

# BICConnections

From all directions...

## A Note from the Director...

Hello BIC Alumni,

It is really a pleasure to introduce myself to you. Most of you know me already from your World Cultures I experience. I was the philosophy professor who gave a lecture on Plato's Forms (remember the big fluffy clouds with wings?). Many of you took yoga classes from me as part of your extended learning opportunities. Others of you I taught in World Cultures II and Capstone.

The BIC had just been approved for development when I started at Baylor back in 1993. In fact, I spent my first two summers at Baylor developing World Cultures I and World Cultures II. Way back then Randy Todd directed the BIC. When he left to start a similar program at Samford, David Hendon took over as director. David led the BIC admirably for about a decade. I officially became director in January of 2009 after I returned from sabbatical in the fall of 2008. I got the majority of my book on Platonic narrative written that semester and I'm working on the final edits of the book; soon it will be out of my hands and into the hands of a publisher.

I absolutely love directing the BIC. I feel like I'm part of a team of people working toward a common end: creating the best BIC possible!

As most of you are no doubt aware, the BIC is now one of four programs in the Honors College. In many ways, though not an Honors Program itself, the BIC symbolizes the heart of the Honors College. It is a program that upholds rigorous academic standards, embraces a global perspective, provides a genuine sense of academic community, explores innovative pedagogical strategies and curricular initiatives, and at the same time, offers the opportunity for academic excellence to a broad range of students and faculty members.

Hillary asked me to spend a few minutes talking about my vision of the BIC. I think the basic original vision of the BIC is excellent: To provide a multi cultural, interdisciplinary, integrated undergraduate experience. My job as director: To find ways that we can fulfill this vision most fully.

I am particularly interested in finding more opportunities for students to study abroad. For many years, BIC students have participated in study abroad programs. However, there were not BIC specific study abroad options other than the Spring Break trips that Tom Hanks, and Henry and Lenore Wright and I led for many years. Now, for example, BIC students can take the BIC capstone through the Baylor in Oxford Program. We have plans to offer a Biblical Heritage course in the Middle East and I would like to begin offering inter session study courses in Turkey!

Why Turkey you ask? Well, it is the most BIC related country I've ever visited. I just got back from a 12 day stay there. It has everything from ancient Bronze Age cultures that we study in World Cultures I, Troy, ancient Greek cities, even the birth place of Greek Philosophy, with Thales of Miletus...right there. The Silk Road, Byzantium, Islam, the story of the birth of modern Turkey is absolutely fascinating as is Turkey's current relations with all the nations of the world.



Sincerely,

*Anne-Marie Bowery*

Dr. Anne-Marie Bowery  
Baylor Interdisciplinary Core

You can read a bit more about my travels on [AnneinAustin.blogspot.com](http://AnneinAustin.blogspot.com).

It is so wonderful to see how many of you sent Alumni Updates. I hope to see many of you at the first ever BIC homecoming events this October.

## 2010 BIC Homecoming Events

Thursday, October 21st

6-8 p.m. Reception hosted by  
Drs. Thomas and Carole Hanks  
Hanks Residence: 5804 Westlawn  
Waco, TX 76710

Friday, October 22nd

12:15 p.m. Faculty Lecture: Deterring an Army  
Whose Men Love Death—Dr. J. Mark Long  
Location: Morrison Hall 100  
(open to the public)

2:45 p.m. Alumni Lecture: BIC: Looking Back,  
Looking Forward—Skye Perryman '03  
Location: Bobo Spiritual Life Center  
(open to the public)

3:45 p.m. Dr. Pepper Hour  
Location: Bobo Spiritual Life Center  
(open to the public)

4:45 p.m. BIC Faculty & Alumni Mixer  
Location: River Square Center,  
217 Mary Avenue, Waco, TX 76701

Saturday, October 23rd

TBA Tailgate-potluck sponsored by BICLC  
(BIC Student Leadership Council)

## 2010 Baylor Homecoming Events

Friday, October 22nd

6-11 p.m. Bonfire

Saturday, October 23rd

TBA BU vs. Kansas



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## Alumni Updates

### 1999 Graduates

Since graduation, **Keith Aulick** ('99) has worked for non-profits in Kenya, India, Afghanistan, and Malawi, focusing on humanitarian and emergency response as well as market-based approaches to poverty reduction.

Keith met his wife in Kenya and married soon after. They moved to Lilongwe, Malawi after he completed



a Masters in Business and International Agricultural Development at UC Davis.

After Baylor, **Christine Gentry** ('99) took a year to figure out what she wanted to be when she grew up. She loved animals, so she worked at the Cameron Park Zoo; she loved teaching, so she was a substitute; and she loved acting, so she got an agent. She decided to pursue teaching, so she moved to Boston the summer of 2004 to start a Master's in Teaching English program at Harvard. She loved Boston, so she stayed and had a wonderful time teaching high school English in the inner-city for five years. This fall, Christine



is going back to school (Columbia) for a Ph.D. in Teaching English. Her long-term goal is to teach future urban English teachers at the college level while always teaching at least one high school class, both to stay relevant and to avoid having teenager withdrawals. After spending a lot of quality time in New York, Christine is delighted to finally become a resident.

**Chris J. Hayes** ('99) and **Rachel Morris Hayes** ('99) have been married for 11 years and have three beautiful boys. The Hayes family lives in Colleyville, Texas

where Chris serves as the Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church. Rachel is a Pediatric Intensive Care Registered Nurse at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. They are both blessed by their Baylor BIC foundation and certainly by their wonderful family (Benjamin is 5, Aaron is 3, and Reid is 5 months old).



**Christina (Langenberg) Hoepfner** ('99) married fellow BIC alum **Michael Hoepfner** ('00) in January 2001. They lived in the Fort Worth area while Christina worked as a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and Mike as a computer programmer. In January 2008, they welcomed their first child, Elizabeth, and then were blessed again in April 2010 with a son, Benjamin. Mike is now a practicing partner in a dental practice northwest of San Antonio.

Since graduating Baylor, **Julia (Kuhl) Johnson** ('99) has pursued her career in accounting and is now a tax accountant for a corporation in Austin, TX. She has also obtained her license as a Certified Public Accountant. Happily married, Julia now lives with her husband in Cedar Park, TX.

**Brian Henry** ('99) currently works for Kinetic Concepts, a respected Medical equipment company in his hometown of Springfield, Missouri. He has recently married (July 24th, 2010) the love of his life, Julia.

**Bethany Jenkins** ('99) is the President and Founder of The Park Forum, a New York based nonprofit that promotes Bible engagement among urban professionals. Prior to this, she worked at the New York Stock Exchange, the US Department of State and the US Congress. She received her JD from Columbia Law School.

**Kristin Schwebke** married **Mike Dodson** ('99), graduated from Texas A&M college of Veterinary Medicine

2004 and completed a small animal medical and surgical internship in Chicago 2004-2005. She has since moved back to Waco and is now a practicing small animal veterinarian at Hewitt Veterinary Hospital in Hewitt, Texas.

**Amanda Gunn Sekour** ('99) now lives outside Seattle, Washington. In addition to graduating from Baylor in 1999 with majors in French and International Studies, she holds an M.A. in English Linguistics from the University of Houston. She is self-employed as a certified Doula and Childbirth Educator and stays busy with her family (children ages 5, 3, and 1).

**Mariah Baker Quiroz** ('99) graduated from Baylor Law School in 2001 and is currently a partner at Thompson, Coe Cousins & Irons in Dallas specializing in complex insurance coverage and litigation. She is married with 2 young sons, ages 22 months and 3 months.

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### 2000 Graduates

**Sarah McManus Bickle** ('00) married her college sweetheart and then-Marine, **Scott Bickle**, in 1998. Sarah and Scott currently reside in Dallas and work for Southwest Airlines, Sarah in Communications and Scott in Aircraft Reliability.

**Emily (Wininger) Callahan** ('00) married fellow BIC alumni **Jason Callahan** ('00). Since graduation, Jason and Emily have been living in Dallas. Jason first worked for the Texas Rangers Baseball club in marketing, but then moved to Schneider Electric nearly 10 years ago where he is now the VP, HR for several North America business units. Emily worked for Edelman PR for several years, and then joined Susan G. Komen for the Cure where she most recently served as the SVP, Global Marketing and Networks. This fall, they are moving to Memphis where Emily will serve as Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital/ALSAC. Jason will

remain with Schneider Electric. They have a one-year-old daughter, Emerson.

After graduation, **John Erickson** ('00) drove north on I-35 to Dallas where he went to medical school at UT Southwestern. Subsequently, he flew to Ann Arbor, MI and completed a residency in orthopedic surgery. This was followed by a quick trip to Nashville, TN where he completed a fellowship in hand surgery at Vanderbilt. He has recently settled in Raleigh, NC with his lovely wife and daughter, who he picked up along the way.



**Ratna Indah** ('00) married the love of her life and now practices dentistry in California. She occasionally recites the first 12 lines of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales in Middle English that Dr. Bowery made her class memorize and Ratna thinks the BIC faculty, especially Drs. Hanks and McGee were the best group of teachers she ever had.

**Shirin (Sewani) Murji** ('00) and **Alhashmin (Al) Murji** ('01) moved to Houston after graduation. Shirin got her masters in business administration as well as healthcare administration. Al got his masters in Physician Assistant Studies from UTMB. They married in 2002 and now have 2 boys: Aydin who is 3 and Eshan who is 6 months. Shirin worked at Texas Children's hospital and managed the pediatric urology clinic until deciding to become a full time mom. Al is currently working at Clearlake Hospital in the emergency department. They now reside in Pearland, TX.



**Niyi Omotoso** ('00) was a Howard Hughes Institute Fellow summer 2000, and attended Washington University School of Medicine 2000 - 2004. Upon matching at a pediatrics program at Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland, she stayed for a pediatric Infectious Diseases' fellowship 2007-2008. From 2008-2009, she obtained MPH in Epidemiology from University of California - Berkeley. She has just returned to Children's Hospital to finish remaining 12 months of her fellowship.

After 6 years of teaching, **Janelle Ramsay** ('00) was accepted into McGill University's School of Information Studies and is now a children's librarian. BIC's approach to education positively impacted the way she taught her former students and continues to influence her work with children.



**Alicia (Abernethy) Ward** ('00) lives in Denton, Texas. She received her masters degree in Social Work from Smith College in Massachusetts. Alicia married and returned to Texas. She is currently a hospice social worker for Faith Presbyterian Hospice. She also serves as adjunct faculty and council member for the Social Work Department at Texas Woman's University.

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**Brad Cox** ('01) and **Kristen (Stuckey) Cox** ('02) were married in 2005 and now live in Dallas. They both attended The University of Texas School of Law after graduating from Baylor. Kristen practices corporate and commercial real estate law for a law firm, and Brad manages a corporate legal department for a Dallas-based corporation. They are expecting their first child in February.

After graduation, **Brandon "Scott" Dugan** ('01) worked for a year as a case manager for MHMR in Waco

before moving to Denver to attend graduate school at the University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology. He graduated with his Psy.D. in Aug. 2007 after completing a yearlong internship in Evanston, WY. He then moved to Maple Grove, MN to live with his fiancée Angela Emerick. Scott and Angela were married on September 15, 2007 in Rochester, MN and then moved to St. Peter, MN. In April of 2008, they moved to Clarksville, TN where Scott worked at Western State Hospital in Hopkinsville, KY. They moved back to St. Peter, MN in July 2009 and he is now working at Sioux Trails Mental Health Center. Scott and Angela's daughter, Abigail Grace, was born on May 13, 2010. Scott received his license to practice psychology independently in the state of Minnesota on August 6, 2010.

**Becky Oberg** ('01) loves her work as an award-winning journalist. She co-authored the 2004 book "Freedom Underground: Protest the Iraq War in America" (Chamberlain Brothers, owned by Penguin). She recently had a poem published in the Poetry and Medicine column of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Since graduating in December 2001, **Gwen Pilgrim** ('01) earned her law degree from Baylor Law School in 2004, worked for an international law firm in Dallas for six years and, as of July 2010, opened her own commercial litigation law firm, Calhoun Pilgrim LLP.



After graduation, **Rob Sinclair** ('01) got into minor league baseball and did radio broadcasting for teams in Idaho Falls, ID, Helena, MT, Kinston, NC, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Akron, OH over the next eight years. He has recently moved to Annapolis, MD to be with his fiancée.

After graduating (BA English '01) and taking some time away from school,

Dustin Stewart began a master's program at Baylor, also in English. Upon completing the MA ('04), he was named Assistant Director of the Honors Program, the BIC's Honors College cousin. He oversaw the day-to-day administrative work of that program, serving under directors Alden Smith and Andrew Wisely, from July 2004 to August 2007. At that point he returned to graduate school, this time to commence study toward a PhD in English at the University of Texas at Austin. He now lives in Austin, where he has completed all requirements but the dissertation.

Evan Wilder ('01) worked for the state of Missouri doing environmental law enforcement for three years after graduation. For the past five years, he has used his photojournalism degree at the National Geographic society. He has also been a proud bike commuter for seven years.

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Following undergraduate, Kristen Williams Cook ('02) attended Baylor Law School and then worked as an associate attorney practicing in the areas of commercial real estate and commercial litigation for five years. Recently, Kristen joined 7-Eleven, Inc. as senior counsel in the real estate section of 7-Eleven's corporate legal department. Kristen and her husband, Read, reside in Dallas.

Matt Reba ('02) graduated in June of 2002, and soon after joined the Army. He has been deployed three times since and just returned from his last tour in Iraq in February of 2010. He currently resides in Colorado and is working towards his Masters in English Literature at the University of Colorado at Denver.

Jeremiah Rodgers ('02) married in 2003 before moving to Japan to teach English with the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme from 2003-2005. He received his Masters in Computer Science from Georgia Tech in 2007 and

now works as a software engineer in Huntsville, Alabama. He and his wife have two children and one more on the way!

Amy (Rotman) Sachau ('02) went to the University of Kansas School of Medicine, and has just completed her family medicine residency in Kansas City, Missouri. She



and her husband, David, and their two daughters, Haley(4) and Hannah (1), have just moved to Fort Scott, Kansas, in

order for her to join a physician group there. Amy will be practicing full spectrum family medicine, including OB. They are very excited about their move; Amy thinks her job will be great, and they are enjoying the small town community to raise their kids.

Stephanie Sallee ('02) completed Baylor's nursing program in 2004 and moved to St. Louis,



Missouri to work at St. Louis Children's Hospital in the Emergency Room where she fell in love with trauma. Since becoming a nurse, Stephanie has

done four short-term medical mission trips to Haiti and anticipates serving in other third world island nations. She finished her Master's at St. Louis University this year and started as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in the ER. Stephanie will likely be moving to New Zealand at the end of this year.

After graduating, John Soard ('02) taught special education. He is now finishing his last year of seminary in Austin and looking forward to becoming a priest in the Episcopal Church.



John married a wonderful woman named Claire and they have a daughter Tessa, with another baby coming in January.

Beth (Coggin) Womack ('02) is starting as a lecturer in English at Baylor University this year.

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Carroll Bonner ('03) stayed at Baylor for graduate school and received an MSED in Educational Psychology in 2005. She has been a Career Counselor at Baylor for the last five years and is currently working part-time on a Master of Divinity degree from Truett Theological Seminary.



Robert Christian ('03) went on to receive a Master of Health Administration degree from The Pennsylvania State University. He married his wife Amber and on March 30th of this year, they welcomed the birth of their first child, Samuel. Currently, Robert works as a Business Office Supervisor for Cancer Care Associates in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In December 2005, Sunny Cearley ('03) graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master of Journalism Degree. She now lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and serves as Advertising Director for The Journal Record Publishing Company. They publish The Journal Record, the daily business journal for the state of Oklahoma, and the Tinker Take Off, the official base newspaper for Tinker Air Force Base, as well as a number of special and custom publications.

Sunny serves on the board of directors for the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City and the Association for Women in Communications. She is also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City's LOYAL (Linking OKC's Young Adult Leaders) program and is currently a Dolan Leadership Institute fellow. Her husband, Derick Deweber (a Baylor grad, but not a BIC'er) is a practicing bilingual



speech-language pathologist and a doctoral candidate at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

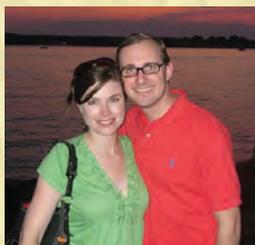
After graduation, **Carrie Zumstein McKean** ('03) moved to Dallas and began working at a small international adoption agency. In 2005, she was offered a position to help open a Texas office for another international adoption agency. She worked there for several years, and through that position had an opportunity to travel to China to volunteer at a government orphanage. Her husband, Jacob, went on the trip with her, and it turned their world upside-down. As a result, they began exploring ways that they could serve longer-term, and in 2008, they both quit their jobs and moved to China to serve at New Day Foster Home ([www.newdaycharities.org](http://www.newdaycharities.org)) a private orphanage for children with medical special needs.



Jacob manages the volunteer services department, and Carrie works in Public Relations for the foster home.

They have also started a small sewing cooperative in their village to employ rural women ([www.scarletthreads.org](http://www.scarletthreads.org)). They have been married for 5 years and have lived in China for 3. Their first child, expected at Christmas, will probably be born in China. Carrie says, "This isn't the life I expected to have, but I certainly feel blessed!"

**Emily Nicholson** ('03) and her husband **Robert J. Simcox III** live in Arlington, Virginia with their three-year-old cat Roslin. They met on a tour of the White House where they were introduced by a mutual Baylor friend. Emily is the Major Gifts Manager at the Newseum in Washington, DC, and Rob is a real estate attorney. Last year Emily was on the Food Network show "Dinner: Impossible." You can still



catch the episode in reruns late at night. Emily can be reached at [emilygracenicholson@gmail.com](mailto:emilygracenicholson@gmail.com). Or check out her blog at <http://emsfood.blogspot.com>

**Joshua Rider** ('03) served in the United States Marine Corps for 7 years, during which he deployed twice to Iraq in support of the global war on terror. In August of 2010 he separated from the Marine Corps to pursue his MBA at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. He will graduate in 2012. He is married to 2004 Baylor Graduate **Rebecca Tanner**. They will be married for six years on December 30, 2010.

After graduating, **Julie Smith** ('03) taught high school U.S. History and World Geography for four years before returning to Baylor for graduate school. While in her Master's program, she worked for Multicultural Affairs and served as graduate advisor for CHS Service Sorority. Since receiving her degree in Student Affairs Administration in May 2009, Julie has been working as the Coordinator for Women's & LGBT Services at University of Houston-Clear Lake. She is also currently planning her wedding to a most amazing man.



**Tyson Strauser** ('03) has been living in Dallas since graduating from Baylor. In July 2005 he married **Rebecca (Cutbirth) Strauser** (also a BU grad), and they just had their first child, **Julian James**. Tyson works as an analyst for a hedge fund.

**Maria Tidwell** ('03) moved to NYC in 2005 where she worked for two years as a TV news producer, covering the weekend News 12 in the Bronx and then the Hudson Valley with Regional News Network. She moved on to report at American Lawyer Media and covered nationwide court cases.

Maria got out of media for awhile and studied for the series 6 and 63 licenses to sell securities. When the economy took a hit, she moved back to Texas and now she is working as a news producer in Shreveport, Louisiana, only an hour away from her home town of Longview, Texas. Her goals include writing a book of her life experiences, and she is looking forward to reuniting with the BIC alumni this October.

Since graduation, **Dharmal Vansadia** ('03) has graduated from medical school and is currently living in Dayton, Ohio. He is an Orthopedic Surgery resident at Grandview Hospital and Medical Center.

**Kenny Wolfe** ('03) worked for Dale Operating Company, a small oil and gas operator, while getting his MBA at UT - Arlington, starting off at an entry-level position in accounting. As the Barnett Shale took off so did his small company. Kenny was promoted to oversee the Fort Worth office accounting crew. A few years later, he was promoted to CFO of Twin Cities Development, a sister company of Dale Operating Company, to work in the Haynesville Shale. He and his wife (an '04 Baylor grad) have a beautiful 21 month old daughter. They currently live in Bossier City, Louisiana.

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## 2004 Graduates

After graduation, **Sirena (Sims) Bellman** ('04) moved to Austin where she worked in Online Marketing for a large environmental company. She currently lives overseas in Bahrain with her husband where he does project finance for oil & gas projects and she is an account manager for a web design firm.

**Cameron Boone** ('04) married **Angie Cates** (Baylor '06) and moved to Houston to work for Lewis Realty Advisors, a commercial real estate consulting and valuation firm specializing in eminent domain and estate tax planning. He

became a partner in 2010. Cameron and Angie still reside in Houston with Cypress, the world's best Golden Retriever.

**Alaina (Johnson) Brown ('04)** graduated from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. She recently married Justin Brown (Baylor '04) and they are currently living in Baltimore, Maryland where Alaina works as a PGY-3 OB/GYN Resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**Sarah (Ruff) Chambers ('04)** married another Baylor Bear, Nick Chambers, in March of 2005 and currently resides in Houston. After coaching swimming, water polo and cheer leading at Jersey Village High School for 3 years, she decided to switch to teaching 4th grade and loves it. She is also working on her Masters degree in Educational Administration at the University of Houston and is excited about taking a trip to study at Columbia University in the Teachers College.

**Natasha Greene ('04)** has been blessed to teach and advise incoming freshmen that are first generation college students at an HBCU. She has played the marketing game for GE/CBRE, and now is planning to teach English abroad.

**Ken Larson ('04)** went on to receive a Masters in Health Policy & Administration from Penn State in 2006 and has been with PricewaterhouseCoopers as a Healthcare Strategy Consultant since then. Ken met his wife on an international engagement in Qatar in 2007 and they are currently expecting their first child in August.

**Kylee Scott Laurenzi ('04)** obtained a Texas Real Estate Broker's License and has worked in various aspects of this field since graduation. Most recently as a Right-of-Way Agent, she completed property acquisitions for Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Light Rail expansion. As a committee member for Walk Now for Autism Kylee organized the charity's annual Kick-Off Luncheon.

**Faith Rice-Mills ('04)** married Sonny Mills on May 21, 2005 and returned in to Baylor 2006 to pursue a graduate degree. She again graduated from Baylor in May 2008 with a Master of Arts in Spanish. Since then, Faith has been teaching Spanish at Pasadena Memorial High School, where her husband is also a teacher and basketball coach. They live in Pearland and are expecting their first child at the end of November.



After graduating Baylor, **April Pate ('04)** moved to New York City and completed her Master of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling. In 2009, she returned to her hometown of Houston, TX to begin working on her 3000+ internship hours



toward becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor. Currently, she works as a LPC-Intern in Tomball, TX where she facilitates individual and group therapy with adults with an array of mental health issues. She believes that the cultural and spiritual awareness that the BIC instilled in its curriculum has shaped her to be the efficient counselor that she is today.

**Katie Moore Welch ('04)** received her doctorate in linguistics in August 2009. She currently teaches graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of Texas at Arlington and acts as publisher of CrossHouse Publishing. She and her husband, Casey, are expecting their first child.

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## 2005 Graduates

**Chelsea Barker-Loafman ('05)** attended Texas Tech University to complete her graduate work in Exercise Physiology. She served as a coach for the US Olympic Archery Dream Team in 2006-2007 and is currently a professor of Anatomy and Physiology for Central Texas College in Killeen.

**Judy Bozone ('05)** attends the University of Michigan and is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in music composition. She will graduate in May 2011.

**Lauren Butler ('05)** completed her Doctor of Audiology degree in 2009 at the University of Texas at Dallas and returned to Waco to work for Waco Ear, Nose & Throat.

**LaRae (Rather) LaBouff ('05)** and Jordan LaBouff ('05) were married just after we graduated and have moved around a bit since then, eventually settling at a house in Hewitt. Jordan is in the final semesters of his Ph.D. in Experimental Social Psychology at Baylor and has had the amazing opportunity to teach a new generation of BICers in Examined Life I for the last few years. LaRae is a certified histotechnologist and enjoys working in medicine greatly. Soon LaRae, Chip (their dog) and Jordan will be off chasing a faculty position and leaving good ol' BU behind them.

**Meghan Magley ('05)** attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She chose to specialize in Psychiatry and has started her residency program at George Washington University, in Washington D.C. After residency, Meghan will be working for the Air Force as psychiatrist.

A week after graduation, **Abigail "Abby" Foster Pendergraft ('05)** moved to Houston, got married (to a fellow Baylor Alum) and started her career. Her career began in commercial real estate and transitioned into personal finance. Five years later, Abby and her husband John are Regional Vice Presidents with Primerica Financial Services. They help families throughout the Houston area better understand personal finances and help



them reach their financial goals. When they are not working on their financial services business, Abby and John like to travel. Some of their favorite travel spots include Maui, New York and Napa Valley.

**Mimi Wiggins Perreault** ('05) moved to Florida after graduation in May 2005 and married Greg Perreault. During the three years they were in Florida, Mimi worked for the Palm Beach Post. In June of 2008, the Perreaults moved to Washington, DC where Mimi has worked for a number of news organizations while attending graduate school in Georgetown University's Communication, Culture and Technology Program. Greg and Mimi love DC and hope to stay there as long as they can.

After graduation from Baylor, **Meghann Presley** ('05) and her husband, fellow BIC alumni Luke Presley ('05) moved to the Austin area with a brief interlude in New York City for culinary school where she studied Pastry Arts. They have one daughter, Avery, 16 months.

**Scott Rogers** (BBA '05) married Erin (Jobe) Rogers (BA '05) in December 2005. They will celebrate their five year anniversary in New York City this December. Scott is Vice President/Commercial Loan Officer at Alliance Bank Central Texas in Waco. Scott helped start the bank when its management team formed a shareholder group to purchase The State Bank of Jewett and move its headquarters to Waco. The bank has since grown from \$34MM in assets to more than \$160MM in assets in less than three years.



Since graduating from Baylor in 2005 with a B.B.A in Accounting and a Master of Taxation, **Kristen Spott** ('05) moved to Los Angeles, California where she currently practices as a certified public accountant. She currently works as a tax manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She

provides both domestic and international tax compliance and consulting services. Her main area of focus is the entertainment, media and technology industries. Some of her selected clients include the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, Activision Blizzard, DreamWorks Animation, Harpo Productions and Mattel. After completing her Master of Taxation at Baylor in 2005, she married her childhood sweetheart and fellow Baylor alumnus, Lance Spott ('04).

After graduating, **Jessica Steinberg** ('05) moved back home to Phoenix, AZ where she is currently finishing up her Nursing School program as a Banner Fellow for her RN. This accelerated program is difficult, challenging, and very rewarding! Jessica finds herself missing Baylor, BIC and Texas more than she ever thought possible. It just goes to show, once a BICer, always a BICer!! Sic 'Em, Bears!

**Ashley Turner** ('05) works for Publicis Groupe in Dallas, in brand management and marketing, helping companies launch products, services, and strategically position brands for success through consumer research, product analysis and competitive insights. Her clients have included Curves International, Capital One, Alltel Wireless, Pizza Hut and TruGreen. She is also working on her MBA at SMU and volunteering as a Young Life leader.



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## 2006 Graduates

**Roshini Kumar** ('06) took a year off after graduation to travel in Europe then returned to Dallas where she began working as a Milieu Therapist at Children's Medical Center Dallas in the pediatric psychiatry department. She works in an inpatient psychiatric unit for children with eating disorders, depression, bipolar disorders and schizophrenia, and helps implement behavioral plans, run therapeutic groups,

and conduct parent and family education on working with this population. Last August, she began graduate school at UT Southwestern Medical Center to get a master's in Rehabilitation Counseling Psychology and is currently planning on enrolling in another graduate program for a doctorate in Clinical Psychology next fall.

**Lindsay (Spencer) Meagher** ('06) married Sean Meagher (Baylor '06) and moved to the suburbs of Washington, DC, where she worked for LexisNexis and Uniformed Services University while her husband attended medical school. The Meaghers welcomed their first child, Evan Ross, on October 28, 2008. Upon Sean's graduation from medical school in May 2010, they moved to San Antonio for his Pediatrics residency. Lindsay is thrilled to be pursuing her most challenging career yet as a stay-at-home mom.



**Lisa Sawyer Samp** ('06) now lives with her husband (and former BIC-er) Tony Samp in Washington, DC, where she works in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon and he works in the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Martin Heinrich.

Lisa received her MA in International Affairs and Development from The George Washington University in 2008. She recently returned from Afghanistan where she was working as a strategic planner at the Special Operations Headquarters in Kabul and is currently on temporary assignment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium. Lisa and Tony were married in June 2009 on Grand Cayman Island. They love travelling and are the proud parents of a cat named Lyndel.



Amelia Thomas ('06) is currently working for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in Washington, DC.

Tarra Thomas ('06) graduated with a BBA in Marketing and worked at American Airlines for two years in Ft. Worth, Texas. She currently resides in New York City where she works at American Express as a Manager in International New Product Development. She loves exploring the City and trying new restaurants and is looking forward to running her first half marathon in October.



Phillip Westbrook ('06) went on to further his education in the area of Audio Engineering. He now lives in Dallas, TX and is building a business as a music producer/recording engineer. His studio, Sunfire Studios, provides services to local musicians, film makers and commercial clients. His client list includes the Dallas Mavericks and various local radio stations as well as many other talented musicians.

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## 2007 Graduates

After graduating in the summer of 2007, Luke Baker ('07) moved to Arkansas to work on Governor Mike Huckabee's Presidential campaign. He has since gotten married (to a Baylor alum) and now resides in Austin, TX working for a political new media firm.

Eva Silkwood Baker ('07) continued her graduate studies at Baylor and obtained a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations in 2009.



She moved to Washington, D.C. in May 2009 and since then has been working as a Research Assistant

with the Western Hemisphere Program of the Institute for National Strategic Studies at National Defense University.

On May 7, 2010 she married Calvin Mathias Baker (U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer) in Houston, Texas. They now live in Arlington, Virginia and continue to work in the Washington, D.C. area.

Upon graduating Baylor with a Masters in 2006, Jillian (Law) Bergman moved to Houston to work as an auditor for Deloitte, LLP. Two years later, she moved to Austin to marry her husband, and left Deloitte for a smaller accounting firm, Holtzman Partners, LLP. In March of this year they welcomed Madison Rose Bergman into their family.



Megan Johnson ('07) is starting her 4th year as a Ph.D. student in Experimental Psychology at Baylor University, with a focus on Social and Personality Psychology. She has been teaching a variety of psychology courses at Tarleton State University's campus in Waco—and teaching Examined Life I for the BIC. Megan said it has been great to see the BIC from the other side of the classroom as a teacher.

From 2008 to 2009, Kat McMullen ('07) worked at a florist and with inner-city children while attending the Elevate program at Antioch in Waco. From autumn 2009 to summer 2010, she earned her MA in Nineteenth Century Studies at the University of Sheffield in England. Currently, she's back in Texas and loving life.



Mary Lisa (Merritt) Mireles just graduated (May 2010) from Texas Tech University School of Law with her J.D. She is currently living in San Antonio and looking for a job.

Megan Rapp ('07) works for the United Nations Environment Programme in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and Geneva on energy policies. She has been working under

the Clean Energy Programme of UNEP, currently focusing on fuel-efficient stoves and energy efficient technologies. She has been developing coordination strategies as well as supporting the capacity of local and international stove organizations. The work has been challenging yet tremendously interesting for Megan. In addition, Megan was working in Haiti when the earthquake struck in January. It was a life-changing experience that Megan had the opportunity to recount in an article for Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. [http://sipa.columbia.edu/news\\_events/announcements/2010BacktoHaiti-MeganRapp.html](http://sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/announcements/2010BacktoHaiti-MeganRapp.html) She is looking forward to addressing the students in the Baylor Economics Department this fall during Homecoming.



Courtney Ray ('07) moved to Denver after graduating from Baylor's School of Social Work program and got her first post-college job as a residential treatment facility counselor through one of Colorado's Division of Youth Corrections private facilities. After working with teenage girls with a variety of mental health issues, she transferred to a teenage boy's facility as a case manager. She was just recently hired on as an adolescent caseworker at the county level, got married, and bought a house. Hooray for new beginnings!

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## 2008 Graduates

Carrie Hughes ('08) is currently an education student at Southern Methodist University, focusing on social studies grades 8-12 and Latin. She also does volunteer work within the Dallas ISD. She has written several short stories and is currently training for a half-marathon.

Since graduating, Courtney Jewett ('08) has become an English Teacher at O'Connor High School. She's finishing her Master's in English at UTSA and has written two children's books that she's trying to get published. Courtney met her soul mate, Warren Craig, and they are engaged to be married next July.



Seth Koster ('08) is in his second year of medical school at A.T. Still University and will be starting clinical rotations in Hawaii starting in August.

## 2009 Graduates

After graduation from Baylor in December, Coley Davis ('09) began Nursing School at UTMB in Galveston. She will receive her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing this December. Her goal is to become a Labor and Delivery Nurse. She loves what she is doing now, has an amazing boyfriend whom she plans to marry soon, and is very happy.



Esther Heimbach ('09) entered the MPH Community Health Education masters program at Baylor last fall and have been teaching HED 1145 (health education) this past year. She is currently studying abroad in Brazil, completing a health practicum and will start working on a thesis this coming fall. After graduating from this program, she desires to work in the field of health education to help pay off some school loans and then enter medical school to become a cardiologist.

Michael Sturdy ('09) is working towards his Master's in History at Baylor University, studying paganism in the Roman Empire (specifically emperor worship and the Mithraic mystery cults). He will be finishing this

degree in May 2011. Michael also works as an editor for the Baylor University Institute for Oral History. He is engaged to fellow BIC alumna Lauren Hollon ('09) and "couldn't be happier about it."

## 2010 Graduates

Stefanie Geoghegan ('10) is going to be a full-time student at Nazarene Theological Seminary this fall and is working on her teacher certification this summer. As a full time youth pastor, Stephanie enjoys organizing projects and developing new procedures and goals for her youth group.

Patti Leeke ('10) is a first-year medical student at Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine at the Scott & White campus in Temple, TX. She will be graduating in May 2014 with her M.D.

Sarah Morrow ('10) moved to Nashville, TN to start a Masters program in Nurse Practitioner Midwifery at Vanderbilt University. The program lasts for 7 semesters, but she hopes to move back to Texas to practice after completing her internship.

Ray Panneton ('10) moved to the Houston area where he began working for an attorney. He will start law school at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law on August 16, 2010.

After graduating from Baylor in May, Rachel (Kressin) Zamzow ('10) was married on June 25th, 2010 to Corey Zamzow,

another Baylor bear. They currently live in Waco, and Rachel is working as a research assistant at the Baylor Mind Body Medicine Research Lab, where she helps in the coordination of a clinical study involving hypnotherapy as a treatment for hot flashes in post-menopausal women.



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