Commitments to Service

After Hurricane Katrina, Tulane University established the Center for Public Service in December, 2005, to help the New Orleans region rebuild and to involve its faculty and students in the process. The Public Service Fellows (PSF) program is a centerpiece of CPS. Undergraduate fellows assist faculty with coordinating service-learning projects. They also provide models of civic engagement for other undergraduates fulfilling Tulane’s new public service graduation requirement.

During 2007-2008, senior political economy majors Angela Sealy and Laura Pavicevic-Johnston were among fourteen members of the first class of Public Service Fellows (PSF) at Tulane’s new Center for Public Service (CPS). Their previous service work with Tibetan refugees in northern India and in New Orleans, and participation in the Tibetan Association at Tulane University (TATU) were among the reasons for their selection.

According to John Howard, Associate Director of the Murphy Institute, the two graduating seniors are “dynamic emblems of the Institute’s commitment to public service,” “self-transforming individuals,” and “committed citizens of the world.”

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A university is only as good as its students and faculty; a university is only as good as its students and faculty”—or so I repeated to myself on a warm spring day in 1984—when I accepted the appointment as second Director of the Murphy Institute and immediately began to wonder how I would measure success.

Apart from the resources of the Tulane Murphy Foundation, things did not look promising at the start. The Murphy Institute, established in 1980 under the exclusive control of Tulane’s Department of Economics, was more or less in receivership when I—quite improbably—was handed the Director’s reins at the end of only my fifth year on the Tulane faculty. In the fall of 1984, the Murphy Institute had only three majors in its undergraduate program in political economy; its first Director had moved elsewhere; it had no faculty it could call its own.

In an effort to pump life into the undergraduate program, Tulane’s then Provost Fran Lawrence charged me with developing a new curriculum and other program activity in political economy that would have broad interdisciplinary appeal for students and faculty alike. He also re-configured funding by the Tulane Murphy Foundation to allow the Murphy Institute to make joint faculty appointments in Economics, Philosophy, History, and Political Science.

Some twenty-four years later, if it’s still true that a university is only as good as its students and faculty, there’s no question Tulane has been extraordinarily well-served by the revamped Murphy Institute. And we were quick off the mark. In less than two years, the number of political economy majors increased more than thirty fold—from 3 to 106. Among that number were Christopher T. Brown ’87, one of Tulane’s first recipients of a Harry S. Truman scholarship, and Lorien Smith, ’88, the first woman elected President of the Associated Student Body since 1977. Mark Champa ’88, was elected ASB Vice President.

By spring of 1985, the revamped Murphy Institute also had begun to build an innovative and interdepartmental “core” faculty who year-in and year-out now teach courses specifically designed for our undergraduate program and over the years have helped to develop our diverse program of interdisciplinary seminars, lectures, and conferences. Among the Murphy Institute’s first faculty recruits was Jonathan Riley, appointed in 1985, and today widely recognized as one of Tulane’s most productive and respected scholars. He has been a recipient of major research fellowships from the National Humanities Center and Princeton University’s Center for Human Values, and is founding co-editor of our scholarly journal PPE: A Journal of Politics, Philosophy, and Economics.

This newsletter exists, in part, to gather annual testimony to the value of the Murphy Institute’s students and faculty. I am proud to say that, during my time as Director, such testimony has never been in scarce supply. But it seemed unusually abundant in 2007-2008. Consider three examples among many:
For many years now, the Murphy Institute has been well-known for the excellence of its undergraduate students. But the concentration of talent we had in this year’s senior class was quite remarkable. Of the twenty-four Tulane undergraduates who were awarded B.A. degrees in political economy at the 2008 University Commencement, a full one-third received high academic honors: Lucas Lockhart, Ryan McDonald, and Laura Pavicevic-Johnston graduated Summa Cum Laude; Samantha Demartino, Clarke Edwards, Rebecca Jade Harry, And Emily Hersh, Magna Cum Laude; And Laura Weiss, Cum Laude with Departmental Honors. Eight of our graduating seniors wrote honors theses. Lucas Lockhart was also inducted into The William Wallace Peery Society, whose select membership includes graduating seniors who have earned the highest cumulative grade point averages during the course of their undergraduate careers. Laura Pavicevic-Johnston and Angela Sealy were charter members of the first class of Tulane Undergraduate Public Service Fellows. Laura Weiss has been offered a position with Teach for America. I could go on.

Of the many talented students in the Murphy Class of 2008, Ms. Pavicevic-Johnston may be the most remarkable. Just listing the many honors she received during 2007-2008 should suffice to support that claim. In addition to graduating Summa Cum Laude and being selected a charter member of Tulane’s new Public Service Fellows, Ms. Pavicevic-Johnston was also the winner of (a) the Oak Wreath (awarded by the Newcomb College Institute to seniors who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of learning and leadership; (b) the Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize, awarded for original research in the fields of history, economics, and political science; (c) the Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award, bestowed on a Tulane undergraduate with a demonstrated interest in international affairs; and (d) designation as Senior Honors Scholar in Political Economy. Ms. Pavicevic-Johnston also authored an outstanding honors thesis on “Market Reform, Rising Inequality, and Conflicting Ideologies: Successes and Failures in the Pursuit of an East Asian Model in China and Vietnam.”

Thanks to Hurricane Katrina, Professor Olson (Economics) got off to something of a slow start when she joined the Murphy Institute core faculty in the fall of 2005. But since then she has built a reputation as one of Tulane’s most respected faculty members. This spring she received the Mortar Board Award for Excellence in Tenured Teaching, given annually by the Newcomb College Institute and Mortar Board to a tenured Tulane faculty member who has excelled in the classroom and contributed to the growth and development of students. Professor Olson also received national recognition when she was asked to serve as a mentor to a select group of junior health economists in a nationwide program sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Center for the Study of Women in the Economics Profession, and the American Economic Association. In this role, she provided feedback on junior faculty doing research in her field—health economics and policy—and participated in a series of panels that dealt with the challenges women face in pursuing careers as economists. The program was created to help improve chances of success and promotion for young women in the economics profession.

On other fronts, I am happy to report that the Murphy Institute’s Center for Ethics and Public Affairs continues to prosper as a national and international “think tank” in ethics and public affairs. The building blocks of its success have been various. But certainly chief among them has been PPE: A Journal of Politics, Philosophy and Economics, which was launched in February, 2002, by founding co-editors Jonathan Riley and and former Murphy Institute core faculty member Gerald Gaus (now James E. Rogers Professor of Philosophy, Arizona). Since then, PPE has become the first place many scholars look for new papers at the intersection of the fields of politics, philosophy, and economics; also the first place many think about when considering where they would like new research at this intersection to appear. Now entering its seventh year of publication, PPE has explored issues that have included constitutional design, property rights, the morals of the market, the welfare state, population ethics, and the evolution of norms.

Other Murphy Institute student and faculty achievements (and more details on those mentioned above) are described in the pages that follow. The Center for Ethics annual newsletter—Focus on the Center—provides a more detailed account of its activities. Focus is available in hard copy by request, and online at www.murphy.tulane.edu/publications/focus.

Richard F. Teichgraeber, Director
August 2008
**FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**


**Mary Olson**, Associate Professor of Economics, published a new paper, “The Risk We Bear: The Effects of Review Speed and User Fee Funding on New-Drug Safety,” as the lead article in the *Journal of Health Economics*, vol. 27, no. 2 (2008). She received a grant from the Tulane Research Enhancement Fund to serve as co-investigator (with Claudia Campbell) on the project, “An Assessment of Health Care Access of New Orleans’s Latino Population,” which will be completed in Summer 2008. In January, 2008 she was chosen to be a mentor in the Center for the Study of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) Mentoring Workshop for junior women assistant professors in Economics. This program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and CSWEP. In May, 2008, Professor Olson also received the Mortar Board Award for Excellence in Tenured Teaching.


Martyn Thompson, Associate Professor of Political Science, continued to serve as co-editor of Politisches Denken Jahrbuch 2007 (Duncker and Humblot, Berlin). In his capacity as President of the Michael Oakeshott Association, Professor Thompson delivered the paper “Oakeshott and Conservatism” at the December, 2007 meeting of the Association in Jena, Germany. He also has two new papers in progress: “The Reception of Althusius’s Politica methodice digesta”; and “Althusius and the Origins of Political Science as a University Department.”
What explains the European Union’s (EU) decision to embark on a path leading to a single economic market and to “re-launch” European political integration in the process?

The question is important and complicated, and has drawn considerable attention from the EU’s many students—especially from political scientists. Most explanations assign a major role to only one of the following three factors: EU member states, supranational actors in the EU, and neo-liberal economic ideas. But Nicolas Jabko’s recent book Playing the Market: A Political Strategy For Uniting Europe (Harvard University Press, 2006) suggests we should in fact pay close attention to important contributions made by a combination of non-state actors and their skillful promotion of the concept of “the market.”

In Jabko’s view, the idea of a single European economic market was not created simply at the behest of the EU’s most powerful member states; nor was it an idea spread by the strong currents of a global economy that then were carrying capital market liberalization forward. Jabko argues that the push for a single market was in fact spearheaded by the EU’s executive agency—the European Commission—and in particular by its then formidable past president, Jacques Delors.

In Jabko’s account, the European Commission was catalytic during the late 1980s and 1990s, acting as an agent of change and successfully persuading EU member states to get on board by framing its single market goal in politically strategic ways. The Commission’s president, staff, and certain key commissioners did not insist on a pure free market union; rather, they sought to frame the question “whither Europe?” in market terms, by using the power of resonant language and a capacious concept of “the market” to persuade member state governments to buy what they were selling. “The promoters of Europe,” Jabko writes, “exploited the fact that ‘the market’ meant different things in different issue areas and for different groups.”
The European Commission also addressed various policy divisions among the member states, especially the question of whether creation of a single economic market (no barriers to movement of goods and services) represented simply a triumph of laissez-faire ideology or a necessary step toward full European political unity.

How did the European Commission put together a winning coalition? Jabko answers with help from "constructivist theory," arguing that the Commission was able to adjust its economic language to various political targets and in so doing not only cater to a diversity of political interests but also go on to form a pro-market coalition of strange bedfellows. As Jabko makes use of it, "constructivist theory" stresses the causal importance of shared ideas. Once they reach a crucial threshold of shared consensus, ideas then serve to channel the preferences and behavior of actors who buy into them.

As with most books that deal with complicated questions, Playing The Market has some drawbacks. To begin with, I think the concept of "the market" is not as differently framed in each of the four cases as Jabko believes. As his ideal typical distinctions among the four market functions are applied to actual events, they begin to break down, leaving the reader with a sense that their categorization has been overdrawn and their distinctiveness exaggerated. More often than not, the evidence in Jabko’s cases also points not towards the coordinated actions of an array of Commission officials, but towards Jacques Delors himself (along with his chef du cabinet, Pascal Lamy), a fact often highlighted in earlier studies of the formation and development of The EU. And while the actions and decisions of Delors are clearly described, Jabko’s account of the powerful Commission president’s motives tends to be sketchy.

Finally, it is worth noting that, while Playing the Market is a carefully researched and thought-provoking book, the timing of its publication is ironic. For Jabko’s book has arrived at a moment when a steadily growing number of Europeans believe that “the market” has proved ineffective in serving their needs. Indeed, for many, “the market” now seems more a source of, than solution to, European maladies.
24 NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE SENIORS were awarded B.A. degrees in political economy at the May 2008 University Commencement. Several received high academic honors: LUCAS LOCKHART, RYAN MCDONALD, AND LAURA PAVICEVIC-JOHNSTON graduated summa cum laude; SAMANTHA DEMARTINO, CLARKE EDWARDS, REBECCA JADE HARRY, AND EMILY HERSH graduated magna cum laude; LAURA WEISS graduated with departmental honors.

Other members of the class of 2008 included NICOLE ARCHAMBAULT, BRENT BIELSKI, LUCAS CARLSON, ALEX CLARKE, KATHRYN DAHLBERG, MARTA DEHMLOW, ADAM GREENBERG, NATHANIEL HINDMAN, GREGORY KALNITSKY, STEVEN LEVINE, WILLIAM C. LIEDTKE IV, ERICA MITCHELL, KYLIE NOVASEL, DANIEL JOSEPH RUBIN, ANGELA SEALY, AND ANDREW WIANS.

The Charles H. Murphy Prize in Political Economy was awarded to LUCAS LOCKHART and LAURA PAVICEVIC-JOHNSTON. The inaugural Murphy Institute Award for Public Service was presented to ANGELA SEALY.

LUCAS LOCKHART graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Philosophy. Lucas was recognized as a Senior Honors Scholar and was inducted into The William Wallace Peery Society. Membership in the Peery Society is awarded to those students who have earned the highest cumulative grade point averages over the course of their undergraduate careers. His honors thesis was entitled “Post-Fordist Industrial Relations in the American and German Automobile Industries”. Lucas will be an intern at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, where he will work on economic policy before pursuing graduate studies next year.

LAURA PAVICEVIC-JOHNSTON was recognized as a Senior Honors Scholar and a Newcomb Scholar. She was the winner of the Oak Wreath, bestowed by the Newcomb Memorial College Institute upon seniors who have distinguished themselves through an engaged pursuit of learning, leadership in student activities, and contribution to the Newcomb/Tulane community. Laura won the Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize awarded for the best essay showing original research in history, economics, or political science written by a junior or senior. She also won the Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award. Laura’s honors thesis was “Market Reform, Rising Inequality, and Conflicting Ideologies: Successes and Failures in the Pursuit of an East Asian Model in China and Vietnam” and reflected research she was able to complete thanks to the support of a Judith K. Schafer Summer Internship Grant, which made possible her work with the Fund for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance in Hue, Vietnam. Laura was one of the charter members of the first class of Tulane Undergraduate Public Service Fellows, as well as continuing her volunteer work with the Louisiana Himalayan Association. Laura continues in her position as a Program Coordinator at the Alliance for Affordable Energy in New Orleans where she manages multiple campaigns related to energy efficiency and environmentally responsible energy policy in Louisiana. In November she will journey to Kathmandu.
Samantha Demartino was a Senior Honors Scholar and a Newcomb Scholar, and she was a member of Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa. She was also an Oak Wreath recipient. Her honors thesis was “Economic Development in Lhasa”. She organized and managed “Laptops for Tibet”, a program of the student group TATU, Tibetan Awareness at Tulane University. Samantha was a co-director of the Sustainable Development Policy Center at the Tulane chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, a national undergraduate student think tank, and worked as an intern in Economic and Political Economy program ‘08.

Clarke Edwards graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Economics. His honors thesis was “Race and Voting Behavior in the New Orleans Mayoral Election”. He will attend law school at the University of Virginia.

Rebecca Jade Harry graduated with a major in Political Economy and a double minor in History and Philosophy. She was a Newcomb Scholar and an Oak Wreath recipient. She was a member of Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society and a founding member of the Tulane Political Economy Society. Her honors thesis was “Reconstruction, Redemption, and Jim Crow: The Effects of Late Nineteenth Century Laws on African-American Entrepreneurship”. Jade will pursue graduate studies at the London School of Economics in the History of International Relations program.

Angela Sealy was the recipient of a new award presented for the first time this year, the Murphy Institute Award for Public Service. Angela was also one of the charter members of the first class of Tulane Undergraduate Public Service Fellows. She was the spokesperson for public service at Tulane to the Corporation for National and Community Service and served on the Public Service Student Advisory Committee for the Center for Public Service. She was a volunteer coordinator for CGI-U, the Clinton Global Initiative – University. Angela worked as an intern in the New Orleans Mayor’s Office of Economic Development and she volunteered as a Coordination and Development intern at the Louisiana Himalayan Association in Dharamsala, India. She is now working in Thailand.

Emily Hersh graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Economics. She was a Newcomb Scholar and a member of Mortar Board. Her honors thesis was “Free Trade Zones in Indonesia”. She will pursue graduate studies in International Economic Relations at the School of International Service at American University.

At the Murphy Institute Senior Dinner.

Top Left: Samantha Demartino
Top Right: Rebecca Jade Harry
Bottom Left: Angela Sealy
Bottom Right: Emily Hersh
The exchange
Fall 2008

Ryan McDonald was a Senior Honors Scholar. His honors thesis was “The Ethics of Socializing Medicine in the United States”. He has accepted a position with Reynolds and Reynolds as a Solutions Specialist in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Laura Weiss graduated with a double major in Political Economy and Political Science – International Relations. Her departmental honors thesis was “The Right Tools for the Job: Comparing the Effectiveness of European Union and United States Foreign Policy Tools in Promoting International Democracy and Stability”. In summer 2007 she studied in Prague at Georgetown University’s American Institute on Political and Economic Systems. She also volunteered as the cheerleading coach at Eleanor McMain Secondary School in New Orleans. Laura was the President and a founding member of the Tulane Political Economy Society. She has accepted a position with Teach for America and will work and live in New York City.

Lucas Carlson will work as a program coordinator with Operation Smile, a volunteer organization devoted to repairing childhood facial deformities while building public and private partnerships that advocate for sustainable healthcare systems for children and families.

Kathryn Dahlberg has accepted a position with the Princeton Review.

Marta Dehmlow will work as a public relations intern for the Podesta Group in Washington, DC.

Adam Greenberg has accepted a position with the William Morris Agency.

Gregory Kalnitsky will attend law school at the Benjamin M. Cardozo School of Law.

Kylie Novasel will live and work at Mt. Buller in Victoria, Australia.

Thomas Barone ’09 is an executive board member for Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and an executive officer for the Political Economy Society. He volunteers for the Upward Bound Program and the After School Enrichment Program and is an intern at Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P, and a summer intern at Merrill Lynch.

Greg Dexter ’09 and Amna Bajwa ’10 are summer interns at the World Trade Center in New Orleans.

Molly Green ’09 is the vice chair of administration for the Community Action Council of Tulane University Students (CACTUS) and the project coordinator for CACTUS Juvenile Assistance. She also served as a Community Scholar Mentor for freshman community service scholar.

Daria Kester ’09 is a pre-med double major in Political Economy and Cell Biology. She was a public service intern at Children’s Hospital in the pediatric cardiology department. She also volunteers at Animal Rescue New Orleans. Daria is the public relations chair for Tulane Model United Nations.

Eric Lavin ’09 is the president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is in the Obama Fellows program, working as an intern for the presidential election campaign of Sen. Barack Obama (D-Illinois). Eric volunteers as the media relations chair for GreenNolaSchools.com and for Habitat for Humanity.

Kendred Dove ’09 was an intern in the mayor’s office in Phoenix, Arizona, and volunteers for Common Ground, helping to restore the Lower 9th ward in New Orleans.
Jacqueline Mabry ’09 was the Horizons Initiative project manager for the Young Professionals Job Market Survey. This summer she will be conducting needs assessment surveys for the RALLY Foundation’s efforts to aid residents in the Hoffman Triangle neighborhood in New Orleans.

Nicole Shida ’09 was the Grand Prize winner for the First Annual South Central Japanese Speech Contest, held at the University of Mississippi, and sponsored by the Consular Office of Japan in Nashville. Nicole was chosen the winner among nineteen finalists from universities across the United States and was awarded a round-trip ticket to Japan from Continental Airlines for her winning speech.

Ali Skaife ’09 is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society.

Eileen Collins ’10 was awarded a Travelling Scholars Grant by the Newcomb Memorial Women’s Institute.

Megan Cox ’10 is the political columnist for the Hullabaloo. She is an intern for the Oregon delegation to the Democratic National Convention. She will spend her junior year abroad at the London School of Economics.

David L. Greenberg ’10 is the brother of Jeffrey Greenberg ’07 and continues the Murphy Institute tradition of “legacy” majors. David is an intern for Rep. Steve Kagen (D-Wisconsin). David is a Senator in Undergraduate Student Government.

Kirsten Hill ’10 serves on the Executive Board of the Tulane chapter of the Roosevelt Institution, and is the chair of the Education Policy Center. She is a varsity rower and is the Vice Commodore of the Tulane Rowing Association. She volunteers at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and is a candidate to be a Jones Scholar Intern for the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives.

Ernesto Posadas ’10 volunteers as a Spanish language interpreter at the Tulane University Community Health Center.

Sara Sands ’10 was selected as a Grinspoon Israel Advocacy intern for the 2008-09 academic year. She was a service learning tutor for 8th graders at Green Charter School and she volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

Jing Jia Zang ’10 is the treasurer for Newcomb Senate and the vice president for finance for Undergraduate Student Government.

Samantha Fox ’11 is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Amy Hsu ’11 is president of the Taiwanese Student Association and president of the Ping Pong Club. She is vice-president of Tulane Model United Nations.

The undergraduate program in political economy continues to flourish. In May 2008, there were seventy-nine majors in the program; sixty-six finished the year with grade point averages above 3.0; forty-three with 3.4 or higher. Eleven seniors graduated with grade point averages of 3.6 or higher.
Angela Sealy

Sealy’s first local service work came in the Mayor’s Office in New Orleans only a few months after Katrina. As an intern at the Office of Planning and Development, she helped launch the Film Commission website, assisted with grant writing, and streamlined the process by which low-income housing developers receive funding. “Working for the Mayor’s Office,” said Sealy, “taught me a lot about the many socio-economic issues that trouble this city and provided valuable experience in trying to solve them.”

In the summer of 2007, Sealy took Neil Guidry’s “Compassion in Action” course taught in Dharamsala, India. Thanks to a Judith K. Schafer Summer Internship Grant from the Murphy Institute, she extended her stay an extra six weeks to intern at Guidry’s nonprofit organization, the Louisiana Himalayan Association. There, Sealy taught computer and English skills to Tibetan refugees, worked as a capacity builder, and helped establish two libraries.

During her senior year, Sealy continued assisting Tibetan refugees, but in a different capacity. As a worker for INExchange, a New Orleans not-for-profit, fair-trade art boutique owned and operated by Erica Trani, Sealy promoted fair-trade merchandise and helped protect underemployed Tibetan artisans. According to Sealy, “INExchange gave me an outlet to share with others the benefits of being a consumer with a conscience. Being able to guarantee people that their purchases would improve the livelihood of the amazing Tibetan artisans I’ve worked with was priceless.”

As part of her Public Service fellowship, Sealy also assisted Kelly Grant, Professor of Practice in the Business School, in her Management Communications course. Sealy led some classes, in addition to helping students problem-solve and reflect on the course’s service component: a partnership with New Orleans Outreach, a nonprofit dedicated to improving public education by linking volunteers with schools and starting up needed programs. Students not only helped schools fulfill their specific wishes (such as the creation of an organic garden or a spoken-word class), they devised plans to increase fundraising and improve volunteer recruitment and retention. “Because I was working with a project-oriented class, it made it difficult at times to motivate the students to front-load their calendars so that they got in forty hours of service,” said Sealy. “Even though some waited until the last minute, they always seemed grateful to see how their projects directly benefited the community partner.”

Laura Pavicevic-Johnston

Pavicevic-Johnston also took the Compassion in Action course in 2006 (then taught by Ngawang Legshe) and later became president of the Tibetan Association at Tulane. She continues to assist Tibetan refugees by fundraising and coordinating with Louisiana Himalayan Association volunteers in Mid-City New Orleans.

In summer of 2007, Pavicevic-Johnston received a Schafer Summer Internship Grant from the Murphy Institute, to support travel to Hue, Vietnam and to intern with a microcredit firm called The Fund for the Encouragement of Self Reliance (FESR), a grassroots organization run by local Vietnamese. According to Pavicevic-Johnston, “Their average loan is only about $100, but that amount enables women to buy, for instance, a new cow or pig, which will provide the family not only with extra income but also better nutrition.”
After helping increase FESR’s fundraising and outreach capabilities, Pavicevic-Johnston returned to Tulane. In the fall of 2007, she took Alternative Journalism, taught by Vicki Mayer, Associate Professor of Communication. In spring of 2008, as a PSF, Pavicevic-Johnston mentored other students in this class. She also wrote for The Trumpet, a local paper run by the Neighborhood Partnership Network, and provided editorial advice and guidance for other student writers.

The director of CPS is Vincent Ilustre; the Public Service Fellows program is managed by Jamie Schmill, Program Manager for Faculty Training and Support at the Center. With Howard continuing to serve on the Advisory Board for CPS, the Murphy Institute will continue to play an important role in the future of public service at Tulane.

In a NewWave article, President Scott Cowen recently credited the CPS for Tulane’s post-Katrina resurgence and record number of 2008 undergraduate applicants. “The biggest single factor attracting new students was, without a doubt, the unique opportunity of going to school in a city where they can make a difference,” said Cowen. “By infusing public service into the curriculum we offer each student an opportunity to apply what he or she has learned in class to real life.”

Service after Graduation

During 2007-2008, fourteen undergraduates were chosen to be Public Service Fellows. Next year, that number is expected to increase three-fold. Sealy and Pavicevic-Johnston will be gone by then, but their service to others, and to Tulane by extension, will continue.

After graduating, Sealy will travel to Thailand to work with various volunteer organizations. “My future plans are to find a nonprofit position working on social injustices before heading back to grad school,” said Sealy. “Eventually, I would love to work for an international organization like the UN or head up my own nonprofit.”

Pavicevic-Johnston will head overseas as well. “The public service fellowship helped prepare me for the different types of people and networks I’ll work with in future civic engagement, both domestic and international,” she explained. Her plan is to attend a retreat in a monastery outside Kathmandu and delve into Buddhism. Afterward, she intends to go to India to work for the Louisiana Himalayan Association.

The Center for Public Service & The Murphy Institute

The Center for Public Service was mandated by Tulane’s Board under the 2005 Renewal Plan, along with a new public service graduation requirement for all undergraduates. In Fall of 2006, Murphy Institute Associate Director John Howard was appointed one of the founding members of the Executive Committee of the CPS. And in that role, he helped to meet the challenge of designing the program from the ground up.

Under the leadership of Associate Provost Ana Lopez and co-chairs Joy Fuqua of Communications and Michael Cunningham of Psychology, the CPS Executive Committee met at least twice weekly during 2006-2007. Considering the current range of offerings (graduate student fellowships, internships, public service development grants for faculty, resources for faculty and workshops for students, etc.), there can be little question the Committee has made great strides in a relatively short amount of time.
Class of 1989

Lisa E. Kahn announces the birth of her daughter, Abby Elena, on September 2, 2007. Lisa works for Verizon Business where she manages a telecommunications network contract department.

Class of 1990

Richard West is the General Counsel of RST Group, Inc., which operates the Restricted Securities Trading Network (RSTN) in New York. He resides in Darien, Connecticut with his wife, Courtney, and their two children, Oliver (3) and Charlotte (1).

Class of 1991

Joy Shapiro Gray lives in Bedminster, New Jersey and is the President of Gray Executive Search, Inc.

Class of 1992

Eduardo Fibles is Assistant Professor of French at Simmons College in Boston. George Fraley is currently Vice President, Legal Affairs and Associate General Counsel at Renovis, Inc, a publically traded biopharmaceutical company in the San Francisco Bay area.

Class of 1993

Class of 1995

ANDREA MARSH continues to serve as Executive Director of the Texas Fair Defense Project in Austin, which works to improve Texas’s indigent defense system. In March 2008, Andrea appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court as co-counsel in Rothgery v. Gillespie County, in which the Court will determine when an indigent criminal defendant’s Sixth Amendment right to counsel attaches. TFDP’s client, Walter Rothgery, was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm even though he was not, in fact, a felon. Pursuant to local policy, Rothgery was denied access to counsel for six months after his initial hearing before a magistrate judge. When Rothgery finally received an appointed lawyer, after an extended period of incarceration and months of unemployment, the charges against him were promptly dismissed. A decision in the Rothgery case is expected by the end of June. DAVID SAS has completed his fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology in Dallas, and has accepted a faculty position with the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. His wife, Samantha, and his son, Eli, are looking forward to moving there in July. David and Samantha are also expecting their second child, scheduled to arrive in September.

Class of 1996

MELISSA ZIGLER BARIS has been named a Member (partner) of her law firm, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC, in St. Louis, Missouri. She has been practicing law with Husch & Eppenberger, in the litigation department, since she graduated from Washington University School of Law in 1999. Melissa and her husband Jon just welcomed their second child, Jacob Reed Baris, on June 4, 2007. They also have a 3 year old son, Daniel.

NEWLY ENDOWED FUNDS SUPPORT HONORS THESIS RESEARCH

This year two new endowments were established by Murphy Institute alumni, and the funds share a common purpose: research support for political economy seniors writing an honors thesis. These funds have already been used to support the research of eight students who wrote honors theses in the 2007-2008 academic year.

The Dale E. Miller and Hillary Bachmann Miller Fund

This endowed fund was established by Dale E. Miller ’89 and his wife Hillary Bachmann Miller (NC ’88). Dale was a Political Economy major and is currently a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council of the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane. Hillary majored in Communications and she is also a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council of the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane.

Jim Frankel Family Undergraduate Research Fund

In October 2007, James “Jim” and Carol Frankel made a generous gift to establish this endowed fund to support undergraduate honors thesis research. Jim and Carol are the parents of 2007 graduates Leslie and Lisa Frankel. Leslie earned her BA in Psychology and is now pursuing a PhD in Psychology at the University of Texas. Lisa was a 2007 Charles H. Murphy Prize Winner and is now pursuing an MBA from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas.

Melissa Zigler Baris ’96 is a Member of her law firm, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC, in St. Louis, MO.
96% of Murphy Institute alumni would choose political economy as their major, if given another chance to choose an undergraduate major.

—from the Murphy Institute alumni assessment survey 1986-2006

Class of 1997


Class of 1998

Tre McQueen earned his Wings of Gold as a helicopter pilot in April 2000 and moved to San Diego to begin training as a carrier based H60 pilot. Since then he has lived in Jacksonville, Florida, done three deployments including OEF, OIF twice, and moved back to San Diego as an instructor. He is married to Kelly, a beautiful and intelligent doctor of audiology. Last year Tre and Kelly moved to Japan, and they are currently exploring Asia.

Class of 1999

Victoria Nooner Ozimek is a lawyer at Vinson & Elkins LLP in Austin, Texas, now practicing tax law, specializing in tax-exempt finance. She was recently named a Legislative Fellow for Children at Risk and will be assisting the Houston-based organization with drafting legislation affecting educational initiatives. Jarett Nixon is Corporate Counsel for Worldwide Legal Operations at Cisco Systems in San Jose, California.
Class of 2001

RAGAN NARESH is an Associate in the litigation department of Kirkland & Ellis's Washington, DC office. He is a 2007 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. SIENNA RAKESTRAW SINGER is an Associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago in the Restructuring group working with financially troubled companies in chapter 11 and out-of-court restructuring. In February 2008, she married Daniel Singer (TC ’02).

Class of 2000

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Class of 2002

STEVEN CAHALL completed a master’s degree in International Affairs at George Washington University and spent three years in the international business department of a major military systems manufacturer. He now works in Washington, DC, for a management consulting firm, The Avascent Group, focusing on corporate strategy for technology companies who do business with government. JILLIAN GUTMAN MANN is an attorney at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP in Chicago, practicing in the areas of Bankruptcy and Restructuring. She has received numerous awards for legal research and writing, including a CALI award and the Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing. LIZ MAY was an analyst at the United States Treasury Department in the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. She now works for Advanced Resources Technologies, Inc. under contract to the Office of Investigations and Counterintelligence in the State Department. She is also pursuing a Master’s Degree in Applied Economics at Johns Hopkins University. Liz lives in Arlington, Virginia.

Class of 2003

JANET DALY BAUMAN is still working at Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a non-profit child advocacy and crime prevention group in Washington, DC. She is the Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Development. RICHARD MORALES will pursue a Masters of Public Policy degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Richard was also accepted into programs at Columbia University, Cornell University, and Carnegie-Mellon University before choosing Harvard. MATT ROSEN is a member of the business development team at Angelsoft, the leading provider of deal tracking and group collaboration solutions for early-stage investing worldwide.
**Class of 2004**

**JASON ANTRICAN** works at the Centre for Scottish Public Policy, a think tank in Edinburgh, Scotland, and delivered a speech at the Scottish National Party conference. He will be moving back to the states to attend law school at the University of Virginia. Jason was also accepted to the law schools at Vanderbilt, University of Texas, University of Michigan, UCLA, and Georgetown University.

**BEN CARYL** graduated Tulane Law School, cum laude, in May 2007. He is now working in Washington, DC for the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, in the China/Non-Market Economy Unit. Ben works on Chinese anti-dumping investigations and he will be traveling to China for the Commerce Department.

**VIKRAM VIJ** is completing his second year of law school at South Texas College of Law, while working at the United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District of Texas. He will be working at the Harris County District Attorney’s Office in the summer of 2008.

**ANDREW WILKINS** lives in Arlington, Virginia and is the Deputy Director for Presidential Support in the Executive Office of the White House.

**Class of 2005**

**PATRICK BABIN** graduated from Loyola University College of Law in May 2008 and has been hired as an attorney in the Longshore Section of Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand, and Brackett, LLC in New Orleans.

**ANDREW GALL** has taught English in Prague, completed a year of AmeriCorps VISTA service in Alaska, and is now working on the Obama campaign in Pennsylvania.

**JENNIFER WEBB** is currently in her second year of law school at Catholic University. She attends school at night and during the day she works as the program coordinator for the Professional Development Workshops Office at Catholic University. She is also Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law, Philosophy and Culture.

**Class of 2006**

**QUIN CARTHANE** is pursuing graduate studies in diplomacy at the International Relations and Diplomacy program at the College of Europe, in Bruges and Natolin (Warsaw).

**Class of 2007**

**NYKOEL DINARDO** has completed her first year of law school at Syracuse University.

**LISA M. FRANKEL** has completed her first year in the MBA program at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas. This summer she is an intern with Bank of America in Boston, Massachusetts, working in the Global Wealth and Investment Management Division.

**PAUL KELLOGG** has completed his first year of law school at the University of Chicago.

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**EMILY ROSE MCRAE** is an Organizing Fellow for the presidential election campaign of Sen. Barack Obama (D-Illinois).

**ALEX SCRICO** lives in New York. She just returned from a six month photographic tour of Europe.

**RYAN TRAPANI** serves as an Anti-Submarine Warfare officer aboard the USS Nicholas (FFG-47). He also graduated from Surface Rescue Swimmer School in Jacksonville, Florida and is now qualified as a United States Navy Rescue Swimmer.

**SARAH WATT** works for the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, VA as a research associate. She works in the mid-Atlantic regional section of the research department, monitoring economic conditions in her district and working on publications and reports. Sarah plans to attend graduate school in the near future for either an MPA or MPP degree.
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