

Where Are They Now?

Updates from Student-Authors

We are pleased to provide again these updates from some of the student-authors whose research appeared in this and in past special volumes of Frontiers. These updates serve as a testimony to the ongoing impact of the study abroad experience, and inspire everyone involved with study abroad to value the distinctiveness of study abroad learning.

Brian Hoyer writes:

I am currently living in New York City where I am a student at Columbia University. I am working toward a Masters in International Affairs at the School for International and Public Affairs as well as a MPH at the Mailman School of Public Health's Program on Forced Migration. This academic year, I was awarded the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for study in Kiswahili and African Studies. I am also still involved in the humanitarian field with a focus on issues of accountability and the link between emergency relief with development. In early 2008 I worked with a group of students as consultants on monitoring and evaluation for the Millennium Village Project in Ghana and look forward to working with refugee populations in East Africa in the coming months.

Emily Kanstroom writes

I moved back from Paris last summer, and am currently a first-year student at Boston College Law School, where I am focusing on human rights and immigration. Working with professors at BC, I am continuing my research on the Guantanamo detainees, and just returned from Harlingen, Texas where I was counseling immigrants in border detention facilities. I miss Paris every day, but law school is incredible.

Lindsey Moore writes:

I'm currently living in India still knee deep in fair trade research. For the past year and a half I worked for Zhena's Gypsy Tea (an 100% Fair Trade tea company) running east coast sales and fair trade outreach. However, I began to doubt whether the Fair Trade claims I was promoting were truly being executed on the ground. A peer of mine (working in another Fair Trade business) and I wrote a prospectus for a white

paper concerning whether the Fair Trade movement needs revision as well as whether it is marketed effectively to an upcoming generation of skeptical conscious consumers. We received a grant to begin this research. I will be living in tea plantations for a total of four months and then will return to the US to fundraise in the hopes of continuing the research in Mexico. Our goal is to take a fresh look at some of the problems that have become entrenched in an increasingly bureaucratic system. There is much potential in the Fair Trade movement and we hope that our research will demonstrate this to our skeptical peers.

Kevin McAdam tells us

I'm attending the University of Colorado School of Law (in Boulder) on a full-tuition scholarship (what a blessing!) and am enjoying my first year of studies. I will be working with the Alliance Defense Fund this summer, under the auspices of the Blackstone Legal Fellowship. I got married last summer to my beautiful wife, Christine, and we're expecting our first child in early May!

Jason Nossiter tells us:

The experience of helping young companies while being a startup ourselves has been both rewarding and challenging. Working in finance hasn't stopped me from continuing to follow politics closely and I continue to read as much as I can about French politics and, recently, the presidential primaries here in the US. I hope to continue working for a couple of years and would love to go to business school or graduate school in international relations in the not too distant future.

Colin Smith replied that:

I am back in New Orleans but still teaching pre-kindergarten. Starting this summer, I will be assistant principal of our early childhood program (PK-1st) at KIPP McDonogh 15 School for the Creative Arts here in the French Quarter.

Michael Stamboulis-Ruhstorfer writes:

I'm finishing the Masters in American studies here at the University of Toulouse and was recently offered a full 5-year fellowship for a PhD in sociology at UCLA, so that's where I'll be starting this fall.