

2010-2011 Annual Marquette Economics Alumni Newsletter

► From the Chair



Following the initiative of Professor David Clark, who preceded me as chair of the Economics Department, I am continuing to update our alumni with our annual Economics Department Alumni Newsletter. We have been delighted by the enthusiastic response of our alumni to the previous issues prepared by Professor Olga Yakusheva.

The past year has certainly been an eventful period at Marquette, and there is plenty of news to report about the faculty, students, academic program, and of course the alumni. Faculty published an impressive set of articles in top economic journals. We taught a record number of students in our classes. Although the final numbers are not in yet, it looks like the department will experience another record enrollment this fall.

Both our teaching excellence, as well as the standing of our faculty within the international academic community, is continually being reaffirmed. Our students are achieving great success, finding excellent opportunities in the job market, including placements in major companies, and placing in graduate schools. We hope that you

will share in our pleasure, as you read below about the many activities the Department has undertaken in the past year, and the fortunes of our faculty and emerging graduates.

The alumni once again had an excellent year with an Al's run post-race party that drew about 30 runners and walkers, a very well-attended reunion basketball event at Molly Cools, co-sponsorship of a series of talks in celebration of the year of the 100th anniversary of accepting women at Marquette, and of course the Brewer's game tailgate event before the Brewer's – Pirates game last July which brought in more than 50 alumni and their families.

In addition to their co-sponsorship of various events throughout the year, the alumni continue to support our students in a variety of ways. Within the last year, they served as mentors as well as attending the Fed Challenge practice presentations. Perhaps most importantly, we placed a number of our undergraduate and graduate students as interns at the local companies of our alumni. These placements were very much appreciated, especially given the tough economic times we have seen over the past few years.

We have enjoyed hearing from you about your activities and seeing some of you visit us in Straz Hall. I applaud the efforts and accomplishments of our many alumni, so vital to our continued success.

Your generous support has contributed significantly to the stipends we have been able to confer on many students. Even more vital than the monetary gifts are the help we receive from all of you in identifying prospective applicants and encouraging them to apply. This newsletter aims to help you keep in touch with what is going on here in the Department, as well as to provide a bit of information about your fellow alumni. We hope you

will take the opportunity to keep in touch with us and with each other.

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► From the President of the Alumni Board

In its second year, the Marquette University



Economics Advisory Board (MUEAB) gained visibility among faculty students and alumni. We continued to support several College of Business programs such as the Mentor program, and we

sponsored and hosted a few events of our own! Our biggest event was an alumni and faculty networking social held at Molly Cool's Seafood Tavern in downtown Milwaukee right before a Marquette men's basketball game. Over 70 people attended, and thanks to our generous sponsors (Pipal Research, Clearspring Energy Advisors, Touchpoint Advantage Group, GE, and MISIX Inc.) we were able to donate all the proceeds, over \$1,000, to the Marquette Economics Alumni Scholarship Fund. We received such great feedback from many attendees that the Board hosted another pre-game social in December 2010, before Marquette took on Longwood at the Bradley Center. Here are highlights of other events the Advisory Board helped sponsor and host.

- In 2009 and 2010, we joined MU-Team Econ for the Briggs & Al's Run/Walk for Children's Hospital. To show our support for all the participating students, faculty, alumni, and their friends and families, the Board

provided sandwiches at the post run/walk tailgate.

- In October of 2009, in honor of the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette, the MUEAB and the Center for Global and Economics Studies co-hosted speaker Dr. Kathryn M. Dominguez, Professor of Public Policy and Economics at the University of Michigan.
- In honor of the 2010 Marburg Lecturer Dr. Marianne Farber and the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette, the Board hosted a Ladies' Tea Luncheon at the George Watts Tea Room in downtown Milwaukee for alumni, students, and faculty in February 2010. Fifteen women attended, and all the proceeds from the event were donated to the Economics Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Economics Advisory Board's Priorities

Besides supporting and hosting events, the board spent much of 2009-2010 developing a 5-year strategic plan. In the plan, the Board identified the following 5 priorities:

- Build general awareness of the Marquette Economics Undergraduate and Graduate programs, and help the Economics faculty

enhance the curriculum by identifying market needs to better prepare students for the workforce.

- Increase visibility and prestige of the Economics Department within the University and business community through a variety of professional and social engagements as well as outreach activities.
- Support the endeavors of Economics students through mentorship, networking, speaking engagements and other outreach activities.
- Facilitate networking and career opportunities for alumni.
- Grow the scholarship endowment through fundraising efforts, and develop a process for awarding scholarships.

The overall goal of the MUEAB is to become a visible and positive resource for the University, students and alumni to help promote the economics major and career development. None of this is possible without the dedication of our active board members: Shari Corrigan Hanneman (MSAE 1998), Joe Hartung (MSAE 2004), Josh Hoyt (MSAE 1995), Mark Jenn (Secretary – BA 1992, MSAE 1995), Rose Lo Ricco (President – BS 2001, MSAE 2003), Andy Martinelli (MSAE 2004), Chris Murphy (Treasurer – BA 1987, MSAE 1989), Steven Names (BS 1994, MBA 1999), Jim Orheim (BS 1992, MSAE 1994), Steve Pigeon (MSAE 2004), Joe Steiner (Vice President – MSAE 2004), Mark von der Ruhr (Past President – BS 1992, MSAE 1994), and Terri Yoho (MSAE 1986).

Stay Connected - Join us on LinkedIn!

If you would like to support the MUEAB in its mission to help make the Economics degree

programs genuinely transformational through activities that enhance the experience of students, faculty, and alumni, the MUEAB invites you to join the **Marquette University Economics Group on LinkedIn**. (There is also an **MSAE subgroup** that you may join). Currently, we have over 130 members! This is great ways to stay informed about board events and connect with other MU economics alumni, faculty, and current students. The MUEAB will use LinkedIn to announce upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. In addition, we encourage you to use this site to post job openings or internship opportunities, as well as start discussions on economics and/or career related topics.

We love hearing from Alumni!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? If you would like to contact the MUEAB directly, please send us an e-mail at MarquetteEconAlum@gmail.com. We love hearing from alumni! In the past year, alumni from around the world who graduated last year or 50 years ago have contacted us expressing their willingness to volunteer and donate to the scholarship fund! It truly is a testament of how strong the MU Economics community has become. The MUEAB is currently working on initiatives to further engage alumni across the globe, so please feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions or feedback.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at upcoming events!

Rose Lo Ricco (BS 2001, MSAE 2003)
President of the Marquette University Economics
Advisory Board

► News of the Department

Marquette Economics Association

During the 2010-11 academic year, the Marquette Economics Association (MEA) continued its strong tradition of promoting academic and professional development through collaboration with students and faculty of economics. The organization draws its active membership from students enrolled in both the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business Administration.

The MEA sponsors a team in the annual Al McGuire run and walk, which benefits the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. This year, we are excited to report that the team took seventh place in the event overall!

Additionally, several site-visits scheduled throughout the year allowed undergraduate students interested in economic issues to network with alumni professionals in the greater Milwaukee community. Accordingly, membership is strongly

encouraged for economics majors. However, membership is also open to all currently enrolled Marquette undergraduate students.

In the fall, the MEA offered a series of dynamic speakers from diverse fields and career paths. Keynote speakers were experts on international trade, environmental law, housing economics, and small business entrepreneurship. In the spring, the MEA was pleased to focus its events and speakers on the themes of corporate responsibility, ethics, and sustainability.

If you are interested in speaking at a meeting of the Marquette Economics Association, or have any comments you wish to share, please do not hesitate to contact the Association's president, John Shusterich, by email at john.shusterich@marquette.edu.

Team-Econ Takes 7th Place in 2010 Al's Run

This year Team Econ scorched its way to 7th place out of 43 registered teams for the 8K Al's Run event. Team-Econ was led by undergrad Patrick Malloy who recorded a final time of 30:28. (For us humans that is a 6:07 mile pace.) MSAE students David Keppen and Ben Petry finished second and third for the team



(respectively) notching times of 36:23 and 40:59. Alum Steven Names secured the fifth place spot on the team. As Keppen stated, "Malloy has some quick!" Though the team finish was impressive, it still didn't match the unbroken team record of best post-race tailgate. Please join us next year for Al's Run. All speeds are welcomed

and fun is guaranteed.

If you would like to join the Econ team next year, please contact the Marquette Economics Association at marquetteecon@gmail.com.

Marquette Economics Professors Explore Novel Teaching Methods

Marquette faculty experiment with new tools and techniques that can make them more effective teachers. As a result, the experiences of current students many differ somewhat from what you experienced. So whether your time at Marquette involved traditional “chalk and talk” lectures, overhead projectors, and purple “ditto sheet” exams, or Powerpoint presentations, email, and social networking, we hope you will enjoy this overview of what is happening these days on Marquette’s campus.

Probably the most widely used tool at Marquette is the “D2L” course management system. This is an application that provides a multiple feature web site for each course that includes copies of the syllabus, various handouts, class slideshows, and online quizzing. It may soon be possible to use D2L for in class exams as well. Imagine taking an exam using your notebook computer in the classroom instead of paper and pen! The D2L also has discussion boards where faculty and students post comments and reply to them.

Electronic submission and grading is now an option for term papers as well. Many instructors are requiring that papers be submitted to a service called “Turnitin” which reviews the submissions for possible evidence of plagiarism. Within Turnitin, submitted content is matched against a massive library of internet sources and previous

submissions, thereby greatly increasing the chances that plagiarism will be detected.

Technology has affected the in-class experience as well. During the summer of 2010, an experimental version of an MBA foundation course in economics was delivered entirely online, using streaming video presentations for “lectures,” online quizzing for testing, and online “net meetings” for office hours and question/answer sessions.

Imagine doing the core content of introductory micro and macroeconomics on your computer from the comfort of your own home. Now imagine doing all of this within a six week time frame. It was intense, and the students worked their tails off. But it was

accomplished, apparently successfully, by exploiting emerging technology.

As you can see, the use of technology in the instruction process at Marquette is growing rapidly, and it is an ever-evolving process. New tools and techniques will emerge, and Marquette faculty will experiment with them in an effort to refine and improve the teaching and learning process. In the end, these changes will be complements to the many successful traditional approaches to education that have long characterized a Marquette University education.

Caption: MSAE student Andrew Mantz doing homework.



Marquette study finds freshman women with heavier roommates gain less weight

A Marquette University study co-authored by



Professor Olga Yakusheva has found that freshman women whose roommates weigh more than average gain less weight during their first year of college than those with thinner roommates.

The study, published in the *Journal of Economics and Human Biology* and presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Health Economists, found that the women with the heavier roommates gained an average of a half pound, as opposed to the 2.5 pounds gained by those with thinner roommates. The average freshman gains 2.5 to 6 pounds, which Professor Yakusheva points out is significantly less than the infamous “Freshman 15.”

“We found that heavier roommates tend to exercise more, diet more often and be more selective with meal options,” Professor Yakusheva said. “These behaviors, more than weight, are what we’re really interested in.”

This is the first study to examine weight gain using a natural experiment—randomly selected roommates. According to Yakusheva, previous studies have looked at spouses and friends, which are self-selected relationships, or siblings, where genetic traits are shared.

Professor Yakusheva conducted the study with Dr. Kandice Kapinos, an assistant research scientist at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, and Dr. Marianne Weiss, an Associate Professor in the College of Nursing, Marquette. The researchers assessed 144 female Marquette students randomly assigned to live together during their freshman year.

In a similar study this year, Yakusheva and Kapinos found that dormitories’ proximity to dining and fitness facilities also had an impact on freshman weight gain.

Professor Yakusheva was invited to be a research fellow at the Yale School of Public Health to continue her work on this research. She will be on leave from Marquette during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Alum Speaks at Research Workshop

On November 22 Michael Strain, Ph.D. candidate



from Cornell, spoke at a Department of Economics Research Workshop sponsored by the CGES. The title of the presentation was

“The Role of Ability in Understanding earnings Instability.” Approximately 30 undergraduate

students, MSAE students and faculty attended the presentation. Using longitudinal data, Mike showed that the variability in earnings followed a “U” shape across income categories with volatility rising at both ends of the distribution. The work was preliminary in nature and Mike explained his next steps, using new and additional research data to establish the role of individual ability in explaining the pattern.

2010 Marburg Memorial Lecture

Dr. Robert Putnam, Peter and Isabel Malkin



Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, was the Center for Global and Economic Studies and Department of

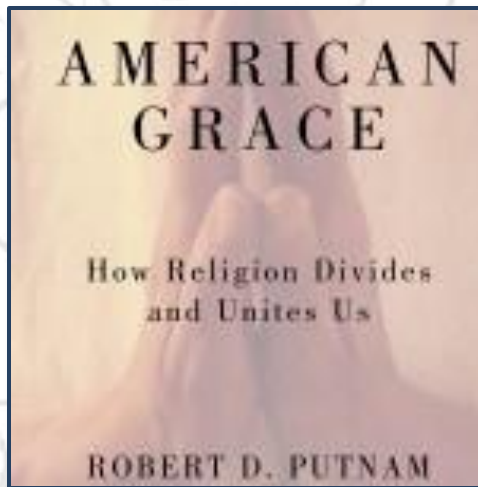
Putnam is the author or coauthor of ten previous books, translated into twenty languages, including the bestselling *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* and *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*, a study of new forms of social connectedness. He has worked on these themes with Barack Obama, Bill and Hillary Clinton, and George W. Bush, as well as with British Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, and many other national leaders and grassroots activists around the world.

Economics 2010 Marburg Memorial Lecturer. The lecture was held on November 3 in the Weasler Auditorium on the Marquette campus with over 350 guests, students, and faculty in attendance.

In his lecture, Dr. Putnam discussed *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*, his

recent co-authored (with David E. Campbell of Notre Dame University) text on religion in America and its impact on social capital and politics. Earlier the same day, Professor Putnam and Professor Daniels, co-director of the CGES, were interviewed for the Marquette Difference Network. The interview is in two parts, both of which can be watched at The Difference Network.

The London Sunday Times has called Robert Putnam “the most influential academic in the world today.”



Putnam is the founder of the Saguaro Seminar, which brings together leading thinkers and practitioners from across America to develop actionable ideas for civic renewal. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The Economist, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle, Boston Globe, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and many other publications.

For more information on the Marburg Memorial Lecture Series, visit the Marburg Lecture webpage at the CGES.

2011 Applied Global Business Learning trip

For the second year in a row, the Applied Global Business Learning (AGBL) program sent students to St. Xavier's College, a Jesuit university in Ahmedabad, India. The AGBL program is supported by the Center for Global and Economic Studies.

This year's trip took place during the first two weeks of January 2011, and included nine students. The faculty advisors were David Clark and Steven Crane. The team consulted on two St. Xavier's student run companies. The XPlant company is located in St. Xavier's Biotechnology department, and it produces a decorative desktop plant cloned from plant tissue and sealed in a sterile test tube. The XOIC company is in the Chemistry department and it produces chemical products ranging from cleaning soap to decorative candles. Both companies are run by enthusiastic hard-working students and the Marquette team examined issues ranging from product development and safety to sales and marketing and made numerous recommendations to improve the operations of these companies.

The team also traveled to Bhiloda and Dediapada in rural India to provide business expertise to two new startups being sponsored by the St. Xavier's Jesuits. In Bhiloda, a project supervised by Fr. Vincent Braganza, President of St. Xavier's College, is underway to empower women villagers by having them grow flowers in a greenhouse setting. These flowers which can be grown year-round are then



sold to visitors to local religious temples which generates a steady income source for their families. A second project located in Dediapada, a rural village in northwestern India is overseen by Fr. Lancy d'Cruz. This project encourages rural Indians

to grow, market and sell high margin medicinal products from indigenous plant species. This effort protects local forests by limiting the foraging of indigenous species, and uses sustainable methods to grow these plants in small, easily irrigated farm plots. The project keeps the Adavasi (i.e., tribal) Indians on their land, and just as important, their

children in school rather than necessitating that they migrate to urban areas for work during certain times of the year. In both of these projects, the Marquette students analyzed their markets and helped the two groups develop marketing plans for their products.

All who participated in this trip came back enlightened by the experience, and inspired by those they met on the trip. The AGBL Program Director, Dr. Heather Kohls, is already working on the next India trip to New Delhi and Ahmedabad, scheduled for January of 2012.

Photo: shown from left to right: (back) Professor Steve Crane, Edwin (the driver), Emma Lynch, Nick Leak, Jasmine Madlock, Professor David Clark, (front) Emery Nelson, Ryan Mehaffey, Mark Mueller, Kelsey Siebert, Karen Martinez, and Mike Hallberg.

► Alumni Spotlight

Chris Murphy (BA 1987, MSAE 1989)

Chris is a Marquette Arts and Sciences alumnus of the Economics program, with a second major in Political Science. After finishing his undergraduate studies in 1987 he elected to continue with a Master of Science in Applied Economics, graduating in 1989. Following his graduate work, Chris spent several months working for the U.S. Defense Department in Washington, DC. After that he returned to Wisconsin to join Kohler Company as a Market Research Analyst. While he liked the work at Kohler, he wanted to get back to the Chicago area, so he took a job at Moore Corporation (now part of RR Donnelley). After completing his MBA from Northwestern University, he joined McKinsey & Company. Chris excelled at McKinsey, eventually running the research departments in their Chicago and Cleveland offices.

Then in 2002, Chris joined several colleagues from McKinsey to form a business and financial research venture, Pipal Research. Their business model involved opening offices in both

Chicago and India, taking advantage of the time differences between the US and India to work 24/6 on projects requiring quick turnaround.



Pipal Research has evolved into a global firm focused on investment research, business research and analytics, and corporate intelligence. Pipal Research has sales offices in London, New York and Seoul as well as research offices in Chicago, New Delhi,

Bangalore, and Gurgaon, India. Pipal Research has 250 employees worldwide, and serves a wide range of global clients. In 2010, Pipal Research was acquired by CRISIL Ltd., a unit of Standard & Poor's. Chris remains affiliated with the new management team.

Chris continues to be active with the Economics Department, serving as a mentor to our students, and also serving on the Marquette Economics Advisory Board since 2008. He currently lives in Chicago with his wife Sharon and their two children, Nick (a big Marquette fan) and Sophia.

Photo: Chris Murphy and his family

► Marquette Economics Alumni Scholarship Fund

Several years ago, the Economics Department established the Marquette Economics Alumni Scholarship Fund after a generous gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Srinivas Pulavarti, a 1991 graduate of the MSAE program. The endowment from the scholarship fund serves Economics students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and in this economic environment, it has never been more important to help to grow this fund. Contributing is easy. You can send a check made out to: **Marquette Economics Alumni Scholarship Fund** to the following address:

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Marquette trustees approve first phase of new engineering facility

The Marquette University Board of Trustees Thursday approved moving ahead with the first phase of the university's new, \$100 million College of Engineering facility.

The first phase will involve construction of a five-story, 100,000 square-foot building on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets. Preparation of the site has already begun with soil testing and environmental demolition work on the interior of four university-owned apartment buildings. Marquette President Robert A. Wildt, S.J., said the university expects to break ground for the new building in spring 2010 with initial occupancy planned for August 2011.

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► Alumni Message Board

We would like to thank all of you who responded to the message board this year. We are extremely happy knowing that you are doing well.

You will notice that we are still missing a lot of our alumni. If you would like your update to be included in the next newsletter, please let us know by contacting Dr. Olga Yakusheva (olga.yakusheva@mu.edu). If you would like to get in touch with an alum whose contact information is not listed, please contact us and we will try to help you.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

BA/BS

Class of 1966

Tom Harwood

(BA Economics, 1966; MA Economics, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 1968) After completing his Master's Degree Tom was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 and served in Vietnam. From 1970 to 1973 he was a Transportation Analyst for Shell Oil Company in Los Angeles, CA. From 1973 to 1989 Tom was Director of Pricing & Industry Affairs for the air cargo company Flying Tigers. From 1989 to 2003 he was Manager of Cargo Product Development for American Airlines in Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX. Since 2003, Tom has been an Economist for the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Price Division, CPI in Dallas. Tom is looking forward to retiring at the end of 2010.

Class of 1967

Philip J. Butzen

(BA Economics, 1967; MS Economics, UCLA, 1969; Juris

Doctorate Law, Northwestern University School of Law, 1974)

From 1971 until 1978 Philip owned his own economics company, preparing feasibility studies for real estate projects for developers and branch location studies for various financial institutions in the Chicago, IL area. In the mid 1970's he relocated to the San Diego, CA area and practiced as a real estate attorney and real estate developer for many years. In 1995, after a personal retreat at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, CA, he decided to chart his life in a new direction. Today, he owns and operates two assisted living facilities in the San Diego area, taking care of 27 very frail elderly residents, several of whom receive hospice care. He feels that he has a true calling for this type of work. Philip writes, *"I hope that we, as economists, are able to develop better methodologies to quantify social costs, including environmental degradation, when analyzing the cost-benefit analysis of major policy changes, at both*

the micro and macro levels. And we should speak out, loudly, when decision makers refuse to recognize all of these costs, or assume that someone else will have to pay them or suffer their consequences."

Class of 1971

Dan Murray

(BA Economics, 1971)

Dan is a trial attorney focusing on civil and criminal litigation in federal court for Johnson & Bell, Ltd. of Chicago, IL and Merrillville IN. He has won judgments / settlements for clients involved in an array of environmental, business and financial disputes. Dan maintains an active federal criminal defense practice geared toward avoidance or resolution of investigated matters, before charges are brought by the U.S. Attorney. Representative matters include various alleged schemes to defraud (e.g. Ponzi, pyramid, bubble, boiler room, advance fee), healthcare fraud, mortgage fraud, and investment/securities fraud. Prior

to joining Johnson & Bell, Dan was appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney, in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago. While serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan was selected for various positions and assignments, including the Special Prosecutions Division, where he investigated and tried complex federal white collar criminal cases. From time-to-time, Dan was a Trial Instructor at the U.S. Attorney General's Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. Among other recognitions, Dan received the National Award of the Office of Inspector General for the United States General Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Justice's Special Achievement Award for Sustained Superior Performance. Dan serves on the Federal Bar Association Chicago Board of Directors and Nominating Committee for 2010, and formerly on the Board of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation.

Class of 1974

Dennis J. Long

(Bachelors of Economics, 1974)



Dennis retired from Principal Financial Group in August 2009 as Vice President of Retirement and Investor Services. Dennis is an active angel investor and board member for several companies. He is a member of Marquette Golden Angels, the Dean's Council of

Excellence, College of Business Administration, Marquette University and is Vice President of The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay.

Class of 1979

Greg Volpentesta

(BA Economics, 1979; MBA, DePaul University, Chicago IL, 1982)

Greg is Director of Operations Support for Cardinal Health Inc. of Dublin, OH. His team provides engineering and process improvement services for our Medical business distribution operations by driving optimal use of our warehouse systems and technology. Cardinal Health, Inc. is a Fortune 18 company that improves the cost-effectiveness of health care. As the business behind health care, Cardinal Health helps pharmacies, hospitals and ambulatory care sites focus on patient care while reducing costs, improving efficiency and quality, and increasing profitability. Cardinal Health employs more than 30,000 people worldwide. Greg is married to Pam Volpentesta and they reside in Dublin. They have three children, Dana (25), Tony (21), and Erin (20). Tony is a senior at Marquette majoring in Entrepreneurial Studies and Marketing in the Business School. Even though he has relocated to Ohio, Greg still has his MU basketball season tickets.

Thomas J. Duffey, Jr.

(BS Economics, 1979; Juris Doctorate Law, 1982)

From 1982 until 2006 Thomas was Shareholder of Duffey Law Office, S.C. Since 2006 he has been Vice President and Sr. Client Advisor for Cedar Street Advisors. Thomas is married to wife Eileen and they have four sons: John (Duke 2006, University of Michigan Law 2011), Kevin (Marquette University as of 2009), Patrick (Marquette University as of 2011) and Thomas (Marquette University as of 2012).

Class of 1980

Douglas O. Smith

(Bachelor's of Economics, 1980; Juris Doctorate Law, 1983)

Since graduating from law school Douglas has been an Army lawyer and an in-house attorney for Johnson Controls, the Medical College of Wisconsin. Currently, he is Associate General Counsel for the Marquette University Office of the General Counsel. When Douglas returned to Marquette in 2007, he began the MBA program in COBA. His undergraduate economics studies have been useful throughout his career as a regulatory and business lawyer.

Michael P. DiMino

(BA Economics, 1980)



Michael was recently appointed the CEO of Rural Metro a public company providing ambulance service to cities and towns and private

hospitals across the country. In conjunction with the appointment he moved his family from Cleveland, OH to Phoenix, AZ. His oldest son Michael was the national debate champion as a senior for his high school in public forum and was accepted at Marquette, but decided to attend American University in Washington DC.

Class of 1982

Bill Maksymiec

(BA Economics, 1982; MBA—emphasis in Management, University of the District of Columbia, 1999)

From 1988 until September 2010 Bill was employed at Chevy Chase Bank, a Division of Capital One N.A. in its Home Equity Lending Division. He was AVP and Senior Underwriter for Home Equity Loans, car, small business loans and personal lines of credit. Effective September 2010 Bill's department was laid off in a cost cutting move by Capital One. Currently he is actively seeking full time employment in the baking lending field.

Paul Ruzicka

(Bachelor's Economics, 1982)
Out of fourteen children in his family, Paul was one of nine that graduated from Marquette. Paul has been married to Liz Gorski (Dental Hygiene department at Marquette) for over 25 years and they have five children. Paul owns and operates an Orthodontic

Laboratory in St Louis, MO. Paul's life is good.

Class of 1984

Patrick J. Brennan

(BA Economics, 1984)

Patrick is living in Wauwatosa, WI with his wife Ann, who is also a 1984 Marquette graduate. They have three children. He is currently working for Mitchell Pace & Associates, a manufacturers' representative selling material to the construction industry.

Craig B. Dolezal

(BS Economics, 1984; MBA—



Finance, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, 1988)

Craig is a Managing Principal in Hewitt's Associates Atlanta office and serves as their National Health Care Strategist and Thought Leader while leading their Health Care Innovation Council. He joined Hewitt in 1989 and, over the last 21 years, has worked with leading employers across the country in virtually all industries to help them develop and deliver innovative health care strategies and solutions. Craig has been an ongoing member of the Hewitt Leadership Group and the Health Management Practice Leadership Team since 1993 serving in a variety of senior leadership roles, including stints as our National Market Development Leader, National Practice Leader, and Southeast Regional Practice

Leader.

Class of 1989

Diane Boettcher

(Bachelor's of Business Economics, 1989)

Diane is currently supporting U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany as a contractor with SRA, International.

Class of 1990

Patrick Samsel

(Bachelor's of Economics and Finance, 1990; MBA, Emory University – Goizueta School of Business, 1997)

Patrick currently resides in Atlanta, GA and is director of strategic analysis for Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Class of 1992

Kerry J. Grosse (Nee Zimmerman)

(BA Economics, 1992)

Since graduating from Marquette, Kerry has had the privilege of working for the University. She currently serves as associate registrar and works closely with all of the colleges/schools within the university on data and enrollment issues as well as compliance with federal laws. She and her husband, David, reside in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Kerry is very proud to have graduated with a degree in Economics from Marquette and although she does not work in the financial industry, as she once thought she would,

she does use her economics background every single day in her role at the University. Supply and demand is a big issue in enrollment circles, as is diminishing marginal return and opportunity cost. As associate dean of admissions, Kerry created an econometric equation that accurately predicted enrollment for several terms.

Class of 1997

Laura Hass (Nee Seitz)

(Bachelor's of Economics, 1997; MBA, University of Iowa, 2002)

After graduating from Marquette, Laura went to work at Macroeconomic Advisers in St. Louis, MO as an economic analyst before working at Colliers Turley Martin Tucker in corporate real estate. She received her MBA from the University of Iowa in 2002 and interned at Allsteel in logistics after which she became a stay at home mom to three children ages 1-7. After her children get a little older, she is hoping to pursue a PhD in Economics. In the meantime, she continues to enjoy economic study as a hobby (in between shuttling to school, dance, flag football, etc.). While her first love at Marquette was Urban Economics, now that she lives in Iowa, she finds Agricultural Economics intriguing.

Class of 1998

Christopher Dvorachek

(Bachelor's of Business Economics, 1998)

In August 2009, Christopher took a position as a Senior Vice President with IBERIABANK to help lead the company's expansion into Texas starting in Houston. He is responsible for growing a commercial banking portfolio, building a commercial banking team, and assisting in product development and marketing strategies. Prior to this position Christopher worked twelve years for JPMorgan Chase by way of their acquisition of Bank One. Outside of work he is the Finance Chair for his Catholic Parish, a member of its school board, and he is the Houston Marquette Alumni President. Christopher is married to Andrea Dvorachek (Nee Delsman) (Marquette Nursing, 1998). They have two girls, Hannah and Sadie.

Siobhan Murphy-Stryker

(BA Economics, 1998)

Siobhan is currently working as an Economist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the San Francisco regional office. She works on the Producer Price Index and International Price Index. Siobhan meets with company representatives to gather weight and item data to be used in the indexes. A few years ago she married Andrew Stryker (Civil Engineering, 1998) who she met in a Marquette Economics class. They have two lovely daughters, Aisling and Molly.



Class of 1999

Ali Chekouras (Nee Galassie)

(Bachelor's of Business Economics, 1999)

In the spring of 2000 Ali started as Asset Finance & Securitization Project Assistant with Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago, IL. Eventually she was promoted to Senior Legal Assistant supporting the Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. offices. Ali left Kirkland in 2007 after birth of her first daughter. Ali currently works twice a week as a paralegal in the Lake Forest, IL office of Schiff Hardin LLP. These days her primary focus is her family; her husband Joe and daughters Stella (3) and Margaret (18 months).

Class of 2000

Timothy Briscoe

(BA Economics, 1990; MBA, 2000)

Timothy manages a technology consulting business with his wife Amy (BS Finance & Marketing, Marquette, 1990 and MS Accounting, UWM, 1999) which they launched in 2003. OCTANE Consulting (www.WeFuelTechnology.com), a certified woman owned enterprise, is based in Milwaukee, WI and serves clients throughout the United States. In addition, he is a partner in a real estate redevelopment firm that purchase distressed multi-tenant residential and commercial properties in and around Milwaukee to improve neighborhoods and the economic climate of Greater Milwaukee

area. Timothy is looking forward to spring 2011 when he will be professed into the Third Order/Secular Franciscans after many years of study and formation. In his spare time he coaches a girl's middle school basketball team at Aquinas Academy, an outstanding private and traditional Catholic K3-8 school in Menomonee Falls, WI and enjoys the many activities of his five children.

David Brooks

(BA Economics, 2000; MSAE; 2004)
David is currently working as an Associate Underwriter for Wells Fargo Capital Finance's Technology Finance Division in Santa Monica, CA providing senior secured financing for companies in the software and technology industries. He currently resides in Santa Monica, CA.
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Class of 2001

Jessica Legois (Nee Stoller)

(BS Economics, 2001)
Jessica and her husband, Jason welcomed their first child, Cayden Frank Legois, on August 20th, 2010.

Jeremy Hahn

(BS Economics, 2001)
Jeremy started his own Web Design company in 2008 and is currently based out of McHenry, IL. Aside from building the websites, he has done a lot of

networking in the area and has had great deal of success helping other business owners use their websites to find their target audiences. I've learned a lot on my own, and I'm quite confident I could never have achieved it without my Marquette education. Jeremy met his wife on e-Harmony and she initially closed his profile. She only reconsidered when she learned they both attended Marquette. December 1, 2009 the couple has since had their first son, Logan. Logan is now nine months old and crawling all over the place. Jeremy and his wife hope to be able to someday send him to Marquette.

Class of 2002

Matthew Neururer

(Bachelor's of Economics, 2002; MBA, University of Washington, 2009)
After graduating from Marquette, Matthew entered the U.S. Army. He left the Army in 2006 after two tours in the Middle East. Matthew completed complete his MBA at the University of Washington in 2009. He currently works as a Senior Financial Analyst at AmazonFresh, the grocery delivery business of Amazon.com available in the greater Seattle area. Matthew attended the Marquette Basketball NCAA tournament game in San Jose last year. He traveled to San Francisco after a disappointing Marquette loss.



Class of 2004

Daniel Faxel

(Bachelor's of International Business, Economics, and Finance, 2004)
Daniel works at Accenture as a manager in bank consulting.

Mike Strain

(BA Economics, 2004)
Mike has worked as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve of NY and currently works with the U.S. Census Bureau while completing his Ph.D. at Cornell. He was absolutely swamped with Census work this summer and barely any progress on dissertation. Mike was able to find the time, however, to return to Marquette this year and present his work "The Role of Ability in Understanding Earnings Instability" to a group of interested undergraduates, graduates, and faculty.

Joshua A. Rademacher

(Bachelor's of Business Economics, Minor in Political Science, 2004)
Joshua is currently the Vice President and Board Member of Oncology Plus Incorporated which is focused on providing oncology management solutions to managed care organizations and oncology providers. Prior to investing in Oncology Plus he was Director of Strategic Market Initiatives for Oncology Therapeutics Network a specialty pharmaceutical distributor based out of South San Francisco, CA.

Prior to that Joshua was an Associate at Madison Capital Funding in Chicago, IL, a leveraged finance firm, providing senior and mezzanine credit facilities, as well as equity co-investments, to private equity sponsors and a Mergers and Acquisitions Analyst at Lazard Middle Market in Minneapolis, MN.

Jimmy Shanahan

(BS Economics, 2004; MSAE, 2005)
As of July, 2009, Jimmy joined the law firm Shanahan & Shanahan LLP. The firm is a public finance law boutique typically acting as bond counsel or underwriter's counsel in tax-exempt and taxable financings. Their clients include governmental entities, special taxing districts, 501(c) (3) organizations, investment banking and other financial institutions throughout the Midwest.
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Class of 2005

Matthew Kopecky

(Bachelor's of Economics, 2005)
Matthew is the regional vice president of Union Financial, Inc., a financial consulting firm affiliated with the Principal Financial Group. In February 2010 he relocated to St. Louis, MO to continue with expansion of the firm.

Class of 2006

Brent Baumann

(Bachelor's of Business Economics and International Business, 2006)

After graduation Brent spent four years working as a Strategy Manager for Johnson Controls in Milwaukee, WI. He is currently pursuing an MBA full-time at University of Chicago Booth School of Business focusing on finance, strategy, and marketing. Brent will graduate with the class of 2012.

Andrew J. Bird

(Bachelor's of Economics, 2006)
Ever since graduation Andrew has been a Financial Advisor with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He uses his degree daily and he loves what he does. It has been very helpful to him to be able to explain to clients what is going on in our economy and how it affects them.

Nicholas Brescia

(BA Economics, 2006; Juris Doctorate Law, 2010)
In August 2010, Nicholas started a position in with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights' Chicago regional office, enforcing federal civil rights laws and federal health information privacy and security laws.

Zachary Corey

(BA Economics, 2006)
Since graduating from Marquette Zachary has also graduated from Cornell Law School and completed a clerkship with Judge Terence T. Evans on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. He is currently a litigation associate at Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, WI.

Mary Grubenau

See MSAE, class of 2007

Class of 2007

Jackie Prideaux

(Bachelors of Economics, 2007)



Jackie is currently serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, West Africa in the Small Enterprise Development division. Her work has included entrepreneurial trainings with local women's groups, teaching business skills in local schools, and creating girls' empowerment camp. She has been in Senegal since August 2009 and plans to stay until July or August 2011.

Matthew Etzel

(BS Business Economics, 2007)
After graduation Matthew worked for Kohl's Department Stores in their Buying Office in Menomonee Falls, WI. He was responsible for allocation of incoming inventory to the stores and new store inventory planning. In February 2008, Matthew moved to Chicago, IL to begin working for United Airlines in their Revenue Management department. In the two and a half years since then, he has worked as both a pricing analyst and a yield analyst, utilizing his economics background from Marquette in order to maximize revenue for the airline. Contact email: matthew.etzel@gmail.com

Class of 2008**Kyle Malecki**

(Bachelor's of Economics, 2008)

After graduating Kyle moved to Los Angeles, CA and taught mathematics to inner-city high school students under Teach for America. It was a valuable experience that has led him to pursue medical education in order to help the communities in which he taught gain access to health care. Kyle is currently living in Boston, pursuing his dream of becoming a doctor.

Jessie Kraemer

(Bachelor's of Economics, 2008)

Jessie is currently working as a Consulting Analyst for Accenture.

Class of 2009**Reema Ahmad**

(BA Economics and International Affairs, 2009)

After working almost two years for a non-profit civil rights organization in Chicago, IL, Reema has finally moved to Chicago and moved on from this position as well. Reema is currently developing and leading a new grassroots organization dedicated to political development and advocacy on behalf of the Muslim American community in the south-west suburbs of Chicago. Taking on the role of Director of this fledgling organization has been a challenge, but is extremely exciting and rewarding all the same. Reema would enjoy hearing about the experiences of other former

economics students. Contact email: ryahmad@gmail.com.

Kaley Connelly

(BA Economics, 2009)

Following graduation from Marquette, Kaley began law school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This summer Kaley was an intern with a federal judge in Milwaukee, WI. Kaley will graduate law school in May 2012. Contact email: kaleyc@umich.edu

Timothy Piatek

(BS Economics and Finance, Minor in Anthropology, 2009)

After graduation, Timothy held a position at DeVry, Inc. as a financial aid administrator. He worked there for about five months before deciding to move to New York City in order to pursue a long-distance relationship he had been in for a while. Since arriving in NYC, Timothy has been applying for positions ranging from analysts and entry level roles at the big financial companies to attempting to get into a management role at retail stores and restaurants.

Christina Faria

(BA Economics, 2009)

Christina is currently working for Honolulu Freight Service, a freight forwarder based in Seattle. She works in the over-sized freight department, dealing with things that are too large to fit in containers. Christina is lucky enough to be able to work from home in Oregon, because most of what she does is logistical. If you ever need anything shipped

to/from Hawaii or Guam, shoot her an email and she will be able to find someone who can help.

Jorge Chamot

(BS Business Economics, 2009)

After graduation Jorge interned with Hunt Oil Company's Internal Audit Group in Dallas, TX for the summer. After his internship Jorge headed to Boston, MA for a year where he ended up at a boutique consulting firm, Argopoint LLC, specializing in Corporate Legal Management. His main client there was a global pharmaceutical company. Recently he made the move to Accenture's Management Consulting practice in New York City, NY where he is currently doing more Legal Ops work for a communications conglomerate.

Class of 2010**Andrew Ostin**

(BS Economics and Operations and Supply Chain Management, 2010)

Andrew is currently working out on the west coast close to Portland, OR. He works in the supply chain department of a great company with a lot of room for growth, doing purchasing, demand forecasting, inventory planning, etc. While happy in his current situation he misses Marquette every day. He also recommends keeping the Healthcare Economics class around. He says, "I learned so much from it and I really enjoyed it!"

Jennifer Bretl

(BA Economics and Political Science, 2010). Pursuing MSAE (Business Specialization). As she pursues her Masters degree Jennifer continues her internship.

at Johnson Controls working with fellow Marquette Alumni in the Strategy and Acquisitions group in Building Efficiency.

(Bachelor's of Business Economics and Commercial Real Estate, 2010) Colleen is currently in Law School at Marquette University

Colleen Boyle**MSAE****Class of 1975****Kuldip Kumar Bahl**

(MBA and MA Economics, 1975) After attending Marquette, Kuldip returned to Calcutta, India to join his family's shellac manufacturing and exporting business. The business also exported silk, tea, and leather handbags. From 1980 until 1997 he lived in Ranchi, India running the family's large shellac factory. Since 1997 Kuldip has been based in Delhi pursuing real estate, investments, and exports. He is planning on beginning a BBA/MBA program in Delhi soon. Kuldip recalls his days a Marquette fondly.

Finance Division in Santa Monica, CA providing senior secured financing for companies in the software and technology industries. He currently resides in Santa Monica, CA.

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uncle. He and his wife continue to live in Cincinnati, OH where he is an Associate Director for dunnhumbyUSA. In his spare time David enjoys pursuing his two passions, statistics and beer. David tries to make it back to Wisconsin to visit family and friends when he can.

Class of 2005**Jimmy Shanahan**

(BS Economics, 2004; MSAE, 2005) As of July, 2009, Jimmy joined the law firm Shanahan & Shanahan LLP. The firm is a public finance law boutique typically acting as bond counsel or underwriter's counsel in tax-exempt and taxable financings. Their clients include governmental entities, special taxing districts, 501(c) (3) organizations, investment banking and other financial institutions throughout the Midwest.

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Class of 2007**Mary Gruebnau**

(Also, BS in Econ 2006)



After graduation I moved to Raleigh, NC and am currently working as a Statistical Research Analyst in the School Planning division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. I purchased a townhouse in January of 2009 and am getting married October 31, 2009 to my boyfriend of 6 years Michael.

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Class of 1998**Shari Hanneman**

(MSAE, 1998)



Shari got a fun new Marquette

University license plate this year.

Class of 2006**David Arpin**

(MSAE, 2006)

Since last year David got married and became a very proud

Class of 2008**Adam Kurkiewicz**

(MSAE—Financial Economics Specialization, 2008)

Class of 2004**David Brooks**

(BA Economics, 2000; MSAE; 2004) David is currently working as an Associate Underwriter for Wells Fargo Capital Finance's Technology

Adam earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 2009 and is currently working as an Investment Analyst for Wells Fargo Funds Management in Menomonee Falls, WI. He and his wife had their first child, a daughter Emery, in April 2009.

Class of 2010

Ahmed Chahdi

(BA Economics, St Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2008; MSAE, 2010)
While attending Marquette, Ahmed completed an eight month internship with MillerCoors in Commodity Risk Management. Since graduation Ahmed was hired on a full-time basis and is a

Demand Planning Analyst within the supply chain at MillerCoors.

Hanqing (Chevy) Fang

(MSAE—General Track, 2010)
Chevy is currently a PhD student of management at Mississippi State University.

