



Anticipation runs high for spring 2011

Winter wonderland has a different meaning in the political hub of Ottawa as people “wonder” if this will be the semester the minority government falls and Canadians go to an election again. In the meantime, students are settling into their internships and finding plenty of reasons to enjoy the capital despite the cold weather. Several students were able to get past the gates of the formidable U.S. Embassy to attend Martin Luther King Jr. Day festivities and others were able to join leaders of the Conservative Party to celebrate the party’s fifth year in government. For their internships students head off to places such as the

office of NDP Deputy Leader Libby Davis, the Ministry of Immigration, the Kenyan High Commission and the Ottawa Chamber Music Society. This semester alumni Heather Hoskins and Kate Fraher have taken on the responsibility of overseeing the experience of two of our interns. It’s great to see that our program has developed to the place where alumni can take leadership in this way.



Restoration update

We continue to look for funding from various sources to finish the next leg of the restoration project: the chimneys and tower of the mansion. If you would like to donate to this project, please visit our [TWU Impact site](#) or [TWU’s online donation site](#). For the donation type, choose “Other” and type in “LLC Building Fund” into the Comments box.

Hiring a CLC

After two years of being fully immersed in the life of the LLC, Sarah Weigum is leaving her post at 252 Metcalfe . This means we’re looking for a new Community Life Coordinator. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this job, please visit <http://www.twu.ca/divisions/hr/join/staff-positions.html>

April 30th: Save the Date!

The Second Annual LLC Spring Gala is coming up. If you live in or near Ottawa, please join us for an evening of music, food and friends all for the good cause of restoring the mansion. Email Christie.Esau@twu.ca for more information.

Alumni News

Lindsay Bisschop (FA 03) is a program advisor for the British Columbia Economic Immigration Division for the provincial nominee program. She also recently started her Masters in Public Administration at UVic.

Derek Miedema (FA 05) and wife Melanie welcomed their first child, Samuel Ramsay, into their family on January 13, 2011.

Tara (Olfert) Dawn (SP 06) married Andrew Dawn on August 1, 2010 and started medical school at UBC in September.

Josh Peters (FA 06) is now a communications officer at the National Aboriginal Health Organization.

Ryan Long (SP 07) and wife Erin live in Gyula, Hungary where they English at two Hungarian high schools. On January 17, 2011 their daughter Audrey Elaine was born.



New parents Ryan and Erin Long with baby Audrey.

Kristina Pffner (FA 07) lives in Brooksville, Florida where she works as the Director of Outreach for Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Life in development: Liana Simmons, the UN and foreign aid



Liana Simmons (FA 03) in Rome with her partner Michael Kaethler.

It is daunting to think that seven years have passed since my days at LLC, when I was running between conferences scribbling pages of notes for World Vision's advocacy office. After graduating, I spent a year in Honduras where I worked with a local NGO doing gang rehabilitation. I then returned home to

Rome, where I jumped from embassy to embassy for two years and dabbled in research on immigrant women with the International Development Law Organization. But with restless feet and nostalgia for academia, I ended up at the London School of Economics' development studies institute. It was an intense year of rigorously critiquing the world of foreign aid architecture, leaving me with serious doubts about my future involvement in the development field. Not long after submitting my dissertation, I went to Sudan to study triggers of violence in tribal communities with a research team for the UK's Department for Foreign International Development, and followed this up with writing and editing a book for the UN's World Food Programme highlighting the links between food assistance and the protection and/or abuse of human rights. Current-

ly, I am taking some time off to see and experience a brand new country--I just arrived in India--and minimizing the amount of time I spend working.

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Captured on the canal



Anyone who has spent time with Austin Jean (FA 08) knows that he is a truly talented artist. With camera in hand, he brilliantly captures people, nature and still life. Now, all of Ottawa can see his photograph of Gibsons, BC that is part of the ECOArt Gallery displayed on the frozen waters of the Rideau Canal. To see more of Austin's photos, visit www.capturedphoto.ca

Blog roll, please

Many of our alumni are pursuing a wide variety of passions and putting the word out on the web for all to read. Here is just a smattering of the blogs that our alum write.

Read the accounts of **Jocelyn Durston** (FA 03) Vancouver gal turned Maple Ridge farmer at her blog FarmForAYear.com.

Samantha Lowe (SP 09) combines her love of cooking and grace with the camera to create the delicious **Fotographie Foodie**.

In the thick of writing and recording his own music, **Jason Alcott** (FA 06) takes time to share thoughts on the music business and tracks he's working on at JasonAlcott.com

High school humanities teacher **Craig Ketchum** (SP 08) shares music, photos and thoughts on the Christian life at craigdanielketchum.tumblr.com/.

If all this blog-reading has you falling behind in your work, maybe it's time to get a stern, but playful reminder from **Kevan Gilbert** (FA 05) about [how to end procrastination](#).

Alumni News cont'd

Adrian Reimer (FA 07) is working as a legislative assistant to MP Ray Boughen.

Jenna (Andrews) Dutka (SP 09) married TWU alum and current TWU psychology instructor on May 29, 2010. They live in Langley where they run Todd's private counselling practice.

Nicole den Haan (FA 09) is working at TWU in the admissions office.

Priscilla Wingenbach (SP 10) married Daniel Martinez in Mexico in October 2010.

Caleb Ratzlaff (FA 10) is working at the Church Council on Justice and Corrections in Ottawa.

Becky Staley (FA 10) is living in Ottawa and working for Global Public Affairs.

David van Hemmen (FA 10) is a special assistant to Rob Merrifield, Minister of Transport.

Sam VanderVeer (FA 10) is working at the Prime Minister's Office.