DOING POLITICAL ECONOMY: Honors Theses and Beyond

DURING 2004–05, they were among the Murphy Institute’s best and brightest undergraduates—five seniors majoring in political economy: THOMAS DOWELL, BEN MAURER, ALEX GILL, JENNIFER WEBB, and JULIENIE MCZURA. At the 2005 Tulane University Commencement, all graduated with high academic honors, partly because all successfully completed honors theses that claimed much of their time and energy during their senior year.

An undergraduate honors thesis is a formidable challenge. At Tulane, it usually begins late in spring semester of junior year, when students—who must have GPAs of 3.5 or higher to qualify—select topics and find professors to direct their research. Fall semester of senior year is devoted to completing the bulk of research, with preliminary outlines of the thesis due when the semester ends. First full drafts must be finished by the beginning of April.

As Spring semester ends, each honors theses-writer is required—as if in a junior Ph.D. program—to defend final drafts before a panel of three faculty readers. The defense ends with the suspenseful moment. Students are sent out of the room. Panels then deliberate on whether to accept the work.

The process is a long and demanding rite of passage, but also one that opens a window on the experience of being a political economy major at the Murphy Institute.

Chinese Banking Reform

For THOMAS DOWELL, the need to understand the Chinese banking system was a pressing one. “After all, by 2007,” he observed, “China will be responsible for seven percent of the world’s exports and six-and-a-half percent of its imports.”

Dowell’s thesis explored the current workings of the Chinese banking system against the backdrop of a close study of the 1997 East Asian currency crisis. His topic also turned out to be as volatile as current global financial markets can be. Just two weeks before his first draft was due, Dowell had to come to terms with an unexpected development. A powerful new appointment to China’s currency board was widely expected to remove existing controls on how foreign investment moved in and out of the country.

The problem here? “If capital controls are dismantled before removing China from the exchange rate peg, there could be negative implications,” Dowell explained. “Money could flow into China for the
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

2004–05 was an extraordinary year at the Murphy Institute in many ways. So my report on the past year’s activities must extend well beyond its usual boundaries.

The big news here is that Tulane University has kicked off its $700 million capital campaign—“Promise and Distinction: The Campaign for Tulane”—with the Murphy Institute targeted for substantial new strategic program support. Our campaign goal is ambitious: $21.5 million over three years. $7.5 will be for a new endowment designed to enhance our summer internship program, provide two named chairs for Murphy Institute faculty, and establish permanent funding for graduate and faculty fellowships at our new Center for Ethics and Public Affairs. The balance will fund a major renovation and expansion of Tulane’s historic Richardson Building. This project will give the Murphy Institute a new home designed to ensure the continuing success of our programs. It will also provide the Tulane community with a revitalized academic center in the heart of its uptown campus.

The Murphy Institute’s campaign goals will be spelled out in more detail in other summer mailings and on our new website, www.murphy.tulane.edu/abigail. But because numerous alumni and other supporters gave major gifts during the “quiet phase” of our campaign, I want to tell you where the campaign stands at the moment. In March, 2005, the Murphy Institute received two major gifts to fund the costs of the Richardson Building renovation and expansion: $1 million from the John W. and Bertie M. Deming Foundation, and $2 million from the Murphy Foundation. The Tulane Murphy Foundation has also pledged a $2 million matching gift. We are fortunate and grateful.

We also emerged from the “quiet phase” just past the halfway mark in our effort to establish a $300,000 endowment for the Summer Internship Program. Here numerous Murphy Institute alumni have made significant gifts or pledged substantial support, including Michael Arata ’89, Chris Brown ’87, Jason Cook ’93, Adam Dell ’92, Jonathan Drucker ’88, Michele Mendell Drucker ’91, Katherine Wickett ’89, and Jamie Wickett ’89. The generosity of Murphy Institute alumni is especially gratifying, since all are still in the early stages of their careers.

The next issue of The Exchange will provide a detailed account of progress on our campaign. Also look for quarterly updates in your mail and on the Murphy Institute’s campaign website: www.murphy.tulane.edu/giving.

Meanwhile, 2004–05 also marked the end of the three-year start-up phase of the Murphy Institute’s new Center for Ethics. I’m pleased to report its activities and programs have captured the attention of faculty across the university and around the world, making the Center a hotbed of rigorous study of ethical issues of major importance. The Center’s annual newsletter—Focus on the Center—provides a more detailed account of its activities. Focus is available in hard copy by request and on line at www.murphy.tulane.edu/publications/focus.

The undergraduate program continues to thrive. Thirty-seven seniors graduated with B.A.’s in political economy this year. Of these, three received their degrees summa cum laude, one magna cum laude, and twelve cum laude. Three were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Members of the Murphy Institute Class of 2005 were accepted to a number of prestigious law schools, including Virginia, Texas, Washington & Lee, George Mason, and Tulane. Others will have been offered employment in various settings, including Teach for America, the Panama Canal Commission, and the United States Senate.

Finally, there is some bittersweet news to report: Judith K. Schafer has resigned from her position as associate director. With twenty years of service, her tenure has been marked by a number of important accomplishments. Among them are the skillful co-ordination of the Murphy Institute’s ties to the Institute of Economic and Political Studies (INSTEP) in London and Cambridge and the successful administration of our undergraduate Summer Internship Program. But unquestionably, Dr. Schafer’s most significant contribution to the Murphy Institute has been the guidance and support she has provided for nineteen classes of undergraduate political economy majors. Next fall, Dr. Schafer moves on to begin a three-year appointment as Visiting Professor of History and Law. To honor her legacy, the Murphy Institute has named the Summer Internship Program in her honor and created an endowed fund to support it.

In short, not only is the Murphy Institute in great shape, but prospects for its continued growth and improvement are excellent.

Richard F. Teichgraeber III, Director
FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY


■ JUDITH KELLEHER SCHAFFER, Associate Director of the Murphy Institute, presented a new paper on “‘Outrageous Depravity’: Sex Across the Color Line in Antebellum New Orleans” at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association. Professor Schaffer serves on the Association’s Board of Directors and continues work on a new book entitled ‘A Perfect Sodom’: Sex in New Orleans 1846–1862. This fall, she will take a new position as Visiting Professor of History and Law at Tulane.


■ MARTYN THOMPSON, Associate Professor of Political Science, is author of a forthcoming paper on “Intimations of Poetry in Practical Life” in The Intellectual Legacy of Michael Oakeshott, eds. C. Abel and T. Fuller (forthcoming, 2005), and a review article on “German Enlightenment from the Bottom Up” in Eighteenth-Century Studies, 38, no. 2 (2005), 374–76. Professor Thompson is President Elect of the Michael Oakeshott Association, which will hold its third plenary meeting at Tulane in December 2005, hosting a conference entitled “On Being Conservative in the 20th Century.”
Do you worry about the current state of American democracy? Do you wonder if the merits of democracy are overblown, or if perhaps another system might be better? What tells us that democratic government is better than the alternatives?

These questions have inspired an extended literature in political theory and philosophy. A particularly interesting strand considers American democracy in relation to classical Athenian democracy, which was inspired by similar ideals of liberty, equality, and citizenship. Good introductory studies include Demokratia: A Conversation on Democracies, Ancient and Modern, edited by Jonathan Riley, translated by D.L. Schneider (Harvard University Press, 1997).

Viewed from one angle, American political institutions appear quite different from those of the classical Athenian democracy. Athenians did not elect legislators, representatives, or instead directly enact laws by majority vote after public debate and discussion. Athenians also did not have a Supreme Court with authority to review and nullify laws. They used the lot to form jury-courts of eligible citizens as the need arose, and certain popular courts had authority to repeal decrees and replace them with laws that a majority of the court decided were more in keeping with Athenian customs and norms. An excellent discussion of Athenian democratic institutions as they evolved during the fifth and fourth centuries B.C. is provided by M.H. Hansen, The Athenian Democracy in the Age of Demosthenes, translated by J.H. Crook (University of Oklahoma Press, 1999, originally published by Blackwell, 1991).

That said, it is fascinating to learn that Athenians experienced political problems not unfamiliar to Americans today. For example, Demosthenes warned repeatedly that Athenians had been tricked by silver-tongued speakers (rhetores) who cared nothing about justice and the public interest. He also complained that some rhetores had been bribed by Philip to deliberately mislead the Athenians into supporting policies that benefited Macedonian expansion at the expense of Athens. Other contemporary critics of Athenian democracy—including Plato, Aristotle, Aristophanes, Xenophon, Isocrates, and Thucydides—worried about the majority’s ignorance, vanity, and susceptibility to manipulation. They also were troubled by sudden, irrational swings of popular mood once policies became evident.

For contemporary Americans, argues Loren J. Samons II in his provocative What’s Wrong with Democracy: From Athenian Practice to American Worship (University of California Press, 2004), one of the major lessons to be drawn from the history of Athens is that, despite the faith shown by many Americans in democratic political procedures, American democracy—like that of ancient Athens—will be dangerously turbulent and ineffective unless politicians are prepared to look beyond public opinion polls. As Demosthenes repeatedly said, a true democracy requires statesmen ready to oppose rather than flatter the popular majority when necessary.

In the case of a large-scale representative democracy like the United States, a successful democracy has an additional requirement: a critical news media prepared to play the role of “opposition speakers” by investigating, challenging, and calling for clarification of government proposals. Many Americans, including many professional journalists, believe that the press has badly let the country down in this regard in recent years. Eric Alterman, a columnist for the Nation, has argued in What Is Liberal Media? The Truth About Bias and the News (Basic Books, 2003) that journalists have far too often been flatterers and cheerleaders rather than critics or opponents of the Republican Congress and administration. The need to take steps to revive a democratic news media is also emphasized by Amy Goodman, host of the Pacifica radio show Democracy Now!, in a book she co-wrote with her brother David Goodman, The Exception to the Rules: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them (Hyperion, 2005).
Thirty-seven Paul Tulane College and Newcomb College seniors were awarded B.A. degrees in political economy at the May 2005 University Commencement. Several received high academic honors. JULIE NIEMCZURA, ALEXANDER GILL, and BENJAMIN MAURER graduated summa cum laude; THOMAS DOWELL magna cum laude; PATRICK BABIN, MATTHEW DIEHR, RICHARD ERNY, TAYLOR GILBERT, JOHN HRYHORCHUK, ADAM KWASMAN, EMILY LENGERICH, EMILY POLICH, GEOFFREY RODRIGUEZ, BRADLEY SMITH, JENNIFER WEBB and STEVEN WOOD cum laude.

JULIE NIEMCZURA was Newcomb College recipient of the Murphy Prize in Political Economy, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. TIANA CHRISTOPHER received Newcomb College’s Marie J. Weiss Memorial Scholarship for academic achievement. ALEXANDER GILL and BEN MAURER shared the Tulane College Murphy Prize in Political Economy, and both were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. BEN MAURER also won the Walter S. Stern 1905 Memorial Medal from the Department of Political Science, received the Senior Scholar Award from the Tulane Honors Program, and was elected to the William Wallace Peery Society. PATRICK BABIN and JOHN HRYHORCHUK were elected to the Janus Society, a Tulane College Senior honor society that recognizes a combination of scholarship, leadership, honor, and service to the college. Patrick and John were also senior class members of the Tulane College Leadership Caucus.

Members of the Murphy Institute’s 2005 graduating class will pursue a variety of career paths. JENNIFER WEBB has been hired by the Council on International Exchange to teach English in Thailand. RICHARD MORALES, who graduated in December 2004, will work for the Panama Canal Commission. PATRICK BABIN will enroll in Loyola Law School this fall. JEFF CHASSEN has been hired as an assistant publicist by ID Public Relations in Manhattan.

At the 2005 Commencement, JOSH CHRISTIE was commissioned as ensign by the United States Navy. He will be stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, where he will be an officer aboard the USS Iwo Jima. TIANA CHRISTOPHER will attend law school at Loyola University. THOMAS DOWELL will attend the University of Virginia Law School. GREG GIMBLE will work at the New York Bank and Trust Company in Manhattan. JOHN HRYHORCHUK will attend the University of Texas Law School. ADAM KWASMAN has been admitted to the Master’s program in economics at George Mason University. EMILY LENGERICH will enroll at George Mason University Law School. IRFAN MEHMOOD will work in the Metairie office of First Investors Corporation as a financial analyst. MATTHEW MORNICK has been hired as an analyst for the City of San Raphael, California, working under the city manager. He will work in public planning and economic and social development. JOHN O’SICK was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army. After attending the infantry officer basic training course at Ft. Benning, Georgia, he will be stationed at Camp Casey, Korea, as an officer in the First Regiment, Second ID Infantry Division.

EMILY POLICH will join Teach for America in a bilingual special education program in Las Vegas. ZACHARY SCHWARZMAN will be employed as a summer intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Senator Edward Kennedy. MICHELLE WIDMAN plans to enter the Master’s program at Tulane in economic policy with an emphasis on health care. STEVEN WOOD has been hired as an analyst at the proprietary-trading desk for the hedge fund Kellogg Capital Group in La Jolla, California. ROBERT YOUNG will enroll in Tulane Law School. LILY RUBIN will backpack through Asia this summer and move to London next fall.

QUIN CARTHANE ’06 spent his junior year in Paris, studying at the Institut Catholique and the Sorbonne. PETER GLENN ’06 spent his junior year at the American University of Paris. He has been on the Tulane Dean’s List since his freshman year. He is also on the National Dean’s List, as well as being a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the Golden Key Honors Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. MICHAEL TUCKERMAN ’06 was a staff writer for the Tulane Hullabaloo.

This summer, CHRISTOPHER DEEDY ’06 will attend the Fund for American Studies summer program at Georgetown University and intern on Capitol Hill. PAUL KELLOGG ’06 will intern for his Congressman on Capitol Hill. MICHAEL MOYSHEVICH ’06 will intern at William B. May International in Manhattan, and MARY RUTHERFORD ’06 will intern at Heifer International (a world hunger organization) in Honduras.

Clearly the undergraduate program in political economy is in great shape. In May 2005, the Murphy Institute counted 110 undergraduate majors in political economy. Of these, 31 come from Newcomb College, 79 from Paul Tulane College. Fifty-six finished the year with grade point averages above 3.0; twenty-nine with 3.5 or higher. Twenty-five political economy majors were members of the Tulane Honors Program. Eight were Dean’s Honors Scholars.
short-term, and the Chinese banking sector could be overwhelmed with non-performing loans should that money suddenly exit the country."

During his undergraduate years, Dowell was a double major in Asian Studies and took courses in Chinese. He spent his junior year in the Murphy Institute’s INSTEP Program in Cambridge, where he also interned with an economic analysis and market research firm. This fall, he will enroll in the University of Virginia Law School.

Publicly Funded Sports Stadiums

Academic semesters in INSTEP London and American University in Washington, D.C. were among the highlights of Ben Maurer’s years as a political economy major. And it was during his semester at the American University that Maurer first developed his interest in the economics of professional sports.

“My honors thesis was an offshoot of a paper I wrote about the potential impact of Washington, D.C.’s new major league baseball team,” he explained. “I researched the costs, benefits, and politics of professional sports facilities, in an effort to understand whether using public money to build sports stadiums is a good or bad thing.”

According to Maurer, there are usually two overarching justifications for using government funds for sports stadiums: one is direct economic benefit; the other, an improved quality of life.

Maurer’s thesis documented costs of every stadium and arena built in the United States between 1990 and 2004. “On economic grounds alone, there is no question that costs far exceed the benefits,” he concluded. “And that the bust hits, as investors realize they’ve been misallocating resources.”

Translation: central banks flood markets with dollars that in turn expand the money supply and artificially lower the interest rate. “Interest rates should fall because people are saving more, not because there’s more money in the market,” Gill observed. “When the central bank stops or reduces its influx of money, a true interest rate establishes itself. Then the bust hits, as investors realize they’ve been misallocating resources.”

Gill’s thesis presented a detailed explanation of the theory, as well as a close look at some American business cycles. He acknowledged that it’s not a widely accepted theory, and prominent economists have criticized it for decades. “So I also talked about the critiques and responded to them,” he said.

A difficult topic, no doubt. But Gill, a double major in political economy and economics, had little difficulty finding a mentor: Murphy Institute core faculty member Gerald Gaus—willing to help him with the project. Adds Gill, “This is what I’ve been interested in and about for years.”

Political Ethics and the War on Terror

A 2004 Murphy Institute Summer Internship in a London solicitor’s office provided Jennifer Webb an unusual view of America’s “War on Terror.”

“One of the solicitors I worked for defended a British national detained at Guantanamo, and I was allowed to go to court and follow the issues,” Webb explained. That experience led to her honors thesis, an examination of ethical and legal issues involved in U.S. policy regarding the detention, interrogation, and punishment of prisoners accused of committing acts of terror.

One of the central concerns of Webb’s thesis was to show why the Geneva Convention should apply to the treatment of detainees being held in facilities on non-U.S. soil. “In the past, the Geneva Convention applied to conflicts between and within countries, civil wars and things like that,” Webb explained. “And I know that Al Qaeda is not a country, and the Taliban did not preside over a recognized form of government.”

Even so, Webb concluded that, despite these discrepancies, the treaty should apply. She argued that international standards of decency have risen to such a point that the Convention needs to apply in the War on Terror, if only to avoid the creation of new loopholes and varying standards.

“It’s complex, because there are now very different levels of war. In some cases, the Geneva Convention clearly applies; in others, it’s not so clear,” she explained. “Even though it wasn’t written to apply to our current situation, it’s implied. As with our Constitution, many important things are implied.”

Webb, a double major in political economy and political science, plans to attend law school in a few years. She said writing her seventy-page honors thesis was a worthwhile academic experience. “It takes an incredible amount of research and organization. I know it’s a project that will help me down the road.”

Sharing the Wealth

“The huge disparities of wealth among Brazilians is a perfect subject for a student of political economy,” according to Julie Niemczura. Her honors thesis tackled that subject by studying a recent land reform program aimed at redistributing unproductive farm land to first-time land owners in Brazil.

“Rather than examining land reform as a social
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Class of 1987

ERIC TOWELL is teaching history and global economics at the Prion Tinsulanonda International School just outside Chiang Mai, Thailand. He reports that his school enrolls students who come from Korea, Burma, Germany, Vietnam, and Thailand.

Class of 1988

MARC D’ANTONIO practices law in Columbus, Georgia. He was recognized recently with the “Award of Achievement for Exemplary Service to the Bar” by the Georgia Young Lawyer’s Division of the State Bar. His legal practice also has earned him the Dan Bradley Award, the highest award given by the Georgia Bar Association to a legal aid attorney.

BRITTNEY ABNER JACOBS continues to live in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, where she is a consultant with Tastefully Simple, a Minnesota-based home taste-testing company that markets gourmet foods. BRAD LEVIN is President of Lexmore, a small money management firm in Deerfield, Illinois. JAMIE LOEB is president of Loeb and Company, an international cotton merchandising firm in Montgomery, Alabama. LORIEN SMITH JOHNSON continues to practice local government law with the Hillsborough County Attorney’s Office in Tampa, Florida. She is the mother of two children, Willison and Eleanor Grace. THOMAS WENDLE lives in Dover, Massachusetts. He is the father of Griffin, 4, and Rachel, 16 months. NAOMI GARDBERG is Assistant Professor of Management at the Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, in Manhattan. She also serves on the New York City Tulane Alumni Board and the Newcomb College Alumnae Board.

Class of 1989

MICHAEL ARATA practices law with Montgomery Barnett in New Orleans, and remains actively involved in filmmaking. Last year he produced Pool Hall Prophets, starring Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Ving Rhames. The movie will be released to theaters in September 2005. He has also acted in several films and TV movies including Ray, Glory Road, Just My Luck, Pool Hall Prophets, Heartless, and Faith of My Fathers. JAMES HOLLINGSHAD works for the Japanese Consulate in New Orleans. RICHARD LEGHTMAN is director of the Ackman-Ziff Real Estate Group, LLC in Manhattan. In 2004, the Ackman-Ziff Real Estate Group won—for the fifth time in the past six years—the New York Real Estate Board’s Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Award for the $31.1 million acquisition loan on the Doral Park Avenue Hotel, a 188-room hotel located at Park Avenue and 58th Street in Manhattan. STEVE MILLER is CFO for Tidewater Physical Therapy, one of the largest privately held rehabilitation agencies in the United States, with 18 offices in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He lives in Easton, Maryland with his wife, Kara Krach, a Tulane law school graduate, and their five-year-old daughter. LISA NEWMAN is a partner at Wolfish & Newman, PC in Dallas, Texas, where she specializes in estate planning and probate law. GEORGE RENAUDIN is Market President, Senior Products for Humana Health Benefit Plan of New Orleans. ROBERT SALTER is partner at Salter Michaelson in Providence, Rhode Island, specializing in patent, trademark, and copyright law. JAMES WICKETT has joined Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C. He focuses on tax and regulatory legislation, and is the father of a fifteen-month-old daughter, Helen.

As of July 2005 The Murphy Institute has an elegant new website serving both the Institute and The Center for Ethics and Public Affairs. The site has been designed to provide new and easier access to information used by the many different audiences we have come to serve over the last twenty years. Please take a take a look at www.murphy.tulane.edu and see for yourself.
MORE THAN 400 TULANE AND NEWCOMBS STUDENTS HAVE MAJORED IN POLITICAL ECONOMY SINCE 1986.

Class of 1990
IRA BRODY is Managing Director for External Affairs at Lilac Capital in New York, where he oversees public relations and government affairs. MARC CONRAD has opened his own legal practice in Metairie, Louisiana, where he specializes in general civil litigation and appeals. He currently serves as general counsel to the contracting company of JAMES BOURGEAUD (99) and is general counsel to M3 Exploration, Inc., an international oil and gas exploration firm doing business in Latin America, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. KAREN JACKSON-EASON has left her position at Progressive Auto Insurance to explore other opportunities in the insurance field. She is the mother of two boys, Brandon, 7, and Joshua, 5. She reports that her political economy degree has “had great mileage for the last nine years.” CHARLES MAGLIONE is director of the Power & Utilities Practice at KPMG LLP in McLean, Virginia. GORDON ROSE is counsel acting as Contract Administrator for the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), the union representing airline pilots. EMILY MORRISON THOMAS is Manager of Associate Development and Recruitment for Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft LLP, in New York City. BRENT WILLIAMS THROWER continues to work for the City of Tampa’s Ybor City Development Corporation. She was recently appointed to the Good Government Award Committee and the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women, and she is vice president of Tampa’s Toastmaster Club.

Class of 1991
NEIL BLUMOFE presented a cantorial jazz concert on December 1, 2004, at Snug Harbor in New Orleans that celebrated the release of his new CD Mos’ Moso (Horrob Records). Neil’s music is a partnership of jazz and traditional sacred cantorial music of the synagogue and is scored for nine instruments. He plans another CD that will recreate a Jewish wedding in the jazz idiom, and continues to serve as Cantor at Congregation Agudas Achim in Austin, Texas. An independent contractor in Arlington, Virginia, NOEL COMEAUX is working on a contract with DHS and the U.S. Coast Guard on the development of policy recommendations for the second Maritime Transportation Security Act. ALLISON CONWAY is living in London and working for Intel doing corporate development for their wireless groups. ROBERT GLASGOLD continues to practice facial plastic surgery in private practice in New Jersey. KEVIN MCELOUGH is vice president of Eureka Homestead of New Orleans. He is the father of four-year-old twins, Meredith and Scott. JUSTIN PERRYMAN is a small business attorney specializing in starting and managing companies in oil and gas, telecommunications, and trade in Houston, Texas. He also owns a small ranch where he raises Arabian horses, cattle, and palm trees. He is the father of Jacob, 7, and Gabriel, 2. TODD PERKINS is an attending physician in the Department of Dermatology at the Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C., where he also supervises the dermatology residents. He also has a private practice in dermatology.

DAVID SAI completed his year as Chief Resident of Pediatrics at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children in Fairfax, Virginia. He will move to Dallas in June 2005 to begin a fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology at Dallas’s Children’s Hospital. LAUREN ZIMMERMANN GARYEV is law clerk for Hans J. Liljeberg, Judge of the 24th State Judicial District Court, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. DOUG CAREY is an attorney working with New Orleans Legal Assistance, an organization that provides legal aid to the indigent. JEFFREY STERN is vice president of KoolSpan in Bethesda, Maryland, continuing his career in venture capital and market development for early stage technology companies.

Class of 1992
PABLO CARRILLO is Majority Chief Investigative Counsel to the U.S. Senate Inlillan Affairs Committee, under Chairman John McCain. He advises Senator McCain on oversight investigations and helps to develop and implement related legislative strategy. EDUARDO FEBLES is Assistant Professor of French at Simmons College in Boston. NICHOLAS HATHAWAY is chief business officer and executive vice president at the University of Oklahoma. He is the father of two children, Grace, 3, and Nicholas, 1. Since receiving her MBA from the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University in August 2004, ASHLEY LIEBKE has been Marketing Analyst with the Customer Technology Marketing Group at United Postal Services. PAUL SCHAEFER will enroll at the University of Minnesota Medical School in fall 2005. VALERIE WAGNER LONG and her husband announce the birth of their second child, Landon Robert, on March 7, 2005. Valerie will return to her real estate and land use law practice at the firm of McGuireWoods LLP in Charlottesville, Virginia, in early June. ANN TURI CONNELLY practices law with her husband Sean in West New York, New Jersey. They have two sons, Jack, 6, and Jojo, 4. After practicing law for ten years, SUSAN YOUNG ABPLANALP is serving on the board of directors of the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), in Austin, Texas, an animal rescue group.

Class of 1993
AMY BURR recently moved from Seattle to San Francisco to manage a national software development and support group based in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. JASON COOK has been promoted from vice president to senior vice president for Geancor Advisors in Stamford, Connecticut. JENNIFER DRAKE ASKEY has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of German at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. She is the mother of two daughters. After ten years of working in accounting and finance, LARA GELLER is Director of Financial Recruiting with Steven Douglas Associates in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. BETSY MCARTHUR LEROY is finishing her second year at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. She plans a pediatric subspecialty. DAVID STRAITE is president of FIPS Investments, LLC in Palm Springs, California.
Class of 1994

DOUGLAS JAFFE is Vice President of Investor Relations at InvestorCom, Inc., a boutique consulting firm on Wall Street that specializes in investor relations and corporate governance counseling. He married Marisa Horowitz of Hollywood, Florida, in May 2004. BRIAN KILGALLON is associate director of Navigator Consulting in Arlington, Virginia. Navigator Consulting is a specialized independent consulting firm providing litigation, financial, restructuring, strategic, and operational consulting services to government agencies, legal counsel, and large companies facing significant change. The company focuses on industries undergoing substantial regulatory or structural change and on the issues driving these transformations. After four years in London and one in Brussels, ALBERT LOJKO has moved to Manhattan. He continues to work for Thomson Financial, where he serves as vice president of their institutional equities business. He is married to Newcomb graduate Maddalena Loeb and is the father of Isabella, 18 months.

Class of 1995

WES JONES helped launch Grassroots Campaigns, a political consulting firm that runs field operations for progressive candidates and advocacy groups. Grassroots ran an innovative and highly successful small-donor fund-raising program for the DNC and a voter mobilization effort with MoveOn PAC. JASON LEISER graduated from the University of Connecticut Law School in May 2004. He is currently working in-house for a real estate developer called the Waterford Group in Hartford, Connecticut. JIM KOZOSZYNKI is Program Manager of Systems with International Business Machines in Poulsbo, New York. He also enrolled in the M.B.A. program in Finance and Technology at Rensselaer University in May 2004. MELISSA MEMOLO NICHOLS is an attorney at Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease, LLP in Alexandria, Virginia. MOLLY WRIGHT SULLIVAN is a consultant doing grant work for the City of New Orleans and the LSU Health Sciences Center. She is the mother of Susan, 18 months.

Class of 1996

BRAD METTLER is Director of Sales and Marketing at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. JONATHAN BEYER continues as attorney advisor for the Department of Defense Dependents School in Okinawa. CHANTAL Verna has received her Ph.D. in history from Michigan State University. In August 2005, she will begin a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of History and International Relations at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. An Associate Producer at ABC NewsMagazines, ERIC STRAUSS recently coproduced “Cruise Ship Sanitation,” an undercover investigation of sanitation practices in the cruise ship industry. The segment aired in March 2005 on ABC News PrimeTime Live.

Class of 1997

KEN KAVANAUGH is Director of Corporate Development at eTrade Financial in Arlington, Virginia. He makes acquisitions for the company and develops investment strategy. CHRIS SUELLENTROP is now a freelance writer living in Washington, D.C. He spent five years writing for the online magazine Slate, serving as Deputy Chief of its Washington bureau and as 2004 campaign correspondent. His articles have also appeared in the Los Angeles Times, the New York Observer, and the Washington Post.

Class of 1998

After serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt and the USS Constitution, TRE MCQUEEN is now flight instructor for the U.S. Navy training helicopter pilots in San Diego. STEPHANIE SIKES is in her second year of an M.B.A. program in accounting at the University of Texas. She recently won a fellowship from the Deloitte Foundation, which awards financial support to outstanding graduate students. Only ten students in the United States are selected for fellowship support each year. Since leaving the Marine Corps in December 2003, JOE THOMPSON has been working with Skyline Orthopaedics in Mahwah, New Jersey, where he works as a planter for a factory that manufactures artificial hips.

Class of 1999

After graduating from New York University Law School in May 2004, AARON ALLARDYCE passed the New York Bar exam. He now works in the Manhattan firm of Sidney Austin Brown and Wood in their real estate department. ERIKA COLK earned a B.F.A. in art history at Hunter College in New York and is now enrolled in a graduate program in art history at the University of Texas, Austin. She also will travel to India this summer to study classical Tamil language at the American Institute for Indian Studies in Madurai. PAUL LEGGETT completed his M.B.A. at Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. He has since moved to Manhattan, where he is working for Morgan Stanley. After completing a tour of duty in Iraq with the United States Marine Corps, ADAM KING will enter Mercer University Law School in September 2005. JARETT NIXON served as editor-in-chief of the Hastings Business Law Journal, a new scholarly publication that he helped found. He graduated from Hastings Law School in May. VICTORIA NOONER OZIMER continues to work in the public finance section of Vinson & Elkins, LLP, but she is now also working in Austin on a project involving affordable housing bonds. She has taken up rowing again with the Austin Rowing Club Women’s Competitive Team. TED MOORE is an attorney with Vinson & Elkins in Houston, where he specializes in corporate finance and securities.

Class of 2000

AMY BENOLD HEUETL is employed by the Austin Integrated School District, teaching a third grade bilingual class at McBee Elementary School. REUBEN HALPER continues to work as an associate producer on the NASCAR production crew at FOX and NBC and on the NBA production crew at TNT. He recently won an Emmy for his work as part of the NASCAR crew on FOX. He lives in New York City. MATT KUINEN is in Arabic language training at the State Department in Washington, D.C. After a term of service at AmericaCorps, PHILIP MANGENI received an M.B.A. and an M.P.A. from Syracuse University. He is now a Research Analyst for the International City/County Management Association in its Center for Performance Measurement in Washington, D.C. NORA MILES RIGBY is practicing law in Washington, D.C. with the firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr. She divides her time between the securities and litigation groups. JEREMY PELERMAN works at J. Goldman & Co., a New York hedge fund. KEVIN THOMAS is a second-year student at the University of Virginia School of Law. She will work with Latham & Watkins, LLP in San Diego this summer. ABBE VERNICK KOOPER is employed by Edwards and Kelcy, an engineering and planning firm in New York. She works in the planning group on a variety of transportation studies and environmental impact statements. Her clients are mainly public agencies. After graduating from New York University’s School of Law in 2004, JESSICA ZAGIER obtained a two-year Equal Justice Works fellowship to create a project in conjunction with two Florida nonprofits, the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center and Gulf Coast Legal Services. She also works with the Bradenton Detention Project, which conducts “Know Your Rights” presentations and legal representation for immigrants who are administratively detained by Homeland Security in Florida.

Class of 2001

THOMAS "Ted" Martin ’95 is an attorney with Vinson & Elkins in Houston, Texas.

Stephanie Sikes ’98 is an attorney at Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease, LLP in Alexandria, Virginia.
Class of 2001
BARBARA HALLENBECK moved to New York and is working for Citigroup’s Global Corporate Investment Bank. TYLER HOLM is Lieutenant (jg) aboard the USS Nimitz, where he serves as Hazardous Materials Logisti- cian. SUSANA MARTINEZ NAVAL has spent the past two years working at the Social Security Agency of the Dominican Republic. She was recently awarded the British Chevening Scholarship Funded by the British Commonwealth Office and administered by the British Council, this prestigious award enables an overseas student to study in the United Kingdom. RAGAN NARES is finishing his first year at Georgetown Law School. After graduating from Northwestern University School of Law, SIENNA RAKESTRAW passed the Texas bar and is working at the Houston law firm of King & Spalding in the litigation section.

Class of 2002
STEVEN CAHALL is Middle East Manager of International Trade Development for Raytheon Company in Washington, D.C. He serves as the primary point of contact regarding government, businesses, and industry organizations. ADAM FLISS is working in environmental risk litigation for the St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford, Connecticut. JILLIAN GUTMAN graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in May. In December, she will join the Chicago firm of Sidenschein Nath & Rosenthal. CARLY HANSEN is volunteering at several museums in Memphis and plans to enter a graduate program in museum management. ADAM ARONOVITZ is pursuing a Master’s degree in International Relations and Contemporary Political Thought at the Center for Studies in Democracy at the University of Westminster, England. Navy Lieutenant TOREN MUSHOVIC returned from an eight-month deployment on the guided missile cruiser USS Princeton. Now homeported in San Diego, Mushovic’s ship escorted the USS Nimitz while he served as Arabian Gulf Air Defense and Tactical Data Coordinator. The Princeton also directed a coalition of naval forces providing security in Iraqi territorial waterways. ELIZABETH REED has entered a program to become a Certified Public Accountant at a community college in Naples, Florida. WILL SNYDER is director of Sales for Presentation Testing, a Manhattan company that measures audience feedback to different types of presentations such as television commercials and attorneys’ mock trial presentations.

Class of 2003
BROCK ROSSON is completing his first year at Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is one of the designers of the video game “Madden NFL Football.” BRANDON WARSHAW is a clerk and research assistant at Jackson & Campbell, a Washington, D.C. law firm that specializes in insurance litigation. MARGARET WILSON is a first-year medical student at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She is co-president of her school’s chapter of the American Medical Women’s Association and is currently working to establish a sex education program at Bernalillo County Juvenile Detention Center. She is also setting up health education classes at a local women’s domestic abuse shelter.

Class of 2004
TRAVIS ALFORD is a legal assistant at Baker & Cronig, LLC in Miami. MOLLY ELGIN is teaching English in the JET program in Japan. BENJAMIN CARL is finishing his first year at Tulane Law School. This summer he will work in Washington, D.C. for the Commissioner of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). He will also attend summer school in London at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies of the Queen Mary School of Law, where he will receive a certificate in international business law. DANIEL ERSAMPER completed an internship with the Charles C. Koch Charitable Foundation. He is now employed by Americans for Prosperity Foundation, a free-market fiscal policy organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. LEILA FARAHAN has finished her first year of law school at Northwestern University in Chicago. JOHN HOWELL has finished his first year at Harvard Law School. This summer he will work for the New York Attorney General’s Office. BRIAN KELLY completed his first year at Vanderbilt University Law School. This summer he will clerk at the law offices of Fisher & Phillips and Liskow & Lewin in New Orleans. DAVID KINNEY has enrolled in the Master’s program in Security Policy Studies at the Eliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University. NOAH GINSBURG created a con- signment selling company using an online auction called eFlea. He is also looking for work in Chicago in sales and business development. LISA KOZAK works for Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company in Glenview, Illinois. RANDAL MCLEAIRD returned to San Antonio, Texas after graduation to work as a senior loan officer at High Point Mortgage. JOSH MALTZER continues as a team leader working for Americorp in Washington, D.C. GAARGI RAMAKRISHNAN has returned to India, where she is employed by Population Services International (PSI). Based in Washington, D.C., PSI is a nonprofit organization that harnesses the vitality of the private sector to address health problems of low-income and vulnerable populations in 70 developing countries. VIKRAM VIJ is pursuing a Master’s degree in Homeland Security at the University of New Haven. BENJAMIN YOUNG- ANGLIM is working for Next Jump, a corporate marketing company in Manhattan. PAUL WALSH is working as an investment counsel for Morgan Keegan in Palm Beach, Florida, and is studying for the CFA exam.

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POST-KATRINA UPDATE

This newsletter was produced before hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. We are happy to report that Murphy Institute and the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs offices escaped the ravages of Katrina undamaged. Updates on the Murphy Institute and the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs will appear in future newsletters and on our new website: http://murphy.tulane.edu/