

Dorrell Addison (2001) earned a Masters of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Atlanta, and went on to serve in the community in a variety of ways. He has worked as hospital chaplain in Marietta, and he became the first African American Chaplain/Associate Dean of Students at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur Georgia. After serving there for a year he became Assistant Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Macon. In the Fall of '07 he will begin study towards a Doctor of Ministry degree at the United Theological Seminary in Trotwood Ohio.

Andrew Aghapour (2007) After graduating Andrew attended Cambridge University, where he earned a MPhil in the History and Philosophy of Science in July. He did his best to relate his work to religion—his most recent research was on Foucault's concept of the 'modern soul' in Discipline and Punish, and his dissertation topic explored evolutionary accounts of religious beliefs and practices.

Emily Altman (Steinichen, 2006) is now a proud parent, after giving birth to her son, Steinichen “Stein” Joseph Altman. She and Mike Altman are relocating from Raleigh to Atlanta, where Emily will have lots of friends and family for support as she takes care of their baby Stein.

Mike Altman (2006) completed his MA Thesis at Duke University on Travel, Contact, and Mapping: Hinduism in 19th Century American Magazines. It was a brief study of representations of Hinduism in three popular magazines that offers a history of Hinduism in America before the World's Parliament of Religion in 1893. Mike will be enrolling in the American Religious Cultures PhD program at Emory University in the fall.

Lilli Arader (2007) lives in San Francisco where she is a social worker in a half way mental home as a case-manager. She enjoys this rewarding work and she loves living in San Francisco, where she feels a great “fit” with the people and the place. She has considered enrolling in the California Institute for Integral Studies, but she might run off to a Buddhist wat (monastery) in Thailand to practice more vipassana meditation.

Dru Ballard (2003) is a shift manager at DoubleTree Guest Suites, downtown Charleston. She graduated from the College of Charleston in December 2007 with a second degree in Hospitality & Tourism. She will be married on August 16 and will move to Greenville, SC upon graduation.

Lauren Barna (2002), spent the winter and spring joyfully taking care of her identical twin sons, Sage and Sequoia, after relocating to Asheville, NC. Now she has gone back to work as a substance abuse and mental health services provider.

Karen Briggs (2002) was accepted into the MA program in Social Work at USC and she will begin classes there in the fall.

Erin Burke (2003) was accepted with a full scholarship into the University of Chicago's Ph.D program in the Committee on Social Thought, an interdisciplinary program. She

will relocate from Seattle to Chicago in September and begin her interdisciplinary studies of religion and modernity.

Jackie Burney (Uhlhorn, 2000) earned a MS in Education from the University of New Haven and is currently teaching 8th Graders in Bainbridge GA.

Kristin Campbell (2007) works as a marketing analyst in Sarasota Florida for a company called Cooper Notification, which sells mass notification systems including outdoor voice-sirens, LED signs, text and email alerts, and indoor paging systems.

Aaron Carde' (2002) After living in Asheville, N.C. for a while, Aaron became a Realtor with Russell and Jeffcoat in Columbia, S.C. He was the 2007 Residential Agent of the Year for Weichert Realtors.

Emily Rials Carpenter (1998) After graduation Emily worked as a features writer at The Post and Courier for seven years, before making a career move to Kiawah Development Partners, where she's now the Web Content Manager for five websites.

John Carter (2007) works in Atlanta as a corporate librarian for a governmental watchdog agency called Macro, which is involved in global AIDS prevention, suicide prevention, and children's mental health services. He hopes to get more involved with western psychology and how it is practiced in Latino and Native American communities.

Lauren Chism (2000) earned a M.S. in Higher Education Administration in '03 from Indiana University. She has been teaching with Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis since 2002. She teaches a variety of courses for freshmen in the University College & the School of Liberal Arts, and she has just been named the Director of Themed Learning Communities. She plans on starting doctoral coursework in January '08.

Justin Clark (2000) earned a Master of Divinity degree in '05 from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville KY. He plans to pursue a MBA from the University of South Carolina in the Spring of '08.

Mary Louisa Cleveland (2007) completed her first year of Teach for America at a junior high school in Glendale Arizona, where she teaches Language Arts to 8th graders. In August she will return for her second year of teaching, although at a different K-8 school in Glendale. She enjoys her work and finds ways to inform her students about other religions and cultures.

Mary Clune (2004) now works in Washington D.C. for PBS in their Education Department as a Project Coordinator.

Cathie Crawford (2003), graduated in May 2008 with a Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta. She plans to move to Spartanburg for Clinical Pastoral Education in

one of the hospitals there. After becoming ordained as a Presbyterian minister she hopes to find a church as soon as possible.

Mike Despeaux (1991, PHIL) founded the Religious Studies Club at the College back in 1990. He is now working at Western Carolina University as an Advisor and Career Counselor, specializing in the Humanities; he also teaches Freshman Seminars in the Arts & Sciences program.

Kerri DeYoung (December 2003) graduated from the New England School of Law in May 2007, and is currently studying for the Massachusetts Bar Exam.

Crafton Dicus (2003) works as a professional tennis coach in Charleston, but he also serves as a travel guide for Adventures Cross Country on trips to South and Central America.

Rachel Epps (Garrett, 2005) completed another year at CofC while pursuing a degree in Theater (and dance), but she now is building her own dance studio and expanding Once Upon a Ballet here in Charleston.

Priscilla Estrada (2000) earned a Master's degree in Sacred Theology and Christian Ministry at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH in 2003. She also studied for a semester at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. After teaching theology at Bishop England High School on Daniel Island, she now works as Director of Evangelization and Adult Education at Prince of Peace, a large Catholic Church (over 1,900 families) in Greenville, SC.

Artie Flouras (2007) spent eight months traveling in Southeast Asia and Australia after graduation. She taught English in Malaysia for a while, but now she's back in the US trying to figure out the next step.

Adam Floyd (December 2006) spent last fall surfing in Sri Lanka and climbing in south India. He was accepted into MA Folklore Studies program at Utah State University, where he will study ecology and folklore culture and take in life in Utah's mountains among the Mormons.

Jacquelyn Franklin (2004) is currently the Operations Assistant for Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, LLP where she has worked for the past two years. She is also working on a Master Herbalist Certification through the Global College of Natural Medicine with the hope that one day she will be able to open her own shop to dispense home-made lotions, salves and tinctures.

Amy Hammond (2002) is currently the Administrative support for I.M. Systems Group which contracts through the National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center.

Chad Houfek (2002) lives in Boulder Colorado where he is studying acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine at Southwest Acupuncture College.

Jason Houser (2001) has worked as a chef at many fine restaurants in Charleston. A post-graduate trip all around the Mediterranean created a religious fervor for the people and foods of the lands once ruled by the Roman Empire. Now is the executive chef of Muse, a Mediterranean restaurant and wine bar in Charleston.

Jay Hughes (2003), entered the MA/Ph.D program in American Studies at the University of Alabama, Fall 03.

Alec Kean (1999) lives in Charlottesville VA, where he serves as the Middle School Chaplain and teaches Bible classes at the Covenant School.

Lisa Knitter (2004) is now studying Hinduism and devotional poetry in the MA Religious Studies program at the University of Otago in Dunedin New Zealand

Rodney (Roddy) Knowles (2001) is completing his Ph.D exams at Boston University before he begins research on his dissertation. His dissertation topic will examine contemporary American evangelical understandings of what happens after death, bodily resurrection and judgment.

Jay Laughlin (2003) earned his MA degree in International Studies from the University of Washington and now works as a content researcher at a Seattle technology company.

Jenni Laughlin (Prueitt, 2004) manages the new business application development at a large brick company headquartered in Seattle.

Todd Levasseur (1997) completed his second year of coursework in the Ph.D Religion and Nature program at the University of Florida. He and his wife, Jeannette Halberda (2001) traveled to India this summer to do research on Gender and Water issues, which was funded by a USDA grant through the University of Florida's Water Institute.

Jason Maglaughlin (2004) has extended his Peace Corps service in Tanzania, after living in a rural village for over two years. He was recently selected to design a Cross-Sector Programming Initiative, and he returned to Charleston in August '07 to raise money for a rural water initiative in Tanzania.

Amber Maines (2004) will be working at Addlestone Hebrew Academy beginning Fall 2005, and has applied to C of C's M.A.T. program.

Jacklyn Martin (December 2006) will be attending the University of South Carolina in the Fall '07, where she will study in the Department of Health Services Policy and Management for a Masters of Health Administration.

Lara Masters (Bodenhamer, December 2000) attended graduate school in Public Administration at North Carolina State University.

Katie McGinnis (2006) was recently certified as a massage and bodywork therapist from the Charleston School of Massage and Healing Arts. She now works as a LMBT at a yoga studio in Greenville, SC.

Joe McRoberts (2000). After graduation in 2000, Joe enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC where he pursued a Masters of Divinity. In 2005 he started teaching incarcerated youth at the Wake County Jail in Raleigh, NC, where he met his wife, Erika, another teacher there. Joe was recently accepted at Campbell University's Law School in North Carolina and will be starting in August 2008.

Taylor Moore (2007) is pursuing a career in journalism. He suggests that all the reading and writing involved in RELS courses had something to do with this choice. He began by freelancing Sports and Local News for Daytona's version of the Post & Courier. After earning enough money he took a vacation to St Croix, and the lifestyle appealed to him enough to apply for a job at the local paper, where he found serendipitously that someone had just resigned.

Anne Myers (2004), entered the Master's program at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, Fall 04.

Maura Nelson (2003) completed her MA in Islamic Studies in the Religious Studies Department at University of Georgia. She wrote her MA thesis on the intellectual lineage of Wahhabi Islam and its modern manifestations in America.

Alicia O'Brian (1999) is completing her MA program in Religion at Miami University in Ohio; last we heard (a year ago), Alicia was back in Charleston, doing field research on Gullah religion for her MA thesis.

Jenny O'Donnell (2001) has been working in Bali, Indonesia, for an NGO since shortly after her graduation, organizing volunteers to work with rural children on health and education.

Kendall Ostendorff (2005) served in AmericCorps in the Western region after graduation. She spent most of her time in the Gulf region doing disaster relief from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. She is now working at Kinnikinnick Farm in Caledonia IL and loves her work.

Lindsay Page (2004) completed her Masters degree in Psychology, specializing in Counseling and Human Relations, from Liberty University in 2006.

Amanda Pearce (2006) completed her first year of medical school at MUSC. Over the summer she traveled to Sri Lanka to work in a hospital for a month and then returned to

Charleston to relax and enjoy the city in what might be her last free months from school and work. Ever.

Andi Perullo (2003) has completed her graduate program in acupuncture and Chinese medicine at the Pacific College of Chinese Medicine in New York City. She is currently setting up her private practice in Charlotte, NC. During the last year she has continued her travels around the world, accomplishing a personal goal of traveling to 6 continents and 15 countries.

Becky Pittenger (2006) will begin in the masters program in Social Work at the University of Southern California in the fall..

Jason Purvis (2005) completed his first year in the MA Religion program at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he has worked as a Teaching Assistant and pursued further research on Buddhist rituals for pregnancy loss in Japan and in the United States..

Rebecca Rathburn (2004) earned her MA degree in the Religion and Literature program at Boston University in May '07.

Kimberly Richey (2004) earned a Masters degree in Library Science from USC in May '07. She is now working as a school librarian at Springfield Elementary School in Charleston.

Stacey Rickard (2005) has continued in her career position with the National Park Service at Fort Sumter here in Charleston. She will complete a MBA in Public Administration from the University of Phoenix in October '07.

Amber Sacco (2004) enrolled in the Community Counseling program at Clemson University in January '07 for a Masters degree.

P. J. Schwartz (2007) completed his second year of Rabbinical School at the Cincinnati Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He will continue to immerse himself in the study of the Hebrew Bible, Rabbinic Literature, and begin to explore issues of Jewish thought and Philosophy.

Carissa Stephens (Lentz, 2002) went to nursing school after graduating from the College and then moved to Austin TX, where her husband Jason Stephens (2002) is pursuing a Ph.D. She now works as a RN in the pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the newly built Children's Hospital in Austin.

Stephanie Tabb (2006) is the manager at an artisan bakery/cafe in Louisville KY, and she works part time as a Special Events Coordinator for a non-profit organization called "Adelante! Hispanic Achievers," which creates programming for a group of Latino middle school children and their families.

Jessica Toan (2004) completed the certification program at the Asheville School of Massage and Yoga and now has moved to Chimney Rock area outside of Asheville, where she supports herself as a massage therapist.

Robert Ticknor (2002) is currently enrolled in the history PhD program at Tulane University with a focus on medieval Europe. He is currently finishing his MA thesis, which is a project that examines the categories of the magical and the miraculous in Medieval Theology..

Lauren Trexler (2003) served in AmeriCorps National Civilian Corps in the Western Region for two years before landing her current job at a small but flourishing Reform synagogue in Vancouver WA. She serves as the Religious School/Education and Administrative Coordinator.

Brynn White (2005) will begin her masters in divinity program in the fall at Vanderbilt University, where she received a full three-year scholarship.

Sara Whitely (2006) completed an internship with the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom in Washington D.C. Her work made her especially aware of the plight of Iraqi and North Korean refugees, most of them Christians, who have fled their home countries due to religious persecution.

Jill Yarnall (Tompkins, 1997) is the assistant director at the Public Information Office at UNC-Asheville. She was the winner of the "Best of the Mountains Award" for the top press release on the dedication of a new, environmentally conscious building on the UNC campus for the second consecutive year. She is currently enrolled in the Masters for Liberal Arts program at UNC-Asheville, with a concentration on globalization and its affect on religious identity.

Brian Young (2003) spent three years traveling after graduation, most of it in New Zealand but also with trips to South East Asia, Europe and he visited another RELS major Jason Maglaughlin (2004) in his village in Tanzania, where he was working for the Peace Corps. Brian also completed a crossing of the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean by sailboat. He's currently considering graduate work in the Environmental Sciences at the College of Charleston.

Laura Zagby (2003), works as a Donor Recruitment Representative for the American Red Cross. Her job entails convincing businesses, schools and churches in Berkeley County to hold blood drives and then working with those organizations to promote the drives from within, educate their population about the need for blood and ultimately, to get their people to become blood donors. She also handles the College of Charleston and MUSC student blood drives.