gilbertson '89** and Camilla Gilbertson, Tunbridge Wells, England.

**Natalie Nordstrom '93** and Wesley Wilcox, Addingham, Ilkley, England.

**David M. Davis '94** and Lindsay Davis, St. Paul, MN.

**Brad M. Nodland '95** and Sonja Johnson, 8/2/08, Bloomington, MN.

**Jon Blaha '96** and Kathryn Blaha, Golden Valley, MN.

**Adina Miller '98** and Mark D. Connelly, 7/5/08, Lakeville, MN.

**Sarah Young '98** and Quinten Reuben, 8/16/08, Minneapolis, MN.

**Dan Dauwalter '99** and Stacey Dauwalter, Boise, ID.

**Tricia M. Turk '99** and Stephen Pietsch, Minneapolis, MN.

**Chad M. Bigalke '00** and Rhiannon Tokarz, 8/9/08, Apple Valley, MN.

**Brie Gauthier '00** and Aaron Kidd, Farmington, MN.

**Teresa P. Angier '01** and Michael Edlavitch, St. Louis Park, MN.

**Jon Dale '02** and Tiina Manne, 7/18/08, Los Angeles, CA.

**Josette Gables '02** and Mark Holte, 10/4/08, Centennial, CO.

**Amanda Larson '02** and Joseph Scott, 11/11/05, West Sacramento, CA.

**Jessica Steiner '02** and **Eric Miller '03**, 9/27/08, Faribault, MN.

**Amy L. Strand '02** and **Kyle Allen '02**, 7/26/06, Dallas, TX.

**Robbi Palombi '03** and Jason Mondati, 9/20/08, Shakopee, MN.

**Teresa Brown '04** and **Charlie King '04**, 6/14/08, Apple Valley, MN.

**Elizabeth Hatch '04** and Michael Kremenak, 7/14/07, Burnsville, MN.

**Sarah Jorgenson '04** and Edwin Magnuson, 10/18/08, St. Louis Park, MN.



### 1997 Gustie moms celebrate first birthdays

*Four Class of 1997 moms gathered to celebrate first birthdays of some future Gusties. Pictured from left are Evan Cadenhead, Isabella Granacher, Kristi Reidt Granacher, Ella Cadenhead, Tara Pals Cadenhead, Will Cadenhead, Kate Granacher, Amy Lavin Ryan, Ava Ryan, Amy DeVille Boschee, and Jaxon Boschee.*

**Kirsten Kaufmann '04** and **Ryan A. Morse '04**, 5/31/08, Apple Valley, MN.

**Emily Lloyd '04** and Andrew Kratzer, Elkhart, IN.

**Jaynie Rivers '04** and Jason Twedt, 5/16/08, North Mankato, MN.

**Rachel Seely '04** and **Brian M. Ward '05**, 8/1/07, Stillwater, MN.

**Taianna Thielk '04** and Brent Moe, 11/22/08, Benson, MN.

**Taimi Tuomie '04** and Hans Thomsen, 4/26/08, Roseville, MN.

**Suzanne Dailey '05** and **Doug Espenson '05**, 8/2/08, Mankato, MN.

**Megan M. Fehlandt '05** and Sal D'Agostino, Shakopee, MN.

**Mikaela Schmitt '05** and Joseph Harsh, 8/9/08, Indianapolis, IN.

**April Thomas '05** and Mark Lewke, 11/8/08, Minnetonka, MN.

**Stephanie Haugdahl '06** and **Andy Nelson '06**, 8/16/08, Crystal, MN.

**Kristen Y. Nelson '06** and Elias Nelson, 7/19/08, Edina, MN.

**Drew Stifter '06** and Ann Ernhart, 8/15/07, Watertown, MN.

**Megan Chida '07** and **Phil King '08**, 8/9/08, Mankato, MN.

**Nicole Farlee '07** and Mark Klekner, 12/6/08, Eagan, MN.

**Meghan Hogdal '07** and Charlie Mayer, 8/16/08, Evanston, IL.

**Elizabeth Loose '07** and Michael Bakalyar, 8/1/08, St. Peter, MN.

**Ingrid Vick '07** and **Pete Schwingler '05**, Minneapolis, MN.

**Alison Chorley '08** and **Mike Wobschall '06**, 8/23/08, Eden Prairie, MN.



### Composing for the TV screen

**Eric Amdahl '96**, Chatsworth, CA, has composed, produced, and performed music for more than 130 TV programs and films, including recent projects such as *The Universe*, *Battle 360*, *Life After People*, *2008 Emmy winner A Distant Shore: African Americans of D-Day*, and *Siberian Apocalypse*. He recently completed the forthcoming PBS documentary special titled *Egalité for All: Toussaint Louverture and the Haitian Revolution*. *The Universe* and *Battle 360 series* are now in their third and second seasons of programming. And Amdahl is currently composing three more series for the Discovery Channel—*Biblical Mysteries Explained*, *Sci-Trek*, and *Before It Was America*. He has also been recently composing music for the History Channel's *First Apocalypse: Dinosaurs* and has been asked to write music for several other upcoming series including Discovery Channel's *How To: Owners Manual* and *Human Sacrifice*.

**Sarah Frodl '08** and John Crosbie, 7/26/08, Owatonna, MN.

**Amanda Lindholm '08** and Nate Lucas, 8/29/08, Forest Lake, MN.

**Amanda Shrader '08** and Chad Ziesemer, 10/11/08, Oshkosh, WI.

## Births

Colin, to **Dan A. Buchanan '87** and Tammy Buchanan, 10/15/08. Savanna, to **Kris Dybing Wahlers '89** and Steve Wahlers, 8/20/08.

Nickolas, to **Jennifer Coppersmith '91** and Dimitris Mizantzidis, 8/7/08.



## Cookie party

Gustie friends gathered in early December for their annual cookie bake. Pictured from left are **Kate Riggs Sonstebj '05**, **Jessica Nelson '05**, **Anne Marie Kruse Ericson '05**, **Anya Britzius '05**, and **Emily Hawkins '05**.



**Mustaphi named deputy press secretary for the First Lady**  
**Semonti Mustaphi '03**, Arlington, VA, has been named deputy press secretary for First Lady Michelle Obama. Mustaphi currently serves as Mrs. Obama's deputy communications director on the Obama-Biden Transition Team, a position she also held on the Obama-Biden Presidential Campaign. Prior to her work on the campaign, she held communications positions on Capitol Hill for Senators Harkin, Schumer, and Klobuchar, including Klobuchar's senatorial campaign. She also worked on the Gephardt for President campaign. A native of Minnesota, her political experience began with the late Senator Wellstone when she worked in his Washington, DC, office and on his last campaign. Semonti graduated with degrees in political science and communication studies.

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## Johnson 'unretires' again—this time for legislative duties

The Rev. **Dennis Johnson '60** was sworn in as chaplain of the Minnesota House of Representatives on Jan. 6, 2009. Along with being a spiritual counselor for House members, he opens every session with prayer or hosts the guest chaplain.

As Speaker of the House, six-term representative **Margaret Anderson Kelliher '90** had the privilege of appointing the chaplain. After a few invitations to Johnson, he finally was able to accept. His appointment is for five months, after which he can choose to renew or not. Although he has just begun his work, he says that he is excited for what is to come in his position, and he will have gained much by the end of his work with the House.

He is pictured here before the portrait of another Gustie who served the state: former Governor **Harold LeVander '32** (1967–1971).

Johnson follows two of his classmates from the Class of 1960—the Rev. **Jim Anderson** and the Rev. **Roger Anderson**—in serving as a chaplain in the Minnesota Legislature. In addition, the Rev. **Leman Olsenius '34** served earlier in the Senate.

Sarah, to **Scott P. Klosterman '91** and Ally Klosterman, 10/13/07.  
Anna, to **Amy Armour Olsen '91** and Charles Olsen, 4/21/08.  
Henry, to **Nathan J. Blair '92** and Laura Blair, 10/10/08.  
Sydney, to **Deb Sweet Darrah '92** and John Darrah, 6/16/08.  
Ethan, to **Erik A. Olsen '92** and Sarah Olsen, 5/13/08.  
Eston, to **Kerri Pool Foss '94** and Kevin W. Foss, 4/24/08.  
Ian, to **Lisa Halbur Hogan '94** and Matthew Hogan, 9/7/07.  
Harley, to **Shannon Springston Rosati '94** and Rick Rosati, 8/31/08.  
Joshua, to **Wendy Barth Terry '94** and **Peter J. Terry '92**, 9/19/08.  
Lucy, to **Tanya Strom Anderson '95** and **Edward W. Anderson '94**, 3/3/06.  
Mason, to **Michelle Heilman Muench '95** and Clinton Muench, 3/25/08.  
Ezra, to **Katy Merrick Overtoom '95** and Matt Overtoom, 10/14/08.  
Jonah, to **Roxanne Hagen Ruffenach '95** and Shane Ruffenach, 8/21/08.  
Dylan, to **Shelly Maas Staska '95** and Rodney Staska, 1/2/06.  
Emmalina, to **Sandy Schubbe Walsh '95** and Larry Walsh, 7/22/08.  
Anthony, to **Jason A. Kuerschner '96** and Roxanne Kuerschner, 11/13/08.  
Laney, to **Jennifer Olufson Tarara '96** and **Andrew J. Tarara '95**, 1/31/08.  
Calvin, to **Kari M. Treichel '96** and Mark Schwickerath, 6/3/08.  
Svea, to **Rachel Henderson King '97** and Mark King, 3/8/08.  
William, to **Erin Augustine Stuedemann '97** and **Mike Stuedemann '97**, 6/26/08.

Samuel, to **Sarah Loveland Zenk '97** and **Michael J. Zenk '96**, 2/11/08.  
Kayla, to **Sarah Jaeb Jensen '98** and Todd Jensen, 10/1/08.  
Benjamin, to **Andrea Kvamme Anderson '99** and Greg Anderson, 9/5/08.  
Cordelia, to **Chanda Walker Hall '99** and Brent Hall, 10/9/08.  
Harper, to **Susan E. Joy '99** and **Daniel E. Karalus '99**, 9/18/07.  
Colin, to **Joy Johnson McGrath '99** and Mark McGrath, 4/7/08.  
Brendan, to **Chris Mensing '99** and Gretchen Mensing, 3/23/08.  
Jude, to **Carol L. Reichel '99** and Matt Reichel, 1/3/08.  
Kegan, to **Amy Uhlenbrauck Wilkinson '99** and Kurt Wilkinson, 12/28/07.  
Ezra, to **Ahna Bersagel-Briese '00** and Oren Bersagel-Briese, 6/5/08.  
Benjamin, to **Jess Stewart Madsen '00** and **Thomas A. Madsen '00**, 9/19/08.  
William, to **Elisabeth Olson '00** and Rob Olson, 2/17/08.  
Nora, to **Stephanie Jensen Otto '00** and **Nathanael R. Otto '99**, 5/9/08.  
Chase, to **Melanie Larsen Sinouathasy '00** and Bouangeun Sinouathasy, 8/26/08.  
Zackary, to **Corrie Segerstrom Dufresne '01** and **Andrew T. Dufresne '01**, 12/27/07.  
Noah, to **Heidi Kaufmann George '01** and Brian George, 1/19/07.  
Lilly, to **Kristi Jacobson Hartman '01** and Paul Hartman, 6/17/08.  
Jacob, to **Elise Kahl Knobloch '01** and **Geoff M. Knobloch '00**, 7/28/08.  
Lucas, to **Margo Boie Moreno '01** and Daniel Moreno, 9/6/08.  
Lane, to **Tricia Loo Pettis '01** and **Lance L. Pettis '01**, 2/3/08.  
Samuel, to **Andrea Gedde Puder '01** and **Benjamin A. Puder '01**, 9/16/08.  
Katherine, to **Erin Bonitz Riess '01** and Kyle Riess, 11/4/08.  
Jada, to **Jess Hunzeker Strinmoen '01** and Chris Strinmoen, 9/26/08.  
Lauren, to **Leah Knutson Anderson '02** and Ryan Anderson, 3/10/08.  
Ayan, to **Lisa Krause Glaser '02** and John Glaser, 2/14/08.  
Evan, to **Sheri Rickabaugh Dack '04** and Jonathan Dack, 10/15/08.  
Gwenyth, to **Heather McGregor Hermanson '04** and Andrew Hermanson, 9/2/08.  
Olivia, to **Liz Hatch Kremenak '04** and Michael Kremenak, 2/27/08.  
Caroline, to **Heidi Johnson Selvog '05** and Craig Selvog, 9/4/08.





## In Memoriam

**E. Irving Bergeson '35**, Sun City, AZ, on October 9, 2008. He was a retired assistant program manager for Eastman Kodak Company, served as a chapter agent for the Gustavus Alumni Association, and is survived by one daughter.

**Elisabeth Davis Weller '35**, Chaska, MN, on October 21, 2008. She was a retired employee of Chaska and Carver County libraries and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

**Mary Almen Barthelemy '37**, Lafayette Hill, PA, on January 16, 2009. She was a homemaker and is survived by two sons including James '68.

**Bernhard "Pete" LeVander '37**, Arden Hills, MN, on December 24, 2008. A retired senior partner for the Minneapolis law firm LeVander, Zimpfer and Zotaley, he was the recipient of a Gustavus Distinguished Alumni Citation in law in 1977, served on the Gustavus Alumni Board of Directors 1957-1963, was president of the Gustavus Alumni Association 1958-59, and served as class agent 2000-2005. He is survived by one son and daughter Kirsten Dawson '64.

**Victor Wordelman '39**, Benson, MN, on October 3, 2008.

**Paul Anderson '40**, Duluth, GA, on October 25, 2008. He was a retired ELCA pastor and missionary and is survived by his wife, Joyce (Wenstrom '46), and four daughters.

**Lucille Samuelson Agard '41**, Ames, IA, on November 25, 2008. She was a retired teacher and active volunteer and is survived by her husband, Kenneth, two sons, two daughters, four brothers, and one sister.

**Genevieve Loff Strom '41**, Nashville, TN, on November 3, 2008. She was a retired church secretary at St. John's Lutheran Church and is survived by three daughters.

**Robert Hansen '42**, Richville, MN, on January 11, 2009. He was a retired teacher, coach, and director of guidance for Madison schools and city manager of Madison, and was elected to the Gustavus Athletics Hall of Fame in 1982. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

**Elaine Larson Larson '42**, Boise, Idaho, on November 10, 2008.

She was a retired school teacher and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

**Verner Mattson '42**, West Palm Beach, FL, on November 2, 2008. He was retired owner of West Gate Sheet Metal, Inc., and is survived by his wife, Lois, and four sons.

**J. Mark Holmes '43**, Hopkins, MN, on December 21, 2008. He was retired president of The Viking Croft Inc., and is survived by his wife, Bette, three sons including Terry '77, a sister, Aldys Hood '47, and two brothers including David '53.

**Sigfred Johnson '43**, Aurora, CO, on November 21, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Jo, two sons, and one stepson.

**Marvin Greene '44**, Boise, ID, on November 20, 2008. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Maurine, one son, two daughters, and two sisters.

**Elder Jackson '45**, St. Peter, MN, on November 29, 2008. He was a retired ELCA missionary in Tanzania and Kenya from 1949-85, served as a class agent for many years, and is survived by his wife, Renee; sons Dean '71 and Joel '71; five daughters including Beth Crawford '73, Kim "Birdie" '74, Deborah Andros, staff, and Martha Mascarenas, staff; and two sisters.

**Laurel "Bud" Lindberg '47**, Edina, MN, on November 8, 2008. He was a semi-retired associate pastor at Mt. Olivet Church, and is survived by his wife, Nancy, and three daughters.

**Kathy Johnson Martinson '47**, Minnetonka, MN, on December 18, 2008. She was retired shop manager for Wayzata Country Club and is survived by her husband, Homer '48, one son, and one daughter.

**Stuart Johnson '49**, Wichita, KS, on October 7, 2008. He was a retired employee of 3M and is survived by his wife, Margaret, one son, and daughter Connie Pile '82.

**Gerald Miller '49**, Alamo, TX, on November 19, 2008. He was a retired employee of 3M and is survived by his wife, Texa.

**Jack Thommen '50**, Bloomington, MN, on October 22, 2008. He was a retired Minneapolis school teacher and administrator and is survived by sisters Marilyn Dawson '48 and Joanne "Jodi" Pieschel '50.

**Herbert "Burnell" Baldwin '51**, Litchfield, MN, on October 30,



### Bettendorf at Harvard Medical School

**Erin Bettendorf '07**, Boston, MA, is pictured at her white coat ceremony for first-year students at Harvard Medical School last August. She was inducted into the Peabody Society, a program that seeks to prepare students for leadership roles in medicine by exploring the inter-relationships among those disciplines and social institutions that impact upon patient care.

2008. He was a retired ELCA pastor and is survived by his wife, Berniece, two daughters, and three sisters.

**Gordon Holm '51**, Tonka Bay, MN, on November 29, 2008. He was a retired employee of First Federal Savings and Loan, Wayzata, and is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and two daughters.

**Howard Rundquist '51**, Chatham, NJ, on December 2, 2008. He was retired executive vice president at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., New York City, and is survived by his wife, Nancy, four daughters, one son, and one sister.

**Ray Thompson '51**, Silver Bay, MN, on January 15, 2009. He was retired owner of Norsk Kubbe Hus Bed and Breakfast, Silver Bay, and survived by his wife, Geraldine '51, one daughter, and two sons.

**Walter Hartenberger '52**, Beaverton, OR, on November 11, 2008. He was a retired teacher and school administrator, owner of School Futures, and is survived by his wife, Mary, three daughters, and two sons.

**John Myers '54**, Plymouth, MN, on December 8, 2008. He was retired vice president and general manager of Sauer Sundstrand and is survived by his wife, Lois

(Norman '54), three daughters, and two sons.

**Gerald Schwarz '54**, Fulda, MN.

**Fred Sommer '54**, Roseville, MN, on November 17, 2008. He was a former employee of Plastech Corp., Rush City, and is survived by two sons, one daughter, and one sister.

**Carl Towley '54**, Plymouth, MN, on January 14, 2009. He was former chief, department of pastoral care, Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, MA, and directed Veteran's Administration CPE programs. He is survived by his wife, Susan, four daughters, two sons, and four step-daughters.

**Dwayne Wise '54**, Prior Lake, MN, on October 12, 2008.

**Jim Knapp '56**, Detroit Lakes, MN, on November 4, 2008. He was retired executive director for Community Integrated Service Network and is survived by his wife, Joann (Gould '56), one son, and three daughters including Leigh Ota '83.

**Lloyd Johnson '58**, Bemidji, MN, on November 24, 2008. He was a retired social service supervisor for Beltrami County Human Services and is survived by his wife, Wanda (Heuer '58), one daughter, three sons including Mark '81 and Gregg '90, brother Orville '59, and sister Eunice Anderson '48.



## China exchange opens doors for students, faculty

Bruce H. Johnson, professor of economics and management, joined a 10-person delegation visiting United International College (UIC) in Zhuhai, China, in November 2008.

Gustavus Adolphus College and UIC have an exchange agreement involving students and faculty. Two UIC students—Yuan (Timo) Lin and Haisang (Hector) Wu—studied at Gustavus during the Fall 2008 semester, while Gustavus students Greg Boone and Cynthia Yang were enrolled at UIC. Four recent Gustavus graduates have been teaching and tutoring at UIC.

This photo was taken at a High Table Dinner held at UIC during Johnson's visit. Pictured from left are **Ben Barnes '08**, English language teaching assistant and tutor in the English Language Center Department at UIC; **Tim Bergmann '08**, teaching assistant and tutor for UIC's Department of Government and International Relations; **Pat Quade**, former director of international education at Gustavus and now chief of international development at Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University and United International College; exchange students **Greg Boone**, a senior communication studies major, and **Cynthia Yang**, a junior management major; **Carl Johnson '08**, teaching assistant and tutor for the English Language Center Department; **Bruce Johnson**; and Pat's wife, **Cathy Quade**. Not pictured is a fourth Gustie TA, **Jonathan Olson '07**, who is also a tutor for the English Language Center Department.

**Peter Boman '60**, Duluth, MN, on November 12, 2008. He was a retired surgeon, was a developer in Duluth, and is survived by his wife, Susan, one daughter, three sons including Peter '88, and brother Tom '53.

**Carolyn Rydell Kreuzer '60**, Edina, MN, on January 3, 2009. She was former administrative assistant

for Tillinghast-Towers Perrin and is survived by two daughters.

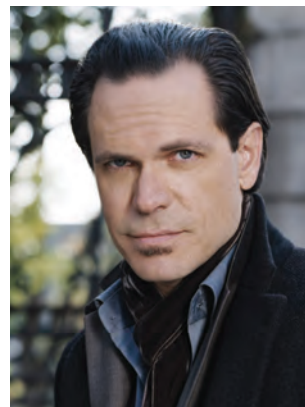
**Bill Pell '61**, St. Peter, MN, on November 10, 2008. He was owner of Pell Insurance and Real Estate and is survived by his wife, Sandra "Sis," one daughter, and two sons.

**Barb Moylan Pluto '62**, Austin, MN, on December 6, 2008. She is

## Tony Bennett finished second . . .

When the results of JazzTimes magazine's 2008 Readers' Poll were announced in the January–February 2009 issue of the magazine, Tony Bennett was runner-up in the Male Vocalist category. The winner—and Male Vocalist of the Year for the fifth time since 1998—was **Kurt Elling '89**. The Chicago-based Elling, an eight-time Grammy Award nominee, reclaimed the top spot after holding it for three consecutive years in 2000, 2001, and 2002.

In November 2008 Elling had been recognized again in Downbeat magazine's annual polls, topping both the magazine's annual Critics' Poll in the Male Vocalist category for the ninth straight year and its Readers' Poll for the fourth time (2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008). He has also earned three Jazz Journalists' Association Awards for Best Male Vocalist and the Prix Billie Holiday from the Academie du Jazz in Paris. His quartet has toured the world, performing to critical acclaim in Europe, the Middle East, South America, Asia and Australia, and at jazz festivals and concert halls across the North America. The notoriously hard-to-please Downbeat has called Elling "the best jazz singer ever."



Christian Lantry

survived by two sons including Christopher Moylan '91, and two brothers.

**Cecelia Erickson '64**, Eden Prairie, MN. She was a longtime employee of Honeywell and Control Data.

## Pamela Stillwell Keefe '71,

Scituate, MA, on December 29, 2008. She was a homemaker and internationally recognized home decorator and is survived by her husband, David, two sons, one daughter, and her parents.

## Correction

Information was accidentally omitted from David Landin's obituary in the Winter 2008-09 issue:

**David Landin '71**, Derby, KS, on September 17, 2008. He was a retired U.S. Air Force navigator and marketing rep for John Hancock Financial Services, and had been employed for several years as an adjunct college professor of government and history at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, 'Berta (Lanterman '70), one son, and two daughters.

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## Gustavus Alumni — Where Are We?

**Where do Gusties live?** Well, just about everywhere, according to the statistics we retrieved from our database. Gustavus boasts more than 24,500 located, living alumni as of December 2008, living in all 50 states as well as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Canada and 57 other nations are also represented.

Alabama	29
Alaska	92
Arizona	351
Arkansas	35
California	819
Colorado	548
Connecticut	72
Delaware	6

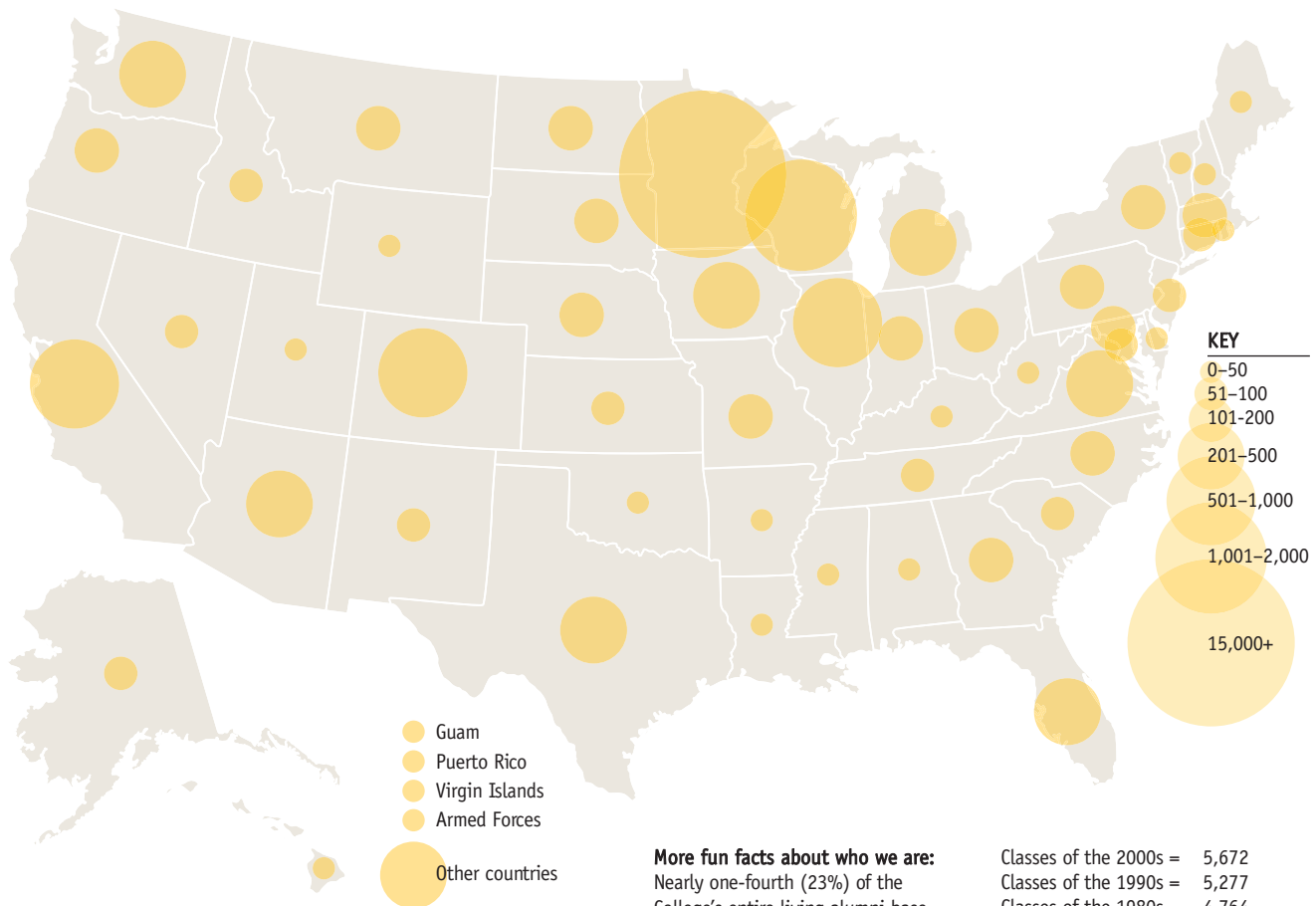
District of Columbia	58
Florida	346
Georgia	131
Guam	3
Hawaii	37
Idaho	74
Illinois	642
Indiana	116
Iowa	405
Kansas	86
Kentucky	26
Louisiana	33
Maine	42
Maryland	139
Massachusetts	167
Michigan	215
Minnesota	15,758
Mississippi	17
Missouri	139

Montana	103
Nebraska	189
Nevada	66
New Hampshire	18
New Jersey	73
New Mexico	67
New York	170
North Carolina	151
North Dakota	144
Ohio	158
Oklahoma	35
Oregon	164
Pennsylvania	148
Puerto Rico	1
Rhode Island	12
South Carolina	55
South Dakota	179
Tennessee	67
Texas	355

Utah	42
Vermont	24
Virgin Islands	2
Virginia	237
Washington	338
West Virginia	10
Wisconsin	1,044
Wyoming	38
Armed Forces Americas	2
Armed Forces Europe	14
Armed Forces Pacific	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,297</b>

Foreign addresses  
from 58 countries

**Grand Total 24,684**



**More fun facts about who we are:**  
Nearly one-fourth (23%) of the College's entire living alumni base are in the nine classes that have graduated since 2000. Close to half (44%) graduated since 1990, and the percentage approaches two-thirds (64%) since 1980.

Classes of the 2000s =	5,672
Classes of the 1990s =	5,277
Classes of the 1980s =	4,764
Classes of the 1970s =	3,948
Classes of the 1960s =	2,601
Classes of the 1950s =	1,751
Classes of the 1940s =	583
Classes of the 1930s =	80
Classes of the 1920s =	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,684</b>

## Magnus Ranstorp '85

### 'Not your typical academic experience'

*from his award presentation introduction by Kevin Byrne*



*Editor's note: **Magnus Ranstorp '85** was selected for a Distinguished Alumni Citation in 2006 but was unable to schedule a time to return to the Gustavus campus to accept the award until November 2008.*

Over Magnus Ranstorp's four years on campus we got to know each other quite well, from his first semester to his last, and I am awed by where he has gone since those days when he was a student. To be sure, his is a story richly deserving of a Distinguished Alumni Citation.

This particular alumnus has forged for himself a stellar academic and scholarly career. And by itself, that career trajectory might well qualify him for this award. But there is more to tell. He has at times lived a life more akin to Indiana Jones than anything I have known in academia, and both inside and outside of the academy he has and continues to make a difference in the world. That is a rare combination of



life experiences, indeed, outside of the fantasy world of Hollywood. But it is part of the life of Dr. Per Magnus Ranstorp, Class of 1985.

Gustavus has a proud heritage of attracting students from countries around the world to pursue their studies on our campus. In the fall semester of 1981, a fresh-faced young Swede with a ready smile and an impressive amount of intellectual curiosity showed up in one of my U.S. history classes, and subsequently several others. As he grew intellectually, he developed a scholarly interest in the radical politics that were part of U.S. culture in the late 1960s, eventually researching and writing in his senior year a 75-page paper on the Weatherman faction of the Students for a Democratic Society. That effort, he attests, was the beginning of what would become the focus of his career: the study of political radicalism and terrorism, with a particular interest in the Middle East.

With an undergraduate degree from Gustavus in hand, Magnus continued the internationalization of his studies, earning a doctorate from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland while producing the dissertation that would become his first book, *Hizb'Allah in Lebanon: The Politics of the Western Hostage Crisis*, published in 1996. For that volume and for his subsequent publications he interviewed hundreds of members of political organizations, many of them “non-state actors,” as people in international relations say. His knowledge of and familiarity with individuals and groups involved in the turbulent politics of the Middle East grew dramatically, and it moved beyond that area of the world as well.

St. Andrews recognized the talent it had, hiring Magnus to teach courses in international relations and Middle East politics, and eventually naming him director of its Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. He remained there for 15 years, apparently living the typical life of a scholar—teaching, researching, writing, and publishing. An idyllic, perhaps even contemplative, life . . . or so it would seem.

Reality was more complicated. Take, for example, his experience in 1990 as the Soviet Union was collapsing, when Magnus participated in nine extensive dialogues on counter-terrorism with Western European and Soviet colleagues, including generals from the KGB and several European nations. Or the time he later spent in South American jungles with anti-kidnapping units of the Colombian military.

And then there were his three years of serving as a secret back channel between Lebanon’s radical Hizballah movement and the Israeli government, living, as he put it, a “surreal existence,” teaching in the classroom at one moment and carrying clandestine messages between these two organizations at the next. The Israeli media, in fact, singled out Magnus for his role in the Israeli decision to remove its troops from southern Lebanon in 2000.

Clearly, this is *not* your “typical academic” existence.

Magnus subsequently worked with British and Libyan governments in their efforts to establish a rapprochement in their relations. No won-

der CNN asked him to serve as a consultant in 2001 for the documentary *One Day Soon*, anticipating by a few months the attacks of September 11. At the moment of that tragedy, CNN named Magnus their principal terrorism expert and the following day asked him to brief reporter Christiane Amanpour on the relationship between Pakistan’s intelligence service and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan. Few others in the world were aware of the connection. Two years later, the 9/11 Commission invited him to come to the United States and present his evaluation of the future of the global terrorist threat and his advice for initiatives in response.

But even then, most of these experiences might have seemed rather tame to Dr. Ranstorp. After all, back in 1990, as he prepared to address a conference on terrorism he had organized, someone very fortuitously discovered the plastic explosives that an agent of the Provisional Irish Republican Army had placed under the podium. Perhaps after that experience, everything else has seemed rather mundane. Really and truly, this is *not* your “typical academic” experience!

In the past few years, Magnus has shifted his affiliation from Scotland back to his native Sweden, where he presently serves as the research director of the Centre of Asymmetric Threat Studies at the Swedish National Defence College. But his work outside the academy has continued as well. Magnus is a member of the European Union’s Expert Group on Violent Radicalization, regularly briefs the governments of Sweden and Denmark on the issue of terrorism, and lectures around the world. Recognizing his extraordinary contributions, his peers have elected him a Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences

And still he has found time to serve on several editorial boards, as well as continue to research and publish, most recently a book titled *Terrorism and Human Rights*. The title tells us a lot. All along, Magnus Ranstorp has brought to his studies and his professional work a humanistic sensitivity to questions about civil liberties and human rights. He talks about the need to balance security concerns with those two crucial issues. It is a sensitivity I noticed many years ago, when he produced that 75-page paper on the Weathermen for me.

To put it in simple terms, Magnus Ranstorp has made a difference in the world, a contribution to humanity, beginning with his students but extending far beyond the classroom and the campus. It is certainly fitting, and we know it is overdue, that we present him with a Distinguished Alumni Citation in international relations.

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*Professor of history Kevin Byrne has been a member of the Gustavus faculty since 1971.*

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