

Alumni Update – 8/31/07

Hello Everyone – it's time for the latest installment in our occasional *Alumni Update* series. We're a week before the start of fall classes, and if there's a "window," this is it. Our summers without distraction are precious, but the new students are beginning to drift in and I'm reminded there's also much to look forward to in the upcoming school year. With seven entering Ph.D. candidates and an additional accepted student deferring until fall 2008, this is our largest entering class in quite some time. And it's an outstanding group, as the applicant pool was large and amazingly competitive. This year we'll also be phasing in some important curriculum reforms (e.g., a 2nd/3rd year "Trial Research Paper" to give everyone the experience of planning, executing and writing up a complete project in advance of the dissertation), making a major change in our financial aid policy (guaranteeing a semester of support without a work obligation sometime during the planning/doing dissertation stage), and there's news about current faculty and students (as a tease – we're excited along with Julie Kim that she's closing in on becoming a U.S. citizen, having just sat for the exam). I'm eager to share all that, but there's so much to report from the summer that happenings here will have to wait until a later note. But be forewarned, when I say "so much," I mean it – this is a long note.

The big excitement from New York was the department's reception, our alternative to ASA's Departmental Alumni Night. As in Montreal the year before, the gathering was a huge success. The good folks at Seppi's, our restaurant venue, certainly did their part. They provided us with a spacious area in the rear of the restaurant all to ourselves and the finger foods and wine were primo. Hmmm – a brief detour: I may have mentioned in an earlier note that I'm trying to teach myself Spanish. That's absolutely NOT the recommended way to acquire a second

language (start younger, for one thing!), but I am building up a decent vocabulary and it occurs to me that "primo" in Spanish denotes a male cousin. Now that's something I never would have realized – isn't lifelong learning wonderful! But back to the business at hand: it's really all about the people, and the reception turnout was great.

The Department's current faculty were there in force -- I believe all who made it to NY attended – and there was a goodly sampling of current students. But those of us who are Baltimore-based see one another all the time, so what really makes it worthwhile is being able to reconnect, and the reception had alums in attendance from every decade of the department's existence (I'm not counting its 1959 inaugural year decade). The 60's were represented by Sy Spilerman (1968) and Ben Zablocki (1967). I had met Sy previously (although I was much younger then and he probably doesn't recall), but not Ben and it was a real treat for me to hear the two of them reminisce about the early years of the department and the people here at the time. Clearly it was a very special place then, with some quite extraordinary students and faculty, no undergraduate program, and hardly any formal graduate requirements. We're still a special place, but of a different sort (in the sense of being not so different).

Chris Bose (1973) comes next seniority-wise (Chris – your website says 1974, but our records say '73), followed in short order by Joyce Epstein (1974). Chris was one of Peter Rossi's students, one of many Peter turned out before he left for UMass in the early 70's (most of you, I trust, have heard of Peter's passing). Neither Chris nor I could remember for certain, but I believe I was third reader on her dissertation. I arrived in 1972, and somehow quickly got drawn in as the designated "tag-along" for dissertations on determinants of occupational prestige using Peter's vignette methodology. I thought it an interesting, innovative approach and it was my good fortune to be part of it, if only in a limited way.

Chris (2006 President of Sociologists for Women in Society and Chair of the ASA Committee on Publications, 2005-07) has been settled in at Albany for quite some time now. I sometimes forget that Joyce also is an alum, as she's local, with a longstanding professional affiliation here at Hopkins. Joyce's primary appointment is with our education R&D center, CSOS, with a secondary appointment as Research Professor in the Department. Joyce is one of those rare souls who doesn't just talk "implications for practice." Rather, she has devoted herself to putting sociology to work for the common good, which makes her, in my books, a *very special* rare soul. If you haven't kept up with Joyce's work with her National Network of Partnership Schools, by all means check out her website: <http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/center.htm>.

That's two decades down; two to go. From the 80's, we had Shiro Horiuchi (1981), Aaron Pallas (1985), Debbie Holtzman (1985), Doug Kincaid (1987) and Bob Manning (1989). I've crossed paths over the years with all but Shiro and was rather embarrassed to learn that all this time he had been just up the road at Rockefeller University (at the reception he told me he was about to relocate to someplace in NY, but I've drawn a blank on where -- Shiro, can you help me?). Shiro does research on the demography of longevity, which he explains is as an interdisciplinary field that crosses the social sciences, biomedical sciences and mathematical sciences. In an earlier email he credits the department for helping make this happen: "I am very grateful to my professors at the Department of Social Relations, who were very flexible in letting me (and encouraging me to) pursue my multidisciplinary interest by taking courses from various departments and even working as research assistant and teaching assistant at other departments (such as Population Dynamics and Mathematical Sciences)." Well good for us! I'd like to think that degree of flexibility is still possible here. And in that email exchange, Shiro said he was surprised to learn he's not the only Japanese national to study in the Department. Doing a little

research, he reports that Akihiro Koido (1992) has done quite well for himself at Hitotsubashi University -- maybe this mention will prompt a note from Akihiro to fill in some of the detail.

Aaron is still at TC-Columbia and the two of us have kept up over the years. For a time after he finished the program we continued to collaborate on a number of projects, although none recently, and over the years we've remained close friends. In fact, it was a nice "within the family" touch when I inherited the editorship of *Sociology of Education* from him (before Aaron, Pam Walters [1983] edited *SoE*, and much earlier Doris Entwisle did a term in the mid-seventies. That's quite a showing for our tiny department). Aaron did a stint as Acting Dean at TC not too long ago and so tested the administrative waters, but I guess he found those waters too cold (or, more likely, too hot) and decided not to take the plunge. Instead, he remains Professor of Sociology and Education in TC's small but distinguished program in Sociology of Education.

Doug Kincaid, on the other hand, seems to find academic administration to his liking. He's currently Vice-Provost for International Studies at Florida International University, which has him responsible for the school's area studies centers, study abroad office and international institutional relationships. That's quite a portfolio, but Doug hasn't abandoned sociology – for example, in 2002 he was the ASA's official representative to the ISA for their Australia meeting. For more detail on Doug's position, check out this link (there's also a handsome picture of him looking quite dignified and Provostorial):

<http://internationalstudies.fiu.edu/page.php?c=message%20from%20the%20vice%20provost>.

Debbie Holtzman is settled in at CDC, Division of Viral Hepatitis, NCHHSTP. It took a bit of detective work to decipher that particular bit of alphabet soup, but it stands for the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs and Tuberculosis Prevention and it means Debbie does important work. I've read through an interesting article of hers that gives an overview the

behavioral and social sciences at CDC and I note with pride her service as Deputy Editor of the American Journal of Public Health. Seeing Debbie was great, but there was an extra treat in store, as her husband Ricky (aka Rick) Rubinson also attended. Rick, as many of you know, was a faculty member in the department for a decade, overlapping the 70's and the 80's. He's now at Emory (has been for some time), and Rick tells me he's in the process of moving back into the department from the Dean's office there – must be in his blood! Seeing Rick reminds me there is a large, scattered-about "friends of the department" contingent and I'm thinking next year in Boston we should expand our horizons to include former faculty, post-docs who've passed through, and some of our colleague-collaborators from beyond Hopkins. That'll be the plan; stay tuned for announcements.

Finishing up our alums from the 80's is Bob Manning. I wrote about some of Bob's exploits taking on the predatory credit industry in my last Alumni Note and I now have a deeper understanding of the fight he's fighting. That's because I attended the ASA showing of his movie *In Debt We Trust*, and I must say it's really scary what's going on out there. Bob is on the attack from his base as Director of the Rochester Institute of Technology's Center for Consumer Financial Services – he's out on the lecture circuit, gives testimony in Congress, and is a high profile media presence. Some kinds of indebtedness are good though, and we're all in his debt for having elevated this issue.

From the 90's we had Salvatore Babones (2003), Ho-fung Hung (2004), and Yingyi Ma (2006). Salvatore, at Pittsburgh, has been a wonderful ally in my mission to reinvigorate the Hopkins Social Relations/Sociology sense of family. On the professional front, he tells me that he has a second edited volume under review at the JHU Press (fingers-crossed!) and that he's moving into the political economy of health, a wise move at a school that labors in the shadow of

a large medical center (sounds familiar -- I've often wondered why we never tried to build up medical sociology). Ho-fung is now at Indiana, where he tells me the Hopkins faculty contingent of three is the largest in the department – himself, Pam Walters (1984) and Laurel Cornell (1981). Salvatore and Ho-fung are a couple steps ahead of Yingyi, but Yingyi reports she's settling in comfortably at Syracuse, where she too has a Hopkins colleague for support – Amy Lutz (Ph.D. Albany, 2002), who did a two-year post-doc at CSOS/Sociology and continues to collaborate with people here.

Wow, that's a lot to share already, and I haven't even gotten to my backlog of chitty-chatty email notes. I'm determined to see this through, though. I'll write it; I hope many of you will want to read it. But just to be sure some really important, really good news doesn't get missed, please join me now in welcoming three new members to the Department's extended family: Lillian Grace, born June 23 to Kerri Kerr (2002), Nora Reardon Pereira, born June 16 to Susan Manning (1989), and Phillip Samuel Lewis, born August 8 to Angela Estacion (current Ph.D. candidate). Hearty congrats and best wishes to all!

There's one more new arrival to announce, also pleasing, but in a different way: Jesse Albee joined the department staff just this week. Jesse is Pam's replacement, and if she has the same staying power as Pam (35 years!), we'll be delighted! Should be a piece of cake if we count Jesse's 5 years with the Registrar's office. She knows her way around course scheduling and the like from that vantage point, so comes to us well prepared for her new duties. Welcome Jesse.

Now to the emails that came pouring in after my reception note. It's amazing all the things our alums are up to and for me it's a thrill to hear from you. And you've been a big help in helping us extend our reach. Kai-lit Phau (1994), for example, checking in all the way from far-

off Kuala Lumpur, helped put me on the trail of Mike (Su Hoon) Lee (1986) and Farid Alatas (1991). Here are a few tidbits gleaned from Google searches: Mike (I wonder when's the last time he answered to "Mike"?) is Professor of Sociology at Kyungnam University, Director of International Affairs at the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, and I know he's published at least two books (one in 1988, that I assume is from his dissertation, *State-Building in the Periphery*). Farid is in the Department of Sociology at the National University of Singapore. He edits the *Asian Journal of Social Science* and has a recent book with Sage, *Alternative Discourses in Asian Social Science: Responses to Eurocentrism*. I'd love to hear from Mike and Farid directly for a more personal perspective. Kai-lit, BTW, reports that he's teaching medical sociology and public health to medical students at Monash University's Sunway Campus.

You may recall that an earlier note got us up-to-date on Henry Perry, one of the Department's M.D. – Ph.D. graduates. Well now our M.D. grads can form a little clique of their own if they wish, as I've heard from three more - Daryl Matthews (1977), Park Dietz (1984) and Steve Wartman (1979). Daryl and Park, Like Henry, were here under the auspices of the M.D.-Ph.D. Program, while Steve came on his own as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar.

Daryl's story is fascinating, and I won't be able to do justice to it, so here's an excerpt from one of his notes:

"I did research and taught 1/2 time in socio-medical sciences, 1/2 time at psychiatry at Boston University, with Norman and Sol after they left JHU. I am afraid my charismatic MD/PhD program colleague, Park Dietz, after some years lured me into forensic psychiatry, which has occupied me since. I spent many years teaching forensic psychiatry at academic med centers, taking early retirement last year as professor of psychiatry and director of the forensic psychiatry program at the University of Hawaii. I still teach and work on cases here, on the mainland, and abroad. My special interests now are forensic psychiatry and international criminal law, and cross-cultural issues in forensic psychiatry. I have had the chance to travel and work across the US, Europe, and the south pacific, and testify and consult for international war crimes courts and human rights organizations. I have also worked pro bono (for the defense) on the legal cases of about 50 Guantanamo detainees. I am now slowing down a bit at work; spending more time at the beach and in my garden; I live in Kahaluu a rural area of Oahu across

the island from Honolulu and I never tire of the spectacular beauty of my adopted home.

I have always felt a little guilty for not becoming a "real sociologist" as Peter [Rossi] flatteringly urged and recruited me to be, even though that was never the goal of the MD/PhD program. However, my education in the department changed my life and my practice as no other experience has. Forensic psychiatry asks its practitioners to be an amateur (at least) sociologist of deviance, medicine, and law. Peter and Jim's [Coleman], and Ron Maris's social theory classes, Doris [Entwisle] and Bob's [Gordon] research methods classes, and Dick's [Rubin] caring and kind work with me on my dissertation stand out as high points of my education. This was a program that probably could only have been born in the late 60's/early 70's and I am phenomenally grateful to have been a part of it."

Daryl's note is pleasing on several levels -- the nice things he has to say about his experience here in the department, that we've always been willing to stretch, and his reminder that training in sociology travels well. We have lots of alums working "out of field," but almost without exception they say they've been served well by their training here. Park, who also does forensic psychiatry, echoes that sentiment -- here's an excerpt from one of his notes: "Actually, I do sociology. I'll be testifying in a case in Boston in a couple weeks that is squarely in the domain of the sociology of medicine. (Whether gender identity disorder is a disease for purposes of the tax code.). When free to do so, I might even send you my report, which opposing counsel characterized as "a sociology journal article." [I have no doubt that was said by counsel with a sneer!]

Steve has followed a different path in combining medicine and sociology. He is President and CEO of the Association of Academic Health Centers (www.aahcdc.org), a national non-profit that seeks to improve health and well-being through advocacy on behalf of the nation's more than 100 Academic Health Centers. AAHC's priority issues include research and science, the health professional workforce, health care reform and AHC organization and governance. And from this lofty perch, Steve's website bio-blurb proudly announces to the whole world that he is a "general internist and sociologist" -- how about that! Prior to joining

AAHC, Steve was Executive Vice President for Academic and Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Frank Stluka (MA, 1992) is doing a different kind of applied sociology, in a job that puts him neck-and-neck with Teresa Knott for the honor of longest job title by a practicing sociologist. Since May, Frank has been Chief of the Office of Special Initiatives and Demonstrations, Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor, Region Y. He is responsible for overseeing job training/placement grants across a host of organizations, including community colleges, community and faith-based organizations, farmworker organizations, state and local departments of labor and workforce development boards. This is a big move for Frank. Before then he had been Project Manager and a Management & Program Analyst with the Federal Job Corps program in Dallas, followed by a stint overseeing federal funding to Louisiana for job training and job search assistance. Frank too claims positive spillover from his academic training: "I clearly apply what I learned and am positioned well to advance understanding of stratification, career development (a la John Holland), work, education, and so many themes that were (are?) at the heart of the Program on Individuals and Institutions." Most of that's still here, although John Holland is long into retirement (still Baltimore based though, and doing fairly well) and PII has morphed into the Program in Social Inequality. Perhaps Frank is only saying all those nice things because he knows we have the skinny on him (pictures of his academic regalia striptease to the beat of Macho Man at Binnie's – what?-- birthday party/anniversary celebration?), but I'd rather think it comes from the heart. (I'll resist the temptation to begin recounting stories about those heady disco days in the department, other than to say that the noon practice sessions in the Chair's office under the Gilman clock tower remain, for me, a highlight of my 35 years here -- who says doing sociology can't be

fun!). On a personal note, Frank reports that he's found happiness in Dallas in a 9 year partnership (but really Frank, did it have to be someone with a Ph.D. in Political Economy!) and that his son is about to turn 16 and start junior high – a top 2% student, Frank proudly reports! Good for you Frank, on all fronts!

Those of you who know me know that my affection for the department and all its wonders is deep and absolutely authentic; those of you who don't know me, likely have figured that out by now. But I'm also scrupulously honest, and I heard from one alum who started out with an in your face "I have nothing in common with the rest of you." That's how Marilyn Katatsky (1972) introduced herself, and she almost had me convinced. Marilyn went through another of the Department's innovative programs from the late 60's – early 70's, our joint degree program with the School of Public Health's Department of Behavioral Sciences (the Department was long ago reconfigured out of existence and its faculty scattered). Since the early 80's Marilyn has been in finance at Morgan Stanley, courtesy of a weekend MBA from the Wharton School. I'll grant that seems a far remove, but after a bit of gentle prodding on my part and self-reflection on hers, Marilyn fessed up that, yes, her quantitative training has proven useful, capped with a Master's in Biostatistics. And certainly during the decade prior to moving into finance, she was squarely in the middle of it, with a job at WHO/PAHO in DC and 11 years of research in assorted South American countries. And now Marilyn is curious – she'd like to hear from others who went through the joint degree program around the same time.

Paul Power (1979) would seem another stretch. Paul's background is vocational psychology and he came to the department from down under (Australia) to work specifically with John Holland. But if you're in the department, you're in the department, and he mentions fond memories of the people he came to know here, including Binnie, Ricky Takai and Tom

Dial. Upon finishing the program Paul returned to his academic position at the University of Melbourne, moving after a time into the private sector to do management consulting, settling eventually with the Hay Group headquartered here in the States (in Philadelphia). His work with the Hay Group involves modeling research and leadership transformation across a variety of public and private sector organizations. Paul obviously has done this at a high level, as in 2005 he was awarded the Australian Psychological Association Elton Mayo Award, "given in recognition of original contributions to basic knowledge in the field, applications of Industrial/Organisational (IO) psychology techniques and/or contributions to the advancement of organisational psychology as a profession." Hearty congratulations Paul! In checking the website, I notice that Geoff Kelso (1976) was a previous Mayo recipient. Geoff also came here from Australia to work with John, and clearly he too did well after. However, Paul also reminds us of the sad news that Geoff passed away several years ago.

Some of Paul's recent work has focused on school leadership. A program called "Leading Australia's Schools" is a national leadership development program for high performing school principals in the early stages of their career. The program description Paul sent along sounds quite impressive and quite ambitious -- clearly important work. The aforementioned Kerri Kerr, you may recall, is working on a broadly similar initiative here in the States with New Leaders for New Schools. Sounds as though Paul and Kerri might want to talk shop -- perhaps we could help forge a partnership that literally spans the globe, but not until Kerri is off maternity leave!

I've never met Richard Conviser (1970), but I'd like to and I'm fairly certain we would hit it off. After dabbling in academic sociology for a bit (punctuated by an excursion into hippiedom), Paul moved into health services research, doing state level policy research on HIV

health care access and costs. He eventually settled in as evaluation branch chief at the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration, from which he retired in 2006. He's now living the good life in Montana, but still dabbles (e.g., guest editor for a special issue of the *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*). That's all impressive and admirable, but it's Richard's extracurriculars that really tug at my heartstrings – he composes music, teaches violin, plays in several area orchestras, and for many years has been active in Dances of Universal Peace, a form of spiritual meditative dance. Richard is a certified leader and has been on the Board of Directors of PeaceWorks since 2002. Well-rounded is good, and it sounds as though Richard knows how to keep his life in balance. If I'm not mistaken, we have others out there active in folkdance, so perhaps this presents another opportunity to build bridges.

Now for a few snippets:

We missed Larry Griffin (1976) at ASA owing to a mishap at his summer home. Larry tore through a tendon while moving furniture – a nasty tear it seems. He's had surgery and his right arm will be immobilized until mid-September, with 4 – 6 weeks of PT after. Clearly a speedy recovery isn't in prospect, so instead let's wish for a complete recovery and that getting there won't be too terribly unpleasant.

Sue Berryman (1972) does exciting work at the World Bank (been there since 1992). Here's how she describes it: I tackle problems afflicting the education sectors of multiple countries, focusing primarily on "following the money" (what is spent by whom on what and with what results) and getting incentive frameworks in place that increase the transparency and accountability of service delivery. I have worked in three regions: Middle East and North Africa, Europe and Central Asia (27 countries from Turkey to those of the former Soviet Union), and Africa--in countries such as Tunisia, Egypt, Poland, Russia, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Croatia,

Albania, Macedonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Morocco, Jordan, and Nigeria. For example, I worked in West Bank/Gaza with the Palestinians to implement the Madrid Agreements and then the Oslo Accord--only to watch so much good work by the Palestinians come unraveled in this decade." Discouraging no doubt, but it's nice to think that one of ours is helping move us toward a more peaceful world, so keep at it Sue!

Elaena Ermolaeva (1997) has moved from Shepard University to Marshall University, both in West Virginia. Travis Gosa, one of our current graduate students, was recruited from Shepard with Elaena's help. Travis is a real gem and the Department owes Elena big time for that. Good luck with your new position Elaena.

Melanie Arthur (2001) also has moved recently, from Portland State University to the University of Alaska – Fairbanks. Melanie reports that she walked away from the temptation of tenure for the allure of a little cabin in the woods, no doubt surrounded by polar bears and penguins (anyplace cold should have them). That's a gutsy move, and we wish you well.

Shifting from cold climes to warm, we've also heard from two grads in the Sunshine State – Tomas Rodriquez (2000) and George Wilson (1995). Tom is at the University of South Florida; George at Miami and they both mention the weather, so I have to think that a selling point – personally, I'm a 4 seasons kind of guy myself. George, who is up for Full Professor next year (good luck!), has joined the ASR editorial board and been invited to visit with Bill Wilson's inequality workgroup at Harvard, exciting developments both. Tom reports that his research on Latinos is now focused on higher education and multicultural education, a shift from his dissertation research, which centered on the high school years. I gather those topics are very relevant to the Ph.D. program at USF, which Tom tells me draws lots of practitioners, including school administrators and teachers. A while back I tried out some of my Spanish in a note to

Tom, but he never replied – I knew it wasn't perfect, but I didn't think it would be incomprehensible (maybe I need to reassess. What's the expression – give a guy a hammer and suddenly everything looks like a nail? I'm just back from the Department office, where I tried to greet one of our new students in Spanish. He had a puzzled expression, and then reminded me that, yes, he is from South America -- Brazil. Good thing I don't embarrass easily! Felipe and I agreed we'd work on Spanish together).

Jerry Zaltman (1968) wrote just to let us know there are other "old timers" out there enjoying these notes; Sirka Sinkkonen (1974) and John Benoit (1975) did the same, with John adding that he's become very much an applied sociologist. His work applies complex organization theory to fire service management, a topic he says first came up in conversation with Jim Fennessey (1970), when Jim was on the faculty. John goes on to say: "My education at JHU was a foundation for me that turned out to be far more formidable than I would have thought initially." Most of you know that I study sociology of education, so I know that when you peek behind the curtain, "school effects" often turn out to be selection artifacts. Which is to say, it's hard not to look good when you enroll lots of able, creative, ambitious students, and we've been blessed over the years with that kind of student profile -- that's one of the things that makes it fun, and special, being on the faculty here. But I also believe schools can contribute "value added," and when those very same able, creative and ambitious students look back and say their time here was well spent, to me that means something, and it's a sentiment that comes across time and again in these notes.

Roberto Franzosi (1981) has joined the faculty at Emory, bringing him back to the States. But his June note came from Oxford, Nuffield College, where he spent the summer on fellowship. Roberto gave a talk in the Department two years ago, and before then I hadn't seen

him in ...lots of years. I know he writes big books and is a deep thinker, but I had trouble getting beyond his seeming so grown up. Not too grown up, though, that we couldn't chuckle over Roberto Franzosi stories from back in the day – the fellow had quite a reputation, but I'll leave it to him (or perhaps others) to fill in the details.

Pam Walters (1983) overlapped with Roberto and could enlighten us. Pam's off to the Spencer Foundation this fall to join our very own Lingxin Hao in the first year of the Foundation's Resident Scholars Program. With Susan Dauber (1993) there as a Foundation major grant program officer, that's quite a Hopkins presence! Pam also has been awarded a Guggenheim for this year (2007 – 2008), which she'll be deferring until the year after.

Sy Spilerman wrote to tell me that one of our missing alums, Gile Shild, recently retired as director of research in Israel's Ministry of Education and that another, Sarane Boocock, is still at Rutgers. I now have a lead on Sarane as Professor Emeritus, but I need to keep working on Gile.

And last, but certainly not least, Marty Levin (1967) has followed his heart (and wife) to Memphis, where he chairs the sociology department. Marty's note also confirms that he indeed has bragging rights as a member of the Department's very first graduate cohort, a distinction never really in doubt.

Done!!! I know a number of you had hoped to make the Department's New York reception, but were unable. Please try again in Boston. And please keep those notes coming. You're an amazing group. We love hearing from you and sharing your news – professional and personal. Here's a thought -- perhaps next time we can experiment with sharing remembrances about one another, including faculty and staff. But let's make them fond ones, suitable for general distribution (quirky, of course, is fair game!).

Before too long I'll send along another "missing persons" list – it'll be considerably shorter than the previous one. And my next note, sometime late fall, I promise will be shorter too! If you've missed some of my earlier notes and want to catch up, they're just a click away:

<http://www.soc.jhu.edu/alumni/>

Best to all,

Karl