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Letter from the Chair

Welcome and best wishes from steamy-hot Meiklejohn House. We normally have the newsletter out well before the August heat bears down on us, but we had – to continue the metaphor – several irons in the fire and waited until we could report on several news items. As well, we are migrating to a new digital format for future newsletters, and this (rather lo-tech) version is a first step in that direction.

Since I wrote to you last Fall, the program has experienced a number of exciting high points. It's no secret that the success of ILS over the years has spawned a number of other worthy certificate programs and integrated learning opportunities across campus (there are currently more than eighty certificate programs across the UW). However, rather than competing directly with these programs, we've established a strategy of collaboration with peer units.

Thus, we continue to affiliate with the Honors Program by offering several of our courses for Honors, or with special Honors sections.

Our relationship with the Bradley Learning Community continues to flourish. The popular FIG (First Year Interest Group) program is linked to ILS through a variety of our courses, and we now recognize the similar pedagogies between ILS and FIGs by allowing 6 credits taken in FIGs to count toward the certificate. As for new collaborations, Patrick Sims, Professor of Theatre and Drama will be offering an exciting



Spring 2012 Capstone Students

For a complete list of ILS Alums, please visit:
<http://ils.wisc.edu/alumni/ilsalumni.html>

seminar in ILS titled "Creativity and the Civic-Minded Culture." Patrick is the inaugural Director of the new Creative Arts and Design Residential Community (CADC), whose mission is to create an arts-centered residential learning experience in Sellery Hall that encourages interdisciplinary exploration. The CADC will serve as a collective for students to cultivate creative skills and interests through civic engagement, entrepreneurship, invention, collaboration and the performing, visual, and design arts of the 21st century. Sims chose to base the seminar in ILS because of its tradition of teaching courses related to civic activism and responsibility and its commitment to the arts. Finally, ILS will also play a key role in the newly-configured study abroad program in Florence, Italy. Redesigned as a Global Education Center hosting international internships and alumni events as well as the usual Spring and Fall programs, the program will reopen in Spring 2013. I will direct the program and teach my ILS course, "Art and Literature, Renaissance to Present" as the core course in the curriculum.

Of course, the greatest accomplishment for the year, and the most satisfying to everyone who contributes to ILS, was presenting certificates to 26 wonderful students at the April Banquet. Pictured to the left are the graduates-in-waiting in the senior capstone seminar visiting the Chazen Museum, all of whom (among others) have now joined the ranks of our alumni.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

On Wisconsin!
Mike Vanden Heuvel



Professor Sims

For more info about his class,
see ILS 275, lecture 4 at
http://ils.wisc.edu/courses/fall_courses.html

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 MEIKLEJOHN-POWELL AWARD!

John Zumbrunnen, associate professor of Political Science, is the 2012 recipient of the Meiklejohn-Powell fellowship, given annually to the UW faculty member who proposes the best new course for ILS. John's broad and interdisciplinary interests and research make him an outstanding candidate for future ILS teaching, and the new course "Educating the Democratic Citizen" will make a significant contribution to the ILS curriculum.

John's interdisciplinary interests range across the history of political



thought, democratic theory, American political thought, and the philosophy of social science. His recent research works at the intersection of Greek political thought and contemporary democratic theory, seeking in particular to recover ancient texts as resources for our thinking about the place and potential of ordinary citizens in mass democracy. Zumbrunnen's first book, *Silence and*

Democracy: Athenian Politics in Thucydides' History, was published in 2008. His second book, *Aristophanic Comedy and the Challenge of Democratic Citizenship* will be published in 2012. His work has appeared in *The American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Polity*, *History of Political Thought* and *Political Behavior* as well as in various edited volumes.

To view Zumbrunnen's publications, please visit his webpage at the ILS website at <http://ils.wisc.edu/>

Congratulations, John, and welcome to ILS!

ILS Faculty News

Laura McClure (chair, Classics department) has recently published articles on mothers in *Sophocles and Euripides* and is currently at work on an essay about female characters and recognition scenes in tragedy, part of a larger project on women and the construction of male identity in ancient Greek literature. She is also completing a textbook on women in the classical world for Blackwell. In the ILS tradition, she has been very active in humanities outreach over the past year: she served as faculty advisor to the UW's Great World Texts program which brought Sophocles' *Antigone* to high school teachers and students across the state. She also gave talks in Milton and Whitewater, Wisconsin, on Greek tragedy and Macbeth as a program scholar for "Ancient Greeks, Modern Lives: Poetry-Drama-Dialogue," a major national



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initiative that aims to inspire people to read classical literature as a way to understand modern experience. She is looking forward to three weeks in Italy this summer as the director of the UW's Rome program.

Mike Vanden Heuvel (chair of ILS, professor of Theatre and Drama) continues to explore relations between science and the arts. He published an essay on the use (and abuse) of the sciences of radioactivity in avant-garde theatre and painting of the early twentieth century, and presented papers at the British Society for Literature and Science at Oxford last March. Students in his theatre seminar performed projects related to sound and hearing at the May Wisconsin Institute for Discovery "Science Saturday" event. He will also direct the new Global Studies Center in Sesto Fiorentino,

Italy, offering a version of ILS 204 for a study abroad cohort.

Rick Avramenko (assistant professor of Political Science) saw the publication of his book *Courage: The Politics of Life and Limb*, which analyzes the writings of Aristophanes, Plato, Aristotle, Rousseau and Tocqueville on the subject and makes that case courageously, far from being simply one virtue among many, is in fact the primary means by which humans transcend the individual and their own isolation. Rescuing the concept from its narrower connotations of violence and gender, the study both critiques and extends this important concept in illuminating ways. Rick was also named an Honored Instructor by UW Housing Residents.

Cathy Middlecamp (current Howe-Bascom Professor, associate professor in the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Study) is the recipient of a 2010 Honors School Teaching Award. Cathy is developing a new, cross-listed course between Environmental Studies and ILS based on concepts of sustainability and using examples from the University's own infrastructure. Along with ILS colleague **Basil Tikoff**, Cathy received funding from the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates to redevelop the program's science curriculum. And finally, she has been named Vice-President of the UW-Madison Phi Beta Kappa chapter and will become President in two years. Please see related article on page 5.

Daniel Kleinman (professor of Community and Environmental Sociology), long-time ILS affiliate faculty and a past Howe-Bascom Professor, has been

appointed Dean of the Graduate School for Social Studies, beginning his tenure in August 2012.

Shawn Peters (Instructional Specialist in the Center for Education Opportunity) joined the cohort of ILS affiliates in 2011-12 by teaching an exciting course using the HBO series "The Wire" to teach Narratives of Justice and Equality in Multicultural America. See more at <http://diversity.wisc.edu/diverse-voices/>.

Kristin Hunt (ILS advisor, lecturer in ILS and Theatre and Drama) will direct University Theatre's production of Georg Büchner's seminal play *Woyzeck* in Spring 2013. Commemorating the bicentennial of the playwright's birth, Kristin's production will be site-specific: although the location has not been determined, rumor has it she is investigating the steam tunnels under the Madison campus and several odiferous sites in the Ag School.

Craig Werner (Afro-American Studies) taught a First-Year Interest Group (FIG) on Bruce Springsteen's America, and both Craig and students were invited to post their blogs on the Huffington Post. Please see the following for examples of their thoughtful, funny, and profound ruminations on all things Boss:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-werner/an-open-letter-to-bruce-s_b_1502547.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-werner/bruce-springsteen-vs-the-b_1364521.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/craig-werner/springsteen-live-a-first_b_1447365.html

Student Scholarships and Awards



2012 Recipients:
Joseph Oswald (Pooley Prize),
Elise Buchbinder (Pooley Prize) and
Travis Blomberg (Meiklejohn Travel Award)
<http://ils.wisc.edu/awards/awardwinners.html>

The ILS Scholarship Committee awarded four substantial scholarships to fund an exciting slate of undergraduate research and travel this year. Senior Travis Blomberg, an Environmental Studies and Political Science student as well as an ILS teaching assistant and student hourly worker, will use the Meiklejohn Travel Grant to travel to Kochi, Kerala, India. Perhaps Travis will cross paths with Ruth Knatz Award-winner Kate Wallner, a Philosophy and Art History major who spent this year studying abroad in India. Pooley Prize winners Elise Buchbinder and Joe Oswald also plan to devote their scholarships to research and travel. Buchbinder, a Philosophy and Global Studies student, will travel to the island of Lingira in Uganda, where she will work on several sustainable development projects with fellow WI EDGE Project members, including the assembly and monitoring of a trial ceramic water filtration system called the Kosim Water Keg. Oswald, a German, Political Science, and International Studies major as well as an ILS office worker, will spend next year at the University of Freiburg and plans to devote a portion of his award to backpacking through Eastern Europe during term break. And finally, the recipients of our outstanding TA awards were Erin Hood (Theatre and Drama, ILS 204) and Rob Gingerich (Political Science, ILS 206).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

ILS ALUM PROFILE:

James S. and Kathryn
Kuechenmeister Vaughan

ILS is happy to celebrate its generous donors in upcoming newsletters. Our plan was to feature James and Kathryn Vaughan in this number, but sadly Jim passed away on July 4th. Please join us in remembering this devoted supporter of the University in general and ILS in particular, and in sending our sympathies to Kathryn and the Vaughan family.

UW-Madison influenced and enriched the lives of Jim and Kay Vaughan for many years. In return, the Vaughans have been loyal and generous supporters of the University. Their philanthropy has enhanced many different University programs, reflecting their enthusiasm for the intellectual diversity that defines the UW.



The Vaughans established an estate fund in honor of their daughter (BA '67) to support ILS. The Frances Vaughan Faculty Support Fund will support the program's efforts to recruit top faculty and teaching assistants – always the top priority in a program devoted to teaching.

After earning his undergraduate degree, Jim pursued his graduate studies in public administration at Syracuse University. After the war, Jim joined the Square D Company, a multinational manufacturer of electrical control, electronics and distribution equipment. He became a director and vice president of manufacturing and planning for Square D in 1976.



After retiring from Square D in 1982, he became a vice president at Lubar and Company Inc., an investment banking firm. From 1985-1991, he was the vice president for business plans at the Milwaukee Innovation Center, an organization which helps entrepreneurs finance expansion of their companies.

Active alumni, the Vaughans served on several committees and boards. Jim was a member of the Wisconsin Alumni Association, and served on the UW Foundation board of directors, becoming its chairman in 1987. The Vaughans were also members of Bascom Hill Society for which Jim was chair from 1976-1987. Jim served on the College of Engineering's industrial advisory board and the Vision 2000 Leadership Committee. He received the College's Distinguished Service Award in 1988 and the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1978.

The Vaughans' gift decisions have been made jointly and for various reasons. They chose to fund Bascom Professorships to honor their fathers. The Vaughan-Bascom Professorship in Plant Pathology honors Jim's father while the Hugo Kuechenmeister-Bascom Professorship in the School of Business recognizes Kay's father. The couple also has funded several athletic scholarships in tribute to Kay's father, who earned his "W" in basketball.

Their widespread UW interests include the School of Music and the Carillon Tower. Jim was among the Tower's first carillonners and his continuing concern for the venerable landmark led the Vaughans to establish the Carillon Tower Endowment Fund in 1986. Kay has taken particular interest in another of the University's unique resources -- the Helen Allen Textile Collection in the School of Human Ecology. One gift funded the purchase of special storage cabinets for the valuable collection.



In 1996, they established the Vaughan Bascom Professorship in Women and Philanthropy in the School of Human Ecology. The professorship was named to honor Kay and to honor Jim's mother, Eloise Samson Vaughan, who received her master's degree from the School.

During their many travels, a shared love of trains has taken Jim and Kay to Australia, South Africa, Europe, Russia, New Zealand, British Columbia, China and South America. The couple currently resides in Mequon, Wisconsin.

One of the couple's claim to fame occurs at almost every UW event they attend—Jim enthusiastically leading "Varsity", with his red suspenders and agile moves, he slowly builds to the cheer—U-RAH RAH, Wisconsin! Please join us in cheering both the UW and the Vaughans.



At UW-Madison, Cathy Middlecamp (second from left, at the 2012 PBK induction ceremony) serves as the vice president of Phi Beta Kappa (Alpha Chapter) and will become its president in 2014. For more information on the history of Phi Beta Kappa, please see <http://www.lssaa.wisc.edu/pbk/index.html>.

ILS is proud to announce that Aaron Delman and Weston Gaines, ILS Certificate graduating seniors, were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter, in April 2012. Phi Beta Kappa is “the nation's oldest academic honor society. Since its inception in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa has been committed to fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts. The main function of the local Chapter is to honor undergraduates for outstanding scholarly achievement.” These ILS faculty and staff also are Phi Beta Kappa members:

Joe Elder, Oberlin College (Zeta of Ohio Chapter)
 Booth Fowler, Harvard University, Amsterdam, Netherlands (Alpha-Iota Chapter)
 Kristin Hunt, Hendrix College (Beta Chapter)
 Cathy Middlecamp, Cornell University (Theta Chapter)
 Adam Nelson, Brown University (Alpha Chapter)
 Patricia Rosenmeyer, (Alpha-Iota Chapter)
 Craig Werner, Colorado College (Beta of Colorado Chapter)

For more pictures of the UW-Madison induction ceremony, please visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.3814965249516.2168839.1139113832&type=1&l=d8230fb4e7>

Coming your way ...

We are seeking to become more interactive with alumni, and so here are some things to look for in the coming months:

- *The program will undergo its 10-year review this academic year. This allows us to produce an accurate snapshot of where we stand at present, and to begin planning for the long term.*
 - *To help us in our planning, ILS will be sending an **alumni survey** to each of you before the end of September. The survey, via the UW's Qualtrics system, is very user-friendly and will not take up much of your time. But we're very interested in hearing your memories of the program, your suggestions for improvements, and what you've made of the education you received, in part, through ILS. It will be a great opportunity to catch up, to see what our alumni numbers are, and to hear from old friends. Look for it in your email soon, and if you prefer a hard copy to fill out and return just write your request to the ILS office address or email ils@mailplus.wisc.edu*
- *Be sure to “friend” ILS on Facebook, and use the page to stay connected to friends and faculty (past and present). Just search under “Integrated Liberal Studies.”*



ILS events strive to be community building, filled with all sorts of information. (ILS Photo Archives)

- *ILS is hoping to offer semester and/or summer Integrated Humanities Institutes, for which past and present ILS faculty would lead groups of students, alumni and guests through a short course of readings and discussions. If you have an idea for the subject of such an institute, or suggestions for faculty you'd like to see lead them, please send these to ils@mailplus.wisc.edu*
- *The next newsletter will include a feature called "24 Hours in the Day of ..." in which a current ILS faculty member will relate how her or his time is spent on a typical day working with ILS. It would be wonderful if we had a matching essay by an alum or two highlighting how they incorporate the ILS experience into their lives. If you are interested, please write to Mike Vanden Heuvel at the address above.*
- *The Fall 2012 newsletter will also have a new template and design, so let us know how you like it. We'll also feature news of the new science curriculum being instituted in the program following the retirement of Tim Allen, and articles by some of our many outstanding alums.*

Until the next newsletter, then, a fond farewell and fare thee well to all our alumni!



UW's graduating class of 2006: Can you find yourself among the throng of students?

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