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Maria Madden Coady ’89 writes: “I finished my Ph.D. in bilingualism and education in 2001 from the University of Colorado, Boulder. I’ve joined the University of Florida’s College of Education and am currently working as Professor on Special Assignment for International Education. I am developing and directing our College’s international programs from this end of the U.S. Would love to keep in touch. The PIP program was immensely formative for me.”

From Suzanne Kingsbury ’91: “I used my teaching skills and my love of research from the field of International Education to become a novelist. The novels are available worldwide and because they were so successful, I wanted to help other writers do the same. Now I run a business helping people writing books get their books to the point of publication. To create enterprises from their books I also hold salon-style writing retreats nationwide and founded a teaching training program for writers who want to make a living teaching writing. The method of teaching I use is called Gateless Writing and it has brought my writers such incredible success and happiness. I love it!!! So happy to have launched it all from my experience at UNH. Can’t wait for the newsletter!!” Check out Suzanne’s website.

Fred Olsen ’97 holding 2013 World Series trophy

Many thanks to Fred Olsen ’97, director of special projects for the 2013 World Series Champions Boston Red Sox, for visiting campus for CIE’s Happy Returns program. He spoke to a capacity crowd in the MUB as well as to many Paul College, IA, and College of Liberal Arts classes, inspiring students and faculty. Read more about his visit in UNH Today.
Sarah Hewitt ’01 is a consultant in the Intelligence Community with Pathoras Corporation in the Washington, DC area. Sarah was the guest speaker at the class of 2008 international affairs dual major luncheon.

Michelle Giguere Hollett ’06 is a curriculum developer and journalism fellow for BON Education in the Washington DC area. She and her husband Ryan (also employed at BON Education) are off to the United Arab Emirates to help run a two-week camp for Emirati middle schoolers called Tech Quest. Michelle is a former study abroad program assistant for CIE.

Matt Reno ’06 is managing director of Chaski International, a Los Angeles and New Hampshire based Export Management Company for consumer and specialty foods. He is also an importer of South American olive oil (https://www.facebook.com/las200). In 2009, he joined UNH in starting a local chapter for the 1400 alumni of record in Southern California. Currently, he serves as President of the Los Angeles Chapter for UNH Alumni (www.facebook.com/groups/la.chapter/). Read Matt’s recently submitted profile.

Julia Blumenfeld ’07 is a sales and marketing coordinator for HEAD/Tyrolia Winter Sports, USA in Boulder, CO.

Laura Carpenter ’07 returned to the U.S. in 2013, after spending a year living in New Delhi, India. While there, Laura volunteered full-time with two non-governmental organizations, the Institute of International Education (IIE) and Access Development Services, on projects related to higher education, maternal health, and agricultural and artisanal livelihoods. She is now pursuing her interest in the social enterprise sector, and recently helped plan a hackathon-style event in Boston for the Archimedes Project, the goal of which was to design a large-scale clean water and sanitation social enterprise to end cholera in Haiti. Next, Laura hopes to combine her background and interests in renewable energy and international development by working with a social enterprise to increase access to clean and affordable energy in developing countries.

Tyler Walker ’08 recently competed in the Paralympics in Sochi, Russia. He had a scary crash in the downhill race (read news report), but fortunately, he is fine and returning home. We wish him a smooth recovery!

Previously a translation intern in Germany for Watching America, Kate Wheeler ’08 returned to the U.S. last fall to become an international recruiting coordinator for CIEE (one of our study abroad providers) in Portland, ME. She interviews students who want to come work seasonally in the U.S. with the J-1 work and travel program. Her work assignments have taken her to Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Turkey thus far!

Jessica Dennis ’09 is a financial assistant at MIT, in their Comparative Media Studies/Writing program. “I completed my M.Ed in Higher Ed Administration in 2012 from Northeastern University. I also founded the website, Gluten Free Boston Girl (www.glutenfreebostongirl.com), a blog dedicated to living a gluten free lifestyle based primarily in the Boston area.”

Melanie Condon ’10 is a policy associate for natural resources and infrastructure issues at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Washington, DC. She lobbies the Federal government and Congress on behalf of all the legislative bodies of the 50 states and territories in the issues of energy, environment, agriculture and transportation. Read her recently submitted profile.
Bridget Farmer ’10 has been an assistant legislative analyst at JLARC in Richmond, VA since summer of 2013.

Caroline Cenerizio ’11 is finishing up an internship at the American Corner - Tunis, and English Language library and cultural center sponsored by the U.S. Embassy and AMIDEAST.

Emma Pritchard ’11 writes that she is “currently in my seventh month of Peace Corps service. I am teaching English to both students and teachers at a rural high school in Cambodia. Myself and another Peace Corps Volunteer have also started an art club for high school students. In my free time I study Khmer (Cambodian) and spend time with my wonderful host family. I am looking forward to another great year and a half of service.”

Sebastian Sink ’11 is an A&R Coordinator at PARMA Recordings WUNH. In January, he became a grad teaching asst here at UNH.

Matt Jones ’13 is currently living in the outer district of Shenzhen, China. He is teaching English there with his girlfriend (also a 2013 grad) for one year and they will return to the U.S. in June of 2014.