# Eager to share the world

Ren Stinson's parents loved to travel, and so it was something he took for granted as a child. Now the 2003 Augustana graduate credits his adventurous parents for his approach to learning and teaching, and to life. "You learn at a young age to get excited about new experiences, and being able to see things firsthand is when you realize learning can be so enriching," he says.

Born in Tokyo, Stinson and his family moved back to California when he was an infant. His father is a former pastor originally from Chicago. Stinson's mother is Japanese and well known for her advocacy work and writings related to women's rights, child abuse prevention and violence against women. The two met on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley when his father was in seminary and his mother was working on a master's in religion.

When Stinson was 15, his family returned to Japan mainly because of his mother's work with the Child Abuse Prevention Association, a group she later organized in her home country. He attended an elite international high school in Kobe. "Walking down the hall, you'd hear all these different languages," he says. It was at that school, thousands of miles from Rock Island, where he first learned of Augustana College.

"This was kind of an Ivy League prep school, and at our college fair, we had Stanford, MIT, Harvard...and there was Augustana College at its own little table," Stinson remembers. "I was looking for a small, liberal arts college, and Diane Carnithan was there, and we just kind of connected. I had a lot of questions and she answered all of them and kept in good contact with me afterwards. I applied all over the U.S., but I really liked Augustana."

Stinson's undergraduate years at Augustana were "an enjoyable liberal arts experience" in that he changed majors more than once during his first year and completed several high-level religion and art (sculpture) courses before finding his home in the psychology department. Yet, he was unsure whether his future would be as a therapist or a teacher unsure, that is, until he returned to Augustana last year.

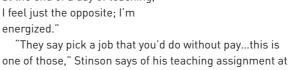
"I love psychotherapy, but coming back to teach at Augustana has convinced me that this is what I want to pursue," he says. "Teaching gives you so many opportunities to grow."

A doctoral student in counseling-psychology at the University of Iowa, Stinson is in his fifth year of a sevenyear program. For the past two years, he has counseled patients at the Veterans Administration (VA) Medical

Center in Iowa City. Last year, he counseled people with a disability or chronic pain. When medications don't provide relief, patients can learn relaxation techniques and other methods to cope with the disability or pain and the emotional stress that accompanies it. Stinson describes his current work at the VA hospital as a hundred times more intense, but extremely gratifying. He works with veterans of the wars in Vietnam and Iraq who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. A structured treatment plan allows him to see the progress made in minimizing symptoms over 12 to 15 visits, but the sessions can be as powerful for him as they are for the patients.

"After a long day of psychotherapy, you're often drained, which I think means you're doing your job," he says. "But at the end of a day of teaching, I feel just the opposite; I'm energized."

Augustana.



As a psychology instructor, Stinson sees himself as a tour guide. "I try to get my students excited about the material and give them experiences where they can 'see' what we're learning...that's how I learn."

When he was in the sixth grade and most of his friends were visiting Disney World, Stinson and his family traveled to Egypt, Israel and points between for three weeks. Determined not to miss anything, he never left the side of the tour guides. When he returned home to the Bay area in California, he helped teach the unit on ancient civilizations for his sixth-grade peers.

Not surprisingly, Stinson applauds Augustana's goal to provide as many students as possible with an international



Ren Stinson '03

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experience. Although he traveled in Japan as a child, Stinson had not visited China or Taiwan by the time he arrived on campus. He jumped at the opportunity to participate in East Asia term. Of the 80 students who accompanied him—those with whom he's still in contact—all became better people, different people, whose lives were changed because of their experience, he says.



"One of the most important things you learn from international travel is that taking risks is important," Stinson says. "It's always anxiety-provoking to do something new so you have to push against that and go beyond your comfort zone. If you don't take risks, you won't grow as a person, which is unfortunate."

In addition to southeast Asia, Stinson visited France for two weeks as an undergraduate. Accompanied by College Chaplain Richard Priggie '74 and two friends, Stinson lived in the ecumenical Christian monastic community in Taizé, France, for half of his time. Stinson describes it as "Woodstock at a monastery" because thousands of young people from all parts of the world are camping in tents.

The Taizé brothers, as many as 100 who come from more than 25 countries with both Catholic and Protestant backgrounds, take a pledge of celibacy and share a simple life. Visitors enter into the rhythm of community life for a week by gathering with the brothers three times a day for prayer, chanting songs and silence, and meeting others through shared meals, small-group discussions and practical jobs.

The experience is meant to move participants toward discovering an inner peace and spreading it to others globally. "Their idea is that if we start making relationships between nations and across cultures, there is more hope for peace," Stinson says. "This perspective is central to the community of brothers, and to me. You're less likely to bomb a country if you've met someone from there. I'd like to think you'd be more likely to talk with that country's leaders and find a diplomatic solution."

Stinson felt such a deep spiritual connection with the Taizé community that since graduating from Augustana, he has returned twice to chaperone Augustana students with Pastor Priggie. He's also found a church in Iowa City that offers a Taizé service once a week.

"I need the silence," Stinson says. "Cutting out the media and everything that's thrown out at young people today is rejuvenating."

Stinson and Priggie are planning another pilgrimage to Taizé in the summer of 2009 with a group of Augustana students and other young adults. "Ren is an 'old soul,' that is, he has a wisdom and an openness to life and to all people that is quite remarkable," Priggie says. "It makes sense, then, that he has a deep resonance to the Taizé community, as their life and ministry is deeply spiritual, completely inclusive, and accepting of all persons."



# Double exposure

Though Anna Brahmstedt '98 Akerlund admits some days are more glamorous than others, she and her husband, Nels, have built a successful photography business that combines their creative talents. The line of maternity photography Anna developed keeps them in the studio, while assignments for a diverse clientele put the couple on the road about 120 days a year. >

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Coronado Theatre in Rockford, Ill.

efittingly, when Anna and Nels met in Rockford, Ill., in 1999, they both were leaving town the next day. Anna, who was considering veterinary medicine, was managing a veterinary hospital, and Nels had brought in his dog to be vaccinated. She was flying to Seattle, Wash., for a job interview the following day. Nels, who already owned his photography studio, was headed to Thailand to photograph a sea kayak race.

"So we decided to go out that night, and then we kept in touch," Anna says. "When we were both back in town, we had lunch every day for two weeks."

When Anna realized veterinary school wasn't her calling, she and Nels started talking about working together. "At first, we weren't sure if we could be together all the time, but it was the logical thing to do because the business was growing, and he couldn't manage it by himself any more," Anna says. "And it has worked flawlessly...my strengths are his weaknesses and vice versa."

Anna came to Augustana with an art scholarship. Taking advantage of the liberal arts opportunities on campus, she graduated with a major in biology/environmental studies and minors in studio art (fiber arts) and geology. She says

her longtime appreciation of fabric and the female form as artistic elements led her to develop the maternity part of their photography business. Moms-to-be are photographed at 35 to 37 weeks of their pregnancy and then again after the baby is born (visit www.nelsakerlund.com and click on portfolios/maternity to see Anna's styling). Fabric allows her to incorporate texture, color and sometimes movement without dating the image.

"When Anna was a student here she was very inquisitive and hardworking—a wonderful combination for an art student," says Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, professor of art. "We have continued to stay in touch since she graduated, and it has been a joy to follow her and her developing artwork. She has a wonderful sense of design. Her fiber works are fresh and imaginative."

Maternity photography is a small piece of the Akerlunds' business, which concentrates more on architectural, commercial and editorial photography. Nels began his career as an intern for a Washington, D.C., photographer working at the White House in 1985. He later earned a degree in photography from the acclaimed Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. During the past two decades, he has traveled to 20 countries on four continents for such clients as the National Geographic Society and *The New York Times*.

Some assignments are more memorable than others. Last year, he and Anna flew to Alaska to experience the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race. They photographed the mushers' pre-race banquet, the ceremonial race start in Anchorage and the re-start in Willow. Then they boarded an eight-seat prop plane with skis to photograph mushers at two checkpoints of the 1,150-mile race. In winds reportedly as high as 80 mph, the pilot landed on frozen Puntilla Lake at the Rainy Pass checkpoint. But the strong gusts prevented him from turning the plane when it was time to take off.

"So the four of us had to get out in that wind and 22-below-zero temperature and push the plane around so we could take off," Anna says. "It was the scariest flight I've been on so far, and Nels had terrible motion sickness...great images, though."

On a recent Fourth of July, the couple was perched on scaffolding at the top of the State Capitol dome in Madison, Wis., to photograph the city's fireworks with the 15-foot glided statue at the top of the dome in the foreground. After spotting Anna and Nels at more than 200 feet high, passersby called the police in fear they were contemplating jumping. Police officers climbed to the scaffolding for a closer look, and the Akerlunds convinced them they were just doing their job.

One of the couple's most recent adventures was in central Mexico during Semana Santa (Holy Week). Both took photographs, and Anna also recorded audio. "These are amazing cultural celebrations, and we frequently got separated, each chasing something different," she says. (The Akerlunds also were scouting locations in Mexico for

their latest business venture—photography workshops for amateurs beginning next year.)

Soon after returning home to Rockford, the couple flew to West Virginia to photograph the only surviving WWI veteran for their American People Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating the largest collection of photographic portraits taken during any period in history. Their goal is to photograph 100,000 people representing each of the 50 states during the next decade.

"America is a true melting pot, and we want to document the way our country looks at this time," Anna says. "Anyone can participate as long as they live in the United States."

Upon completion, the Akerlunds will donate the collection to an archival institution such as the Smithsonian or Library of Congress. The images will be preserved and accessible for future generations to study. "As Nels and I get older, we're looking for ways to use photography as a way to give back," Anna explains.

To date, Americans from 35 states and 21 countries have been photographed. These include Cheap Trick guitarist Rick Nielsen, a 114-year-old woman, actors who played Munchkins in "The Wizard of Oz," a Chicago police officer, a third-grader born in China, cast members of "Animal House," a pediatrician who escaped Cuba to join her family in America, radio host Ira Glass, and a stay-at-home mom.

"Everyone is treated the same photographically, regardless of who they are," Anna says. "We use the same lighting, the same background...the stool they sit on is always placed the same distance from the background. It's a level playing field that underscores the founding principles of our country."

The portraits are striking when viewed in person, not only because of their subjects but also their 60-by-90-inch size.

Each portrait is accompanied by a brief text providing a glimpse into the individual's life. This information is gleaned from a short questionnaire and personal interview. Meeting these people, especially the centenarians with their social, energetic personalities and positive outlooks, has made Anna more aware of the connection between attitude and longevity.

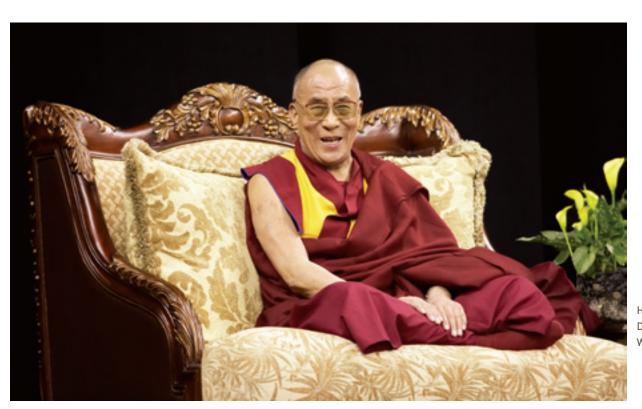
Photographing people, she admits, is more enjoyable and interesting than photographing architecture and commercial products, which make up the lion's share of the Akerlunds' business.

"Walking into these interviews is like going on a treasure hunt," she says. "You never know what you're going to find. One woman from Germany who now lives in an assisted-living center near me told me how she bribed the Nazis to get her husband out of a concentration camp. People who aren't famous have just as amazing stories, but they are hidden in their daily lives, and so are their stories."

Pictures that tell stories—whether it's the bond between a new mother and her baby, the risk in climbing the tallest peak, the dream of a presidential candidate or the splendor of a restored theatre...that's what Anna and Nels hope to bring home at the end of the day.



Anna Bramstedt '98 Akerlund's portrait for the American People Project.



His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama (Madison, Wis., 2007).

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# CONNECTING WITH Bloom's Veggie Bus

Ms. Frizzle, the zany science teacher from the popular Magic School Bus children's books, transports her students to places limited only by the author's imagination. Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, Ill., boasts its own Ms. Frizzle in Jill Rietveld '96 Krysinski, the driving force behind the school's science club and its Bloom Veggie Bus.

When Krysinski was named the director of Bloom High School's science club in the spring of 2007, she wasn't sure what she would do. Her counterpart at Bloom Trail High School had secured grant funding to build go-carts with his students. Knowing there was a biodiesel processor on her campus, Krysinski wondered what opportunities it could offer the science club. In the spirit of Ms. Frizzle, Krysinski imagined finding a school bus and running it on biodiesel fuel the students could make from cooking oil.

Easier said than done. Last summer, Krysinski called countless area bus companies in search of a diesel bus no one wanted. (Biodiesel can be used in any diesel engine with little or no modification to the engine or the fuel system.) She finally located a bus at Illinois Central School Bus in nearby Blue Island. The 15-passenger bus first hit the road in 1991 and had been sitting in the bus graveyard for the past seven years.

But not just anyone is allowed to drive a bus.

"I spent six weeks last summer in bus driver training,"

Krysinski says with a groan. "I picked up the bus last October, and I was able to make it home from Blue Island, but then we found out the bus had a lot of mechanical problems."

She made more calls to ask for help. The Illinois Soybean Association and the American Lung Association responded with a combined \$6,000 donation that Krysinski used to repair and paint the school bus, now affectionately known as the Bloom Veggie Bus.

"It's my intention to teach our students about alternative energy, and in return, have my students teach other students and the

general public," Krysinski says. "We'll promote use of alternative energies, sustainable living and conservation. We'll encourage others to reduce current use of fossil fuels and recycle.

To do this, science club members collect vegetable oil from their school's cafeteria and local restaurants, preferably Chinese restaurants and not McDonald's, which uses fattier cooking oil. They take the oil back to the classroom,

process and convert it into biodiesel fuel. This fuel will be used to power the bus as the students go on the road this fall, sharing their story and presenting their research on alternative energies. Audiences will range from kindergarteners to middle-school students, as well as any organizations that request a presentation.

"Our goal is to educate and inspire others to save our planet by becoming part of the solution," Krysinski says.

### A teacher? Not me

Krysinski is in her ninth year of teaching, although she never imagined herself as a teacher while attending Augustana. In fact, she enrolled in speech class three different times and dropped the class each time. "I couldn't say my name in front of a group, and I couldn't figure out how my professors did what they did every day," she says.

A biology major from her first day on campus, Krysinski pictured herself in a laboratory after earning her degree. But working as a camp counselor for the summer following graduation, and then substitute teaching while looking for that lab job, proved—much to her surprise—that teaching was her passion. She earned a master's in education from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., in 1998. She then taught science at Crete (III.) High School for four years before joining the faculty at Bloom High School.

Krysinski has fond memories of Augustana professors Dr. Robert Tallitsch, Dr. Richard Turnquist and Dr. Bohdan Dziadyk. "Biology is hard, but these guys made it fun," she says. "And now that I am a science teacher, I know we're all a little wacky.'

The Bloom Veggie Bus fits perfectly with Krysinski's philosophy of teaching. "All students can learn, and learning happens when students use all of their senses," she says. "Students must be able to make personal connections to content material to change information into knowledge."

Krysinski practices a method called the 4MAT system, which is a learner-centered model that visually looks like a wheel. She plans units around the wheel designed to meet the needs of all types of learners. Students begin each unit with a personal experience to make a connection and understand "why" they are learning the specific information. Next, students reflect on the experience they've had and "what" they've learned. Students then do something with the information they've received.

"This is where they transfer information to knowledge... where the real learning takes place," Krysinski says. "It's



Look for Jill Rietveld '96 Krysinski in the driver's seat of the Bloom Veggie Bus.

see it, feel it, hear it, taste it and smell it. JILL RIETVELD '96 KRYSINSKI

where students understand 'how' the information applies to their own lives. This is my favorite part because it's where students get to tinker and experiment."

For the final phase of the 4MAT system, Krysinski's students refine what they have learned and take it to the next level by asking "what if?" It involves creating models, demonstrations, journals, essays or any number of projects.

This summer Krysinski's students will create a onehour traveling show for the Bloom Veggie Bus, featuring demonstrations and a PowerPoint presentation to outline the problems with fossil fuels and possible solutions that can be undertaken right now by students of all ages to conserve energy and stop global warming.

## More than just field trips

Field trips and hands-on experiences are the most effective teaching tools, according to Krysinski. "I can lecture and give notes about energy conservation and how to live sustainably, but this is a very limiting way of teaching," she explains. "Students actually make a personal connection when they see it, feel it, hear it, taste it and smell it."

Last fall, science club members volunteered at the Crete our lives." (Ill.) Lions Center where they learned the do's and don'ts of recycling. They toured Nova Biosource Fuels, Inc., in Seneca. Ill., where they saw firsthand how biodiesel fuel is mass-produced. The students also visited the Chicago Center for Green Technology for insight on the natural ways to cool and heat buildings and to prevent wastewater by limiting rainwater in the sewer systems. Krysinski has taken students to Fermilab in Aurora, Ill., the Chicago Auto

Show (in search of green vehicles), Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, and Chicago's Green Festival on Navy

Many of her students have never traveled outside of Chicago Heights. She discovered this when driving students home from the Chicago Center for Green Technology. One boy was excited to see U.S. Cellular Field where the White Sox baseball team plays. "You've never been there to watch a game?" she asked in surprise. "Mrs. Krysinski," her student replied, "the only times I have ever been to Chicago are when you take me there."

"It was then I realized that these kids are not only learning about our project ideas, but also seeing a world beyond that of Chicago Heights with its poverty and gangs," Krysinski says. "They are seeing hope."

Michelle Patzelt, a freshman, found the field trip to Nova Biosource Fuels especially inspiring. "We learned what degrees we would need to get a job in a place like that, and that algebra is necessary in most occupations. Many jobs are available and growing in the field of alternative energy. These trips opened our eyes to all the possibilities ahead in

Speaking of possibilities, Krysinski is thinking about having her students mount solar panels on the roof of Bloom Veggie Bus to power the radio next year.

Ms. Frizzle would be envious.

from various stages of the two-liter "Dr. Pepper" method to make biodiesel: vegetable oil mixed with methoxide (processing) and processed biodiesel mixed with water (washing).

These are samples



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**ACT Fall Production • Blood** 

Wedding by Federico García

Orchestra • Oct. 18, 8 p.m.,

Augustana Jazz Ensemble •

Oct. 24, 8 p.m., Centennial Hall

Four Chairs Concert • Oct 25

Jazz Combo Soirée • Oct. 29,

Augustana Concert Band •

Nov. 1, 2 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Symphonic Band •

Nov. 1. 8 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Dance Company

• Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Centennial

Augustana Choir, Symphonic

Band, Symphony Orchestra

**Handel Oratorio Society** 

and Augustana Symphony

Orchestra • G.F. Handel's

Messiah, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., and

Dec. 14, 2 p.m., Centennial Hall

**Augustana Chamber Singers** 

• Lessons and Carols, Dec. 18,

4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Ascension

Contact Christiana Altobelli '96

and outreach, at (800) 798-

ABOVE On exhibit: Margo

1989-90, offset lithograph

diptych, 44/60 Brandwine

Workshop, Philadelphia, Pa.

(courtesy David C. Driskell

Center and the Art Gallery at the

University of Maryland, College

Humphrey, Sunday Afternoon,

for more details.

8100 x7833, (309) 794-7833 or

Conner, manager of performance

christianaconner@augustana.edu

Chapel

Dec. 5, 8 p.m., Centennial Hall

Augustana Christmas

Opera@Augustana • Nov. 21-23, 8 p.m., Wallenberg Hall

4 p.m., Centennial Hall

8 p.m., Wallenberg Hall

26. Potter Theatre

Centennial Hall

**Augustana Symphony** 

Lorca • Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 24-



# **ALUMNI CONNECT**

July 20 • "On to Augie" gatherings in Chicago; Peoria, Ill.; and Rockford, Ill.

July 25 • Pre-Bix 7 Race Pasta Buffet, Augustana College

Aug. 3 • "On to Augie" gathering in Aurora, Ill.

Aug. 21 • First-Year Move-In Alumni Volunteer Day

Sept. 2 • Chicago Cubs game, Wrigley Field

Sept. 12-14 • Family Weekend, Augustana College

Oct. 10-12 • Homecoming freunions for the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003)

### Authentically Augustana: A Call to Action

Sept. 21 • Reception/brunch, Oak Park, Ill.

Sept. 21 • Reception/dinner, Schaumburg, Ill.

Sept. 22 • Reception/dinner, Tinley Park, Ill.

Sept. 23 • Reception/luncheon, Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 23 • Reception/dinner, Lake Forest, Ill.

Wheaton III

assistant director of alumni relations, at (800) 798-8100 x7474, (309) 794-7474 or kellynoack@augustana.edu for more details.

## ON THE FIELD

(Family Weekend)

Platteville, Platteville, Wis.

Elmhurst, Ill.

Bloomington, Ill.

Sept. 24 • Reception/dinner,

Contact Kelly Read '02 Noack,

Sept. 6, 6 p.m., Coe

Sept. 13, 6 p.m., Greenville

Sept. 27, 6 p.m., Wisconsin-

Oct. 4, 1 p.m., Elmhurst,

Oct. 11, 1 p.m., Wheaton (Homecomina)

Oct. 18, 1 p.m., Illinois Wesleyan

Oct. 25, 1 p.m., Carthage, Kenosha, Wis

Nov. 1, 1 p.m., North Park Nov. 8, 1 p.m., North Central, Naperville, Ill.

Nov. 15, 1 p.m., Millikin

# **ON EXHIBIT**

Augustana College Art Museum

**Exhibition • Successions: Prints by African American** Artists from the Jean and **Robert Steele Collection •** Aug 21-Oct /

Guest Speaker • Dr. Robert

at Augustana College Art

Museum.

Dec. 1). Steele, executive director of the David C. Driskell Center, will speak about his interactions with the artists and pieces featured in the "Successions" exhibition • Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m., Larson Hall • Reception follows

# **ON STAGE**

**UNYK Multicultural Dance** Ensemble • Oct. 17-18, 7 p.m., Wallenberg Hall

Family Day Tour • Sherry Maurer, art museum director,

will lead a 40-minute tour of the current exhibitions • Sept. 13, 1:30 p.m.

Exhibitions • American Landscape Featuring the Fryxell Collection (upper level) AND

**Companions from Stone:** Inuit Art from the Augustana College Art Collection. Featuring the Kathy Bulucos Memorial Collection (lower level) • Oct. 11-Dec. 18 (closed

for fall break Nov. 2-17 and Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 26-

Homecoming Tour and Reception • Sherry Maurer, art museum director, will lead a 50-minute tour of the current exhibitions • Oct. 11, 10 a.m.

# Class Notes

Inotices received as of January 31, 2008)

# 1954

Laurene Johnson married Eugene Wilson on June 10. 2007.

# 1964

Mark Holmer is serving a one-year term with Kiwanis as governor of the Nebraska-Iowa District

Arthur Smith has been appointed to the client advisory council for Electronic Evidence Discovery. He is an attorney with Husch & Eppenberger, St. Louis, Mo.

# 1965

Thomas Johnson's book, Also Called Sacajawea—Chief Woman's Stolen Identity, has been published by Waveland Press. He is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

# 1968

Karen Schultz Jacobson

received the Woman of the Year award from the American Society of Accountants.

Lynn Kusy was elected president of the southwest chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. He is executive director of the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, Mesa. Ariz.

# 1970

Janice Wollenburg Sias married Jerome Tutskev on August 11, 2007.

Linda Newborn received the 2008 Athena Business Women's Award given by the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce and The Women's Connection.

She is vice president and chief compliance officer of Deere & Co., Moline, and was recognized for her achievements and leadership in business.

# 1974

Richard Lasota married Elizabeth Pearce on September 16 2007

Mick Peterson has written a novel, Once a Coach, available from authorhouse.com. He recently retired from coaching and teaching in Pontiac, Ill.

Robert Mitchum is president and chief operating officer of Network Services Co., Mt. Prospect, Ill.

# 1976

Mark Peterson is senior vice president and treasurer for ServiceMaster, Memphis, Tenn.

# 1977

Lisa Clarke Kaldheim is senior manager, audit, at Lyondell Chemical Co., Houston, Texas.

James Weigand is vice president and general manager of DuPont Safety Resources, Wilmington, Del.

## 1978

Cathie Trice Whiteside is

executive vice president of corporate strategy and branding at QCR Holdings, Inc.

Annette Seaberg is consul to the Consulate General of Sweden at the Embassy of Sweden, Chicago.

# 1982

Suzanne Dell-St. Clair is major gifts officer for The Family Conservancy, Kansas City, Kan.

Ann McGovern Pedersen is director of public relations for the Institute of Management

Robert Schultz had a son. Robert, on February 5, 2007 (Angela; Anthony, 2).

Accountants, Fox Valley

Chapter, for 2007-08.

# 1983

Eric Lesher is senior pastor at First Lutheran Church, Kearny,

Lindsay Rhodenbaugh is senior vice president for college relations at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

Walter Verdooren is vice president for seminary relations and development at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

# 1986

Richard Zimmer is an associate circuit judge for the State of Illinois

# 1987

James "Ike" Brannon had a daughter, Dilara Natalie, on November 4, 2007 (Berna). Ike is senior advisor for tax policy for the Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Jaime Arndt Erickson is manager, defined contribution plans, at Akzo Nobel, Chicago.

Nancy Berndt Quinn is vice president, director human resources, for Harbor Capital Advisors, Chicago.

### 1988

Ed Malthouse has been appointed the Theodore R. Sills and Annie Laurie Sills Professor in Journalism. He is an associate professor of integrated marketing communications at the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston,



Speech Professor Martin Holcomb, D.A. Koch and Charles Lindberg react to the large crowd gathered at the airport to welcome them home after the 1950 National Debate

# Remembering a point of pride for the Class of '50

Kai Swanson '86, executive assistant to President Steve Bahls, shared this bit of Augustana history with the campus community on February 28:

In all manner of media today there are reports of the passing of William F. Buckley Jr. He was certainly a remarkable person and an exceptionally gifted communicator. But The New York Times' reference to him as "a ferocious debater" brought to my mind a footnote that won't appear in any of Mr. Buckley's obituaries.

In the 1950 National Debate Tournament, held at West Point, Buckley and his Yale teammate were defeated by a team that was later defeated by Augustana's D.A. Koch '50 and Charles Lindberg '50. "D.A." was short for Dorothy Ann, and she would make history that year by becoming the first woman ever to proceed to the final round of the National Debate Tournament. She was such an anomaly at West Point that hovering cadets wanted to carry her things everywhere; they even offered to carry D.A. herself when she broke her shoe heel while rushing up stairs.

En route to reaching the championship round, D.A. and Charles beat a team from the University of Pennsylvania that included future U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. In the final debate of the tournament, a split decision (5-4) not in D.A. and Charles' favor was later softened by a speech publication that declared the decision wrong.

In time, D.A. Koch became D.A. Bjornson and a beloved member of the speech faculty at Augustana. She passed away several years ago. Charles Lindberg became an attorney and now serves on the Augustana College Board

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Dr. Greta Fryxell '48 in her office at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is an adjunct professor in the School of Biological Sciences.

# Festschrift surprises Fryxell '48

On Valentine's Day, Dr. Greta Fryxell '48, professor emerita of oceanography at Texas A&M University, was honored not only with valentines but also the publication of a *festschrift*, a volume of writings by a scholar's students and colleagues presented as a tribute to that person. The *festschrift* published for Fryxell recognizes her long record of scientific achievement in the fields of oceanography and phycology.

"It was a complete surprise!" Fryxell says. "Our daughter, who lives nearby, is proud of having kept a secret from her mother for a year and a half."

The 329-page festschrift was formally presented at a dinner held in her honor in Claremont, Calif., where she lives with her husband, Dr. Paul Fryxell '49. Several former students who received their master's or doctorate degrees under her direction were present, including one who traveled from Germany. She also received congratulatory phone calls from Brazil and South Korea. A unique feature of this festschrift is that it includes papers from each of the Fryxells' three children: Dr. Karl Fryxell, George Mason University; Dr. Joan Fryxell, California State University, San Bernardino; and Dr. Glen Fryxell; Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in their fields of biology, geology and chemistry, respectively.

Fryxell credits a former professor, Dr. Richard Barnes, for "a fine background in education" at Augustana. "He was gentle-spoken, but once he paced back and forth in front of my class, paused and fixing me with a piercing gaze, thundered, 'There is no room in the classroom for a perfectionist!' He was right. I carried that lesson into every classroom with me."

After graduating from Augustana, Fryxell taught mathematics and science at the high-school level for four years, and then volunteered in the community for 15 years. She returned to college to earn a master's in education from Texas A&M in 1969, followed by a doctorate in oceanography in 1975. In 1980, she joined Texas A&M's oceanography faculty where she became a recognized expert in diatom morphology and taxonomy. She studied all marine phytoplankton, but later concentrated her research in toxic species.

Fryxell's parents—Esther Andreen Albrecht and Arthur Albrecht—were both teachers, and passed along their philosophy of the value of education to their daughter. "But even earlier I had absorbed the importance of higher education as a child from listening to my beloved grandfather, Gustav A. Andreen, a former president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, on his 75th birthday. He explained to me the symbols of his life in the portrait that I had just unveiled in what was then the Denkmann Memorial Library—his wedding ring, the cross and his academic gown."

"I never doubted teaching was important," Fryxell adds. "I didn't realize until now how rewarding it was."

Sarah Cromien Pivnicka had a son, Finndan Brady, on July 27, 2007 (*Steve*; Brennan, 11, Shea, 9, Connor, 8, Brogan, 5, Declan, 2).

# 1990

**John M. Anderson** has been named director of marketing for Allstate's Emerging Business unit.

Anne Burswold Bergren is development associate for donor relations at Augustana College.

Arthur Bergren received the doctor of ministry in preaching from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He is senior pastor of First Lutheran Church, Geneseo, Ill.

**Jeff Bolton** is a chemical operator at Emerald Performance Materials, Henry, Ill.

**Carl Dehnert** is operations manager at The Fairfield Inn Mall of America, Bloomington, Minn.

# 1991

Carol Benson Alloian had twins, Ani Iris and Michael Haratoune, on September 26, 2007 (*Tim*).

Holly Partyka Doolittle had a daughter, Grace Katherine, on June 23, 2006 (*Jonathan*; Cole, 8, Jonah, 5).

**Lori Getz** married Martin Kyger on June 30, 2007.

Jennifer Soderlund Sharma is director of corporate partnerships, Children's Home and Aid, Chicago.

**Gina Strafford** married Azfar Ahmed on September 8, 2007.

Marc Vermeire is vice principal at Friday Harbor High School, San Juan Island, Wash.

Kevin '93 and Chris Reich Waden had a son, Jared Matthew, on August 20, 2007 (Rebecca, 5, Allison, 2).

#### 1992

Jennifer Jackson Bartnik is office manager at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Chapel Hill, N.C. Leslee Roland Forman had a son, Graham Roland, on January 13, 2008 (*Glenn*; Faith, 4, Alyssa, 2).

Stacy Hensler Franks had a son, lan, on September 15, 2007 (Robert; Isabel, 2). She received the master's degree in counseling psychology from Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn.

Rebecca Grider is program director for the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington, Ill.

**Kimberly Huntington-Alfano** had a daughter, Christine Ann, on March 10, 2006 (*Jeffrey*).

**Amy Archer Jachim** is an audiologist at Phonak Hearing Systems, Warrenville, Ill.

Jeana Glithero Krahn had a son, Jack Henry, on April 5, 2006 [Kenneth].

Dawn Peterson Rundman had a daughter, Svea Irene, on October 15, 2006 (*Jonathan*; Paavo. 2l.

Susan Ludwig Savio had twins, lan and Sophia, on May 25, 2007 (John).

Jennifer Woodruff Tait had a daughter, Catherine Elanor, on November 11, 2006 (Edwin). Jennifer is adjunct professor of church history (distance learning program) at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

# 1993

William and Mary Beth Larson
Dahlberg have adopted two

children from Ethiopia; son, Owen Yoseph, born April 10, 2004, and daughter, Hannah Tenaye, born October 20, 2005.

**Piper Lange Garwacki** adopted a daughter, Hazel Catherine, on August 6, 2007 (*Chris*).

Thomas Jones received his doctorate in economics from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

**Deborah Shippy** is systems and technical services coordinator at the Moline (Ill.) Public Library.

Kevin and Chris Reich '91 Waden had a son, Jared Matthew, on August 20, 2007 (Rebecca, 5, Allison, 2).

# 1994

**Todd Abramson** is director of Virtus Partners, LLC, Houston, Texas.

Joe Adolf has been promoted to vice president, central region, for USA Funds, Chicago.

Andrew '95 and Kara Turner Clark had a daughter, Abigail Reese, on August 25, 2007.

**Craig Thomsen** had a daughter, Annika Bryn, on August 1, 2007 (*Janet*; Cole, 3).

# 1995

Andrew and Kara Turner '94 Clark had a daughter, Abigail Reese, on August 25, 2007.

**Traci Orasco Jungles** had a daughter, Abigail Rose, on August 7, 2007 (*Lawrence*; Lillian, 2).

Paul and Heather Stewart Kieffer had a son, Benjamin Patrick, on March 24, 2006 (Colin, 6).

**Gwendolyn Snyder** received the master's degree in public health and completed a fellowship in international emergency medicine at the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

# 1996

Jera Hull Deal's company, Sticks and Stones, has been featured on Rachel Ray, The Martha Stewart Show and in People magazine.

Brian Hendricks is U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's legislative counsel on broadcast media, telecommunications and technology issues.

Dave and Michelle Scariano Schomas had a son, Maxwell Logan, on April 11, 2007 (Drew, 5, Kate, 3).

## 199

Andy Bertelsen had a son, Wesley Harper, on September 4, 2007 (*Erin*; Evan, 2).

Jill Moline Eccher had a son, Lucas, on February 26, 2007 (*Marc*; Braden, 2).

Jon and Heather Korzin '99 Fredrikson had a son, Carter Gary, on December 24, 2006 (Riley, 1).

## Matt Freeman had a son, Matthew Hopey, on June 1, 2007 (*Melissa*; Abigail, 6, John, 4).

Valerie Straayer Goldsmith had a daughter, Elise Kathryn, on February 15, 2007 (*Christo*-

Dawn Mortier Hickenbottom had a daughter, Kate, on June 8, 2007 (*Jim*; Adam, 7, Ella, 2).

**Wendy Curtis Hopp** had a son, Daniel, on February 4, 2007 (*Bob*; Jacob, 2).

Christoph Korn and Susan Ridihalgh had a son, Alexander James, on July 1, 2006.

Rachel Wand Lanzen had a son, Micah, on June 3, 2006 (Clint: Jarret. 3).

**Tonya Lensch** married Brent Trudo on September 15, 2007.

Anthony Loizzi had a daughter, Addison Marie, on May 29, 2007 (Annie). He is with the law firm of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick and Kohn, Arlington Heights, Ill. He recently co-authored E-Discovery Rules: The Brave New World of Ethical Obligations, a publication of the National School Board Association Council of School Attorneys

Alicia Malin McGowan had a son, Trevor, on February 10, 2007 (*Tom*; Kellen and Matthew)

Amy Norris Miller had a daughter, Sara Catherine, on July 2, 2007 (*Chris*; Andrew, 3). Amy is a physical therapist at Comprehensive Therapeutics, Glenview. Ill.

Deanna Dyer Mumford had a son, Augustin Memphis, on August 22, 2007 (*Michael*; Tucker, 5]. Deanna started a non-profit group called Heavenly Warmth in memory of her daughter, Maverick Dee, who passed away in 2005. It provides new winter outerwear for children in need.

**Javier Perez** is residential sales manager at Wells Fargo, Chicago.

Mark Posen married Ann Marie Clemens on September 29, 2007. He is a firefighter/paramedic for Eugene Fire & EMS, Eugene, Ore.

# Swedish ambassador honors Tredway '57

Sweden's ambassador to the United States, Jonas Hafström, came to campus last spring to present the Order of the Polar Star (*Nordstjärneorden*) to Dr. Thomas Tredway '57, president emeritus of Augustana College, in recognition of the many ways he has nurtured Augustana's

ties to the homeland of its founders.

Ambassador Hafström, his wife, Eva Hafström, and Swedish Consul General for Chicago Kerstin Lane were all guests at a dinner for Tredway, who was joined by his wife Kate, daughter Rebecca, and several friends and former colleagues. President Steve Bahls spoke about his predecessor's role in building up Augustana's international study opportunities in Sweden, and noted the many students from Sweden who came to Augustana during Tredway's presidency.

Bahls also noted that the campus enjoyed three royal visits during Tredway's 28-year administration. "Thanks to Dr. Tredway, our ties to Sweden remain strong today, and we look forward to their continued growth this summer as the Augustana Choir presents a concert tour in Sweden," Bahls said.

During his remarks, Ambassador Hafström noted Augustana's upcoming sesquicentennial, and offered to

help the college arrange for a visit by Swedish royalty during the anniversary year of 2010. The last royal visit to Rock Island occurred in 1996, when both King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Sylvia came to campus.

The medal Ambassador Hafström presented to Tredway on behalf of the Swedish monarch consists of a white Maltese cross over a gold background. The center of the cross is a blue shield with an inscription referring to the North Star: *Nescit occasum* ("it knows no decline").

**Billie Jo Haight Runkle** had twin sons, Jacob and Jared, on June 29, 2006 (*Eric*; Kayla, 4).

**Erica VonBehren** married Matthew Kluck on October 26, 2007.

Lauren Webb received the master's degree in communication disorders from California State University, Northridge.
She is now a speech-language pathologist at Manhattan Beach [Calif.] Middle School.

#### 1998

Leah Delfinado is a staff physician and faculty member of the ob/gyn residency program at Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago.

**Lisa Foster** married Tony Kline on August 4, 2007.

**Kit Harley** married Rachel Balazs on June 1, 2007.

Kimberly Smetana Laubinger had a son, Chase James, on August 23, 2007 (*James*; Carter, 2).

**Cynthia Mader** married Trevor Bryan on June 16, 2007.

Karen Halverson Otto had a daughter, Kaitlyn Kristin, on May 28, 2007 (*David*).

William and Dawn Foster '99 Pokorny had a son, John Richard, on July 22, 2007.

Jessica Kopischke Schriever had a son, Quinn David, on November 10, 2007 (*Chris*; Ashton, 5).

James and Kristine Johanson Somerville had a daughter, Cyrys, on June 1, 2006 (Jimmy,

Toby Speechley is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Troy Swanson won the Master Teacher of the Year award at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, Ill.

# 1999

Kent Anderson had a daughter, Avery Therese, on May 25, 2007 (*Arianne*). He works in wealth management at Country Trust Bank, Bloomington, Ill.

**Janet Blubaugh** is special bids coordinator at IBM, Chicago.

Will Clayton had a daughter, Willamina Katherine, on September 10, 2007 (*Katie*). He is a speech-language pathologist for HCR Manor Care, Paxton,

Scott Cobert received the M.B.A. degree from Lake Forest Graduate School of Manage-

Mike Esposito married Shannon Bonner on July 27, 2007. He is account director at Collaborative Marketing Group, Aurora, Ill., and a graduate student at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Jon '97 and Heather Korzin Fredrikson had a son, Carter Gary, on December 24, 2006 (Riley, 1).

Charles and Heather Wright '00 Haben had a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on November 25, 2007.

Bryan and Christine Williams '00 Jenkins had a daughter, Camille Marie, on March 15,

**Jennifer Keller** is a business studies and economics teacher

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# Celebrating outstanding alumni

Each year the Augustana **Alumni Association Board** of Directors considers nominations for Alumni Association awards. These awards are presented to members of the association who have achieved distinction in their vocations. made a contribution to society through exceptional community service or made a contribution to Augustana through commendable service. Another award—the honorary alumni award—recognizes non-graduates for their outstanding service or contribution to the college. If you would like to suggest a candidate for any of these

honors, please send a brief

augustana.edu or call (309)

794-7477 or [800] 798-8100

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at William Ellis School, London,

Craig '00 and Kari Sanderson Legel had a daughter, Isabellah Grace, on September 7, 2007.

Dale Owen received the cooperative spirit award at the Iowa Annual Credit Union Conference, and the outstanding professional contribution award for his work with QC DollarWise from Quad-City mayors. He is vice president of lending at Ascentra Credit Union, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Betsy Brazeau Parrish had a son, Levi Walker, on June 12, 2007 (Mike).

William '98 and Dawn Foster Pokorny had a son, John Richard, on July 22, 2007.

Jason Skoda married Kelly Crouthamel on August 31, 2007.

Cara Fiorello Sweet had a son. Jonah Allen, on September 30, 2007 (Christopher)

Joseph Tolnai had a daughter, Alice, on January 3, 2008 (Katherine).

# 2000

Hillary Vavra Blevins had a daughter, Annabelle Rose, on October 8, 2007 (Marshall).

Valerie Christoffersen Copeland had a daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, on December 8, 2007

Charles '99 and Heather Wright Haben had a daughter. Grace Elizabeth, on November 25, 2007.

Neil Hultgren received the doctorate in English from the University of Virginia and is now assistant professor of English at California State University, Long Beach.

Brvan '99 and Christine Williams Jenkins had a daughter. Camille Marie, on March 15,

Frica Johnson is a teacher and a dorm staff worker at The Grove School, Madison, Conn.

Craig and Kari Sanderson '99 Legel had a daughter, Isabellah Grace, on September 7, 2007.

Megan Schwartz married Vinicio Zuguino on July 28.

> Abbey Hodge Stickell had a son, Carson Reed, on April 17, 2007 (Kevin).

### 2001

Linda Sue Gabreleski Breitenstein had a son. Hunte Andrew, on May 20, 2006 (Jason).

Melissa Gardner Coulter was promoted to editor of the weekly newspaper, Rock Island News, at the Quad-City Times.

Emily Klehm Gruszka is executive director of the South Suburban Humane Society, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Colleen Hurd Knipper had a son, Owen Michael, on May 23, 2007 (Jeff). She is a physical therapist at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Steve Lamberti had a daughter, Aubrey Nicole, on November

**Charlotte Peterson Nicholas** had a daughter, Kyra Jane, on August 6, 2007 (Adam).

2, 2007.

Stacey Payne married Mark Raimondi on July 28, 2007.

Sarah Harbert Peck is the agency candidate manager at State Farm Insurance, Lewisville, Texas.

Megan Blair Randazzo had a son, Logan Blair, on January 17, 2008 (Shawn)

Erin Roerkohl Roth had a son, Geoffrey, on June 30, 2007

Jared Trolliet married Stacia Wellendorf on September 1, 2007. The bride wore the Augustana Swedish bridal crown

# 2002

Megan Roark Anderson had a son, Cooper Roark, on March 13, 2007 (Zachary).

Todd and Emily Malinsky '04 Baldwin had a son, John Isaac, on May 31, 2007.

Vika Gylys Bursua is an inpatient clinical pharmacist at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Chicago.

Sarah Deitschel is a veterinarian at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Sarah Cotter Kent is a resident physician in family medicine at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria III

Michael McClay is in landscape design and sales at Hoern Nursery, Knoxville, Ill.

Stephanie Minkley married Peter Gorham on November

Kelly Read Noack had a son, Michael James, on July 23, 2007 (Kelly; Rylee, 3).

Jill Sutter Powers had a son, Kyle David, on June 8, 2007, Jill is a resident physician in internal medicine for Iowa Health Systems, Des Moines.

Angela Raisbeck married Ben Bagby on September 15, 2007.

Allison Risley married Justin Soward in July 2007.

Michelle Snyder Roth is a physician assistant at Soderstrom Dermatology Center, Washington, Ill.

# 2003

Emily Burr Ball received the 2007 Outstanding New Teacher award from the Iowa Communication Association.

Jeremy and Abigail Brekke '04 Blair had a son, Samuel Armando Brekke Blair, on November 12 2007

Sarah Broski received the M.D. degree from Midwestern University, Downers Grove, Ill. She will serve the U.S. Navy as a flight surgeon and begin a residency at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Jessi Collison received the master's degree in education from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa,

Ashley Dethloff is school psychologist for the Pekin (III.) School District

Ryan Engstrom received the doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, and is practicing in Washington, D.C.

Kristina Hanson received the master's degree from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., and is now an alternative dispute resolution law clerk at the firm of Irell and Manella,

Erica Nelson married Christopher Jess on July 21, 2007.

Newport Beach, Calif.

Mike Patterson received the Illinois Business Education Association Outstanding New Professional award. He teaches business education at Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

Steven Schulz married Narina Crain on May 27, 2007. He received the M.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Rockford, and is currently in the pediatric residency program at the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

Hilary Settle teaches music and drama for Glenview (Ill.) Public Schools.

Ro Srev married Kristin Maki '04 on August 25, 2006.

Nicole White married David Luder on December 1, 2007

Ellen Yarzak is an optometrist at Panton Eye Center, Elmwood Park. Ill.

#### 2004

Todd '02 and Emily Malinsky Baldwin had a son, John Isaac, on May 31, 2007.

Jeremy '03 and Abigail Brekke Blair had a son, Samuel Armando Brekke Blair on November 12, 2007.

Deborah Dahlgren married Daniel Haswell on July 14, 2007

Kristin Maki married Ro Srey '03 on August 25, 2006

# 2005

Brooke Bonne married Jamie Adams on August 25, 2007. She received the master's degree in speech-language pathology from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and now works for Belvidere (Ill.) Schools.

Adam Chrestenson married April Carlson '07 on July 20.

Dennis Dixon married Megan Vest '07 on July 7, 2007.

Gabrielle Ray is an epidemiologist for the Department of Health, Washington, D.C.

Susan Roloff is director of marketing at O'Donnell Commercial Real Estate, St. Charles, Ill.

Liz SanFilippo is a graduate student at the University of

David Stoltz and Angela Bukowski were married on June 9, 2007. David is an assistant football coach at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

# 2006

Leo Byrd is a sales representative for State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, Ill.

Clarissa Fromme is a technical recruiter for Aurora Solutions, Schaumburg, Ill., and a scout for Netscape.com.

Frank Weglarz is a regional risk specialist at Trissel Graham & Toole, Davenport,

Kelly Ziemann is housing and economic justice coordinator for the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Des Moines.

## 2007

Laura Anderson is a professional consultant with Michael Page International, Chicago.

Laura Angelillo teaches French and Spanish at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, Wheaton, Ill.

Joseph Baker is a CPC processor in the student finance department at Career Education Corp., Hoffman Estates, Ill

Megan Birnbaum is a graduate student at Loyola University, Chicago.

Charles Blazevich works for AmeriCorps/VISTA in the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith and Community Based Initiatives, Montgomery.

Brandon Bolhous is a teacher at Yeatman-Liddell Junior High Preparatory, St. Louis, Mo.

Kevin Brady is an early childhood music teacher at Lake Forest (Ill.) Country Day School.

Amv Bretz is an administrative assistant at The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center, DePaul University, Chicago.

Ashlev Bright and Daniel Cast were married on June 16, 2007.

Colleen Callahan teaches music at John Deere Middle School, Moline, Ill.

April Carlson married Adam Chrestenson '05 on July 20, 2007. April is a substitute teacher for the Peoria (Ill.) School District

Sarah Carlson teaches at Central China National University, Wuhan.

Jessica Caywood is a graduate student at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Kimberly Cieniawa is special projects coordinator at the Hamdard Center for Health and Human Services, Addison, Ill.

Melissa Cinquegrani is a behavioral health associate at Linden Oaks Hospital and attends Midwestern University, Downers Grove, Ill.

Jason Dennhardt is an associate IT analyst at AT&T. Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Rachel DePuy married Kevin Perrine on September 1, 2007.

Megan DeShon is an account coordinator at Douglas Shaw & Associates, West Chicago, Ill.

Melinda Diehl is a special education aide at Lincoln Flementary School, Wheaton, Ill.

Rvan Franks is an IT analyst at Sedona Technologies, Moline,

Allison Gladfelter attends Purdue University, Lafayette,

Katherine Gough is a credit manager at Wells Fargo Financial, Gurnee, Ill.

Kristen Graidura teaches eighth grade at Jack London Middle School, Wheeling, Ill.

Mike Guzman is a personal banker at Wells Fargo, Daven-

Marcus Harris is a credit analyst at First Midwest Bank, Gurnee, Ill



At home on the road ... Jennifer Carnithan '96 Choi, the research director for Emerging Markets Private Equity Association, presented at a recent conference in London.

# When the world becomes your workplace

Long before Diane Carnithan left the psychology department to coordinate international admissions for the college, she was inviting Augustana's international students home for dinner. Her daughter, Jennifer Carnithan '96 Choi, remembers meeting students from all over the world. "I was exposed to this wanderlust at a young age," she says. "Then, as a teenager, I'd hear about these fantastic trips led by Norm Moline and others."

Motivated by a passionate interest in other cultures, Jennifer studied Japanese in high school, and in 1992, as a high school senior, enrolled in Augustana's summer program in France. "When I came to Augustana, I was keen on making my experience as international as possible," she says. "The great thing was that I was able to design my own program—focusing on economics, political science, Asian Studies and French." In 1995, she experienced for herself a term in Asia with Moline and Dr. Jim Winship.

And so the path was laid. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, Jennifer taught English and American culture in Japan before returning to the United States to work as a research consultant. In 2002, she earned a master's in law and diplomacy from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. In 2006, she was hired as the research director for a relatively new organization based in Washington, D.C., called Emerging Markets Private Equity Associa-

EMPEA champions the emerging private equity markets of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Russia as strong investment opportunities for U.S. investors. Its mission is to promote a greater understanding of and a more favorable climate for private equity investments in these markets.

To do this, EMPEA (1) convenes conferences around the world that gives members, prospective investors and others opportunities to network and learn about key issues; (2) researches, analyzes and disseminates global information on emerging markets; and (3) advocates for policy and regulatory reforms that strengthen the environment for private equity investing in these markets

"It's not terribly sexy," Jennifer jokes, "but it's incredibly important."

As EMPEA's first research director, Jennifer works to develop a research agenda and products, by instituting data management processes and infrastructure. She also develops and oversees relationships and information exchange with EMPEA partners, presents research at industry conferences, and responds to media inquiries. In the past year alone, she has traveled to EMPEA conferences in Guatemala City, London, Gaborone (Botswana), Geneva and Brussels.

Today, when her mother, Diane, talks to incoming Augustana students about their study interests, they often mention international business or international relations. "I tell them my daughter's goals were similar and what she's doing today, and their reaction is 'wow' and their eyes kind of glaze over," she says. "They just don't know how to get there, but it can be done."

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Beau Zabel '07

# Zabel killed in robberv attempt

On June 15, Beau Zabel of the Class of 2007 was murdered in Philadelphia, where he had recently moved to teach math to inner-city youth through the Philadelphia Teaching Fellows Program.

Police say Zabel was shot around 1:30 a.m. in an apparent failed robbery attempt as he walked home from his part-time job at a

coffee shop. He was 23. At Augustana, Zabel majored in mathematics, philosophy and Spanish, and minored in Latin American

studies. "Our hearts go out to Beau's family and to all who loved him," College Chaplain

Richard Priggie wrote in his message to the campus community. Those who would like to

express their sympathies to Zabel's family may obtain contact information from the Alumni Office at alumni@ augustana.edu, (800) 798-8100 x7589 or (309) 794-7589.

Brittany Hildebrand is business manager at Kiewit Construction, Elgin, Ill.

Marcia Hill is a sales representative for State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, Ill.

Gina Hodnik is at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

John Hughes is choir director at Rochelle (Ill.) Township High

Amy Johannesen is interim youth director at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport,

Stephanie Johnson is a graduate student at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

Alissa Karn serves as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic.

Karri Kelm serves in Ameri-Corps as a house leader for Habitat for Humanity, New Orleans, La.

Shannon Keyes is in sales support at Canon USA, Itasca.

Reanna Kinkead married Jason Day on August 11, 2007.

Aiden Landman is a musician and writer

Suzanne LaPenna is a direct instructor for children with autism at the Quad Cities Autism Center, Moline, Ill.

Bryn Lawrence is coordinator of web services at Monmouth (Ill.) College.

Emily Lush is a graduate student at the University of Chicago School of Social Administration

Sarah Madalinski is marketing coordinator at i wireless Center, Moline, Ill.

Stephanie Massheimer is a chemist at Linwood Mining & Mineral Corp., Davenport, Iowa.

Meghan McCullough is a logistics management specialist for the Dept. of the Army. Rock Island, and attends St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

Jeffrey McDowell is a loan officer at Liberty Bank for Savings, Chicago. Schaumburg, Ill.

Emily McMahon teaches at Martin Elementary School. Lake in the Hills, Ill.

Nathan Olson attends the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City.

Mark Overholser is a PC support specialist at Medline Industries, Mundelein, Ill

Joshua Patterson is a financial services representative at First Investors Corp., Lombard, Ill.

Kristyna Petersen is a laboratory technologist at Metropolitan Laboratories in the Quad

Jason Petit is a software developer at Tech Systems. Bettendorf Iowa

Thomas Quinn teaches English at Belvidere (Ill.) North High

Julie Reynolds attends the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City.

Jacqueline Richardson teaches English in Shimabara-Nagasaki, Japan.

Lauren Ritschard is a physical therapist technician at the Accelerated Rehabilitation Center, Downers Grove, Ill.

Maria Kincaid Sager is a service representative at Modern Woodmen of America, Rock

Lisa Santucci teaches math at Lincoln-Way East High School, Frankfort, Ill.

Amy Schroeder is a laboratory supervisor and stockroom manager at Elmhurst (Ill.) College.

Kelly Schumacher is family ministries coordinator at Grace Lutheran Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Kellen Sikora attends Rush Medical College, Chicago.

Michelle Sparkman works at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Rock

Jennifer Stelies teaches French for the Carpentersville (Ill.) School District.

Adam Stokes is an estimating analyst at Quebecor World,

Elizabeth Stratton is a psychiatric technician at Marvville Academy-Acute Psychiatric Hospital, Des Plaines, Ill.

Theresa Suwannapal is a graduate student at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

Kristopher Turner is a chemist at Sigma-Aldrich Corp., St.

Katie Vail is associate director. of orchestral activities for the Linn-Mar Community School District, Marion, Iowa.

Danielle Van Meenen teaches eighth-grade history at Central Junior High School, East Peoria, Ill.

Megan Vest married Dennis Dixon '05 on July 7, 2007.

Stefanie Walz is human resource administrator at Calamos Investments, Naperville III

Megan Welsh married Tony Dixon on June 2, 2007. She teaches math at Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook, Margaret Wickstrom '37 on

Melissa Williams teaches English at Beckman High School, Dversville, Iowa,

Courtney Withrow is a marketing assistant at FLW International, Chicago.

Krista Zerth is a police officer in Illinois.

# Deaths

(notices received as of January 31, 2008)

Agnes Holmen '25 Peterson on July 10, 2007, Survivors include her children. Julie Peterson '51 Kingery, Ruth Peterson '55 Dahlman, David Peterson '59; and a brother, Reynold Holmen

Lester Ziffren '27 on November 12, 2007. Among survivors is his sister, Ruth Ziffren '42 Learner.

Elizabeth "Betty" Barbou '29 **Baylor** on July 28, 2007.

Grace Peterson '30 Warnick on September 29, 2007.

Margaret Jones '32 Carstensen on August 4, 2007.

Olaf Blomquist '34 on December 5, 2007

Rov H. Glockhoff '34 on July 27. 2007 Survivors include his wife Mary Bager '40 Glockhoff; and children, Gary Glockhoff '73 and Joanna Glockhoff '77 Dye.

Elsa Johnson, wife of Arthur Johnson '34, on October 19.

Russell Paulsen '34 on October 29, 2007. His wife, Gladys, sur-

Virginia Purinton '36 Speckman on January 15, 2008. Among survivors is her husband. Keith '42.

Carl B. Archibald '37 on September 13, 2007. His wife. Beverly, survives him.

Jane Schofer '37 Donaldson on September 16, 2007.

Alice Johnson '37 Ernst on December 31, 2006. Louise Lage '37 Kirtland on

January 15, 2008.

August 2, 2007.

Mary Kirk '37 Wills on October 1, 2007.

Irving J. Carlson '38 on August 17, 2007. His wife, Pearl, sur-

Margaret Canfield '39 Freed on January 21, 2008

Raymond Grossman '39 on January 16, 2008. His wife, Gladys, survives him (see In Memoriaml

Margaret Payton '39 Olson on September 23, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Dale '44.

Raymond H. Adams '40 on December 9, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Holtz 1/2 Adams

Ruth Anderson 'An Johnson on June 7, 2007.

Leona Mueller '41 (Wilder) Grimes in November 2007.

Helen Llovd '41 Rosenauist **Osbourne** on July 25, 2007. Evelyn Birch '42 Crist on

January 21, 2008.

Robert N. Burke '43 on October 27, 2007. His wife, Dottie, survives him

Barbara Harris '43 Smith on July 22, 2007.

Pauline Fredrickson '44 Schwotzer on October 28, 2006.

Stanley C. Johnson '45 on August 17, 2007. Survivors include his wife loanne and daughter, Doreen Johnson '77 Kloehn

August 5, 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Julia Aurelius LaVern K. Grosc '47 on July 28,

Ruth Koch '46 Aurelius on

Grace Hedguist, wife of Milton Hedquist '47, on November 1,

2007. His wife, Maija, survives

Robert L. Anderson, husband of Barbara Bollman '47 Anderson, on July 6, 2007.

William Sharkey, husband of Marv Swan '47 Sharkev, on August 11, 2006. Survivors also include his daughter, Susan Sharkey '80 Hinz.

Dolores A. Wright '47 on September 3, 2007.

Ingrid Hult '47 (Trobisch) Youngdale on October 23, 2007 Survivors include her husband Lauren '50

Lawrence H. Brown '48 on May 30, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Marivene Millett '47

Priscilla A. Curtis '48 on June 7. 2007.

Henry H. Hafermann '48 on October 29, 2007.

Marilyn Olufs, wife of Richard Olufs '48 on December 26

John E. Peterson '48 on September 10, 2007. His wife, Marjorie, survives him.

Eunice Swanson, wife of Roger Swanson '48, on October 22,

George "Bud" Nelson '49 on December 21, 2007. Among survivors is his wife, Virginia McKibben '49 Bennett-Nelson.

John T. Stephens '49 on October 2, 2007, Among survi vors are sons, William '69 and Scott '7/

Don H. Zinger '49 on September 18, 2007

Robert H. Borden '50 on October 6, 2007. His wife, Carol. survives him.

M. Jane Robertson '50 on August 21, 2007.

Norman A. Sauter '50 on December 3, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Janet Swanson 1/4 Sauter

Russell E. Swanson '50 on January 15, 2008. Survivors include his wife, Donna Rein '52

September 2, 2007. His wife, Patricia, survives him

William B. Anderson '51 on

Norma Anderson '51 Hilgendorf on November 5, 2007. Survivors include her husband, James '51.

E.H. Kindschuh '52 on October 26 2007

Ralph Knuth '52 on November 27, 2007. Among survivors are his wife, Susan, and son, Ronald Knuth '84.

Harold A. Nelson '52 on July 2, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Stout Nelson '96.

Donald G. Cain '53 on April 4.

Garth Hull '53 on September

12, 2007. His wife, Marian, survives him. Donald R. Carlson '54 on September 8, 2007. Survivors

include his daughter, Cindy

Carlson '75 Pham. Keith L. Peterson '54 on October 8, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Joan Hanson

'51 Peterson.

Milan Vodick, husband of Janet Burgess '54 Vodick, on January 26, 2008

Beatrice Rov '57 Hosford on October 31, 2007.

James M. Mercer '57 on November 24, 2007, His wife, Joan survives him

Allen E. Schaefer '57 on

December 20, 2007.

Edwin C. Rasmussen '58 on August 21, 2007, Among survivors is his wife, Vee Nielsen '58 Miriam Retz, wife of Richard Retz '58, on December 22. 2007 Survivors also include son, Mark '94.

Kent E. Johnson '59 on November 15, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Miriam Johnson '58 Johnson.

Ronald O. Olson '60 on July 10,

JoAnne Dixon, wife of Ronald E. Dixon '62, on October 31, 2007.

Martin O. Gustafson '62 on August 31, 2007. Survivors include sisters, Sandra Gustafson '60 Hill and Jill Gustafson '70 Dahlgren.

Debra Ann Johnson '65 on February 22, 2007.

Sharon Hutton '66 liames on January 30, 2008. Her husband, Frank, survives her.

Rodney D. Joslin '66, former member of the Augustana College Board of Trustees. on January 23, 2008. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Nowaczewski

Christian F. Dahlberg '68 on October 23, 2007.

Michael Dorman '68 on September 3, 2007. His wife. Bonnie, survives him.

Bryce V. Lundeen '68 on

Cyndi, survives him. Waunita Johnson Long '71 on January 3, 2008. Among survivors are her husband.

September 29, 2007. His wife,

Durward '/<sub>1</sub>9 Jesus Quinones '71 on October

John C. Peterson '72 on October 28, 2007.

Lois M. Schutter '72 on August 29, 2007. Survivors include her husband, Jay '43, and son, Kenneth '76

Mark A. Jacobsen '80 on August 11, 2007. Survivors include his wife. Barbara Mather '78 Jacobsen.

Stephen H. Noel '80 on October 22, 2007. Survivors include his wife. Beth Jones '80 Noel, and sister, Patrice Noel '87.

IN MEMORIAM



Raymond Grossman '39 died on January 16, 2008, at the age of 90. The Chicago native earned a bachelor's in history from Augustana and a master's in physical education from George Williams University in Chicago. He earned the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star medals while serving in the Army during World War II.

Following the war, Grossman was employed by the U.S. Department of Defense as a teacher and coach on an army base in Munich, Germany, He returned to the Quad Cities in the mid-1950s to teach physical education and to coach at Augustana. He was head coach for wrestling from 1956-1960 and assisted with the football teams. In 1959, Gross-

man married Gladys Swanson in Rock Island. A member of the Pi Upsilon Gamma fraternity, Grossman was a very active member of Augustana's Tribe of Vikings and a loyal fan of the Vikings throughout his life.

In 1995, Raymond and Gladys Grossman established The Grossman Family Scholarship, which will be awarded to worthy students with financial need when it becomes fully endowed.

Beth McLaughlin '82 Neuman on December 6, 2007

LeeAnn Winkelhake '84 Strang Robin Heath '93 DeBellis on on July 12, 2007. Among survivors is her husband, Kevin '84.

Richard J. Johnson '88 on July 9. 2007. Survivors include his wife, Francesca Yogya-Johnson '89; brother, Glen Johnson '70; and sister, Gail Johnson '74 Burrill.

Janet Lance '89 Knappen on January 10, 2008.

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# Final Shot



This spring, members of the Augustana Choir, Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band enjoyed perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform in Orchestra Hall, an architecturally stunning concert hall and home of the renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "The absolute joy, honor and privilege to be able to perform on that stage with its exquisite acoustics and history of world-class performances will be one that remains with me, and also the students for the rest of their lives," noted Dr. James Lambrecht, conductor of the Symphonic Band. Above, Dr. Jon Hurty on stage with the Augustana Choir and at left, Dr. Daniel Culver conducting the Symphony Orchestra.

Augustana College Magazine thanks photographer Todd Gustafson, a 1981 Augustana graduate and father of horn player Dana Gustafson '11, for sharing his photographs from the evening.