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Letter from the Chair

Dear Valpo Economics Graduates:

It has been four years since the Valpo Economics Newsletter was last published. For years the newsletter had been published on a biannual basis, but in December of 2012 our Department suffered a terrible loss. Our longtime Department Chair and dear friend, Virginia Shingleton, died after a long and courageous battle against cancer. In January 2013, Prof. Jaishankar Raman became Acting Chair of the Department, and I continued in my new role as Director of the International Economics and Finance (IEF) Masters Program. Complicating matters was the fact that enrollment in the IEF Program was soaring while at the same time Prof. Raman had begun serving half-time as the Director of International Initiatives in the Office of the Provost. Prof. Raman has since been promoted to a full-time position in the Office of the Provost as Assistant Provost for International Affairs. In January 2014, I became the new Department Chair and Prof. Nirupama Devaraj became the Director of the IEF Program. Looking back, I am so proud of everyone in our Department as we pulled together in an effort to cope with the sudden changes.

As if these changes were not enough, the Economics Department also moved into a brand new building in the spring of 2012. The Economics Department had been located in Meier Hall since 1982 when it officially moved from the College of Business to the College of Arts & Sciences. The Department is now located in the College of Arts & Sciences on the third floor near the Department of History. After 30 years, the Economics Department now carries out its work alongside the majority of other Departments in the College of Arts & Sciences.

We have hired three new faculty members in our Department during the past four years. The most recent hire has made possible the expansion of our Department to five full-time faculty members for the first time in our Department's recent history. As our University grows in size, this expansion of our Economics Faculty will surely be crucial to the success of our undergraduate and graduate programs. During the last four years, we have also witnessed a number of extraordinary successes on the part of Valpo economics graduates. A number of our graduates have gained admission to advanced degree programs in economics and philosophy as well as to law school. Other students have found top administrative and managerial positions at universities and private companies. You can read about these exciting new developments in the section "In Your Own Words: News from Alumni." I am so grateful to everyone who replied to my recent letter requesting updates about your many successes and accomplishments. We are more proud than words can express!

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Saros

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Remembering Virginia C. Shingleton 1950-2012



Few professors have the sort of lasting impact on students and colleagues that Professor Virginia Shingleton has had. Dr. Shingleton was a member of the Valpo faculty for 21 years, the last 14 of which she served as Chair of the Economics Department. In addition to her long tenure at Valparaiso University, her career began much earlier. She received her BA and MA degrees in Economics from the University of Connecticut in 1972 and 1974, respectively. She also taught part-time at a number of colleges and universities before obtaining her MA and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of Notre Dame in 1990 and 1994, respectively. She loved economics and econometrics, in particular. Her research has contributed to our understanding of the economy of Northwest Indiana, which culminated in a report of the Regional Council of Economic Advisers, established in 2011. Her service to the campus community was extraordinary. She served on countless committees and performed so many duties without being asked that it was apparent to all how much she cared about Valpo. In the classroom, Virginia was tough but fair. She was fond of reminding students and colleagues that no such thing as a free lunch exists, but when Virginia reminded you, it was always with her own humorous twist that helped you remember. Many remember how Virginia was always so willing to take time out

of her busy day to have a chat with you. Her office door was never closed, and she always worked late. Her compassion and genuine love for people left a permanent mark on the people who knew her. She leaves behind her husband of 40 years, Dr. William Shingleton, as well as two sons and their wives (William and Sharon, and Nicholas and Kari), and one grandchild, Andrew Shingleton. To the members of the Economics Department, Virginia was a mentor, and a teacher, and a friend. She captured the spirit of Valparaiso University as well as anyone ever could, and she continues to be remembered very fondly and is deeply missed.

New Faculty

Sedefka Beck, Ph.D., Assistant Professor



Prof. Beck received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in 2013 and is joining our Department as an Assistant Professor this fall. She previously served as a Visiting Instructor/Assistant Professor during the 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 academic years. She also has over ten years of business experience working for major corporations, including Citigroup and HSBC. Prof. Beck specializes in Applied Econometrics, Labor Economics, and the Economics of Religion. She has made major contributions this past year to the restructuring of the IEF Program. In particular, she wrote the proposal for the Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Data Science Using SAS that was passed by the Graduate Educational Policy

Committee (GEPC) this past May. Her articles currently under review include, "Within Religion Wage Differentials in the United States: Does Religious Participation Matter?," which she presented at the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) annual meeting in 2014, and "A Gospel of Prosperity? An Analysis of the Relationship between Religion and Earned Income in Ghana, the Most Religious Country in the World," coauthored with Prof. Sara Gunderson. Other working papers include, "Wealth Accumulation in the United States and the Effects of the Great Recession: Differences Across Gender and Religious Groups," with IEF student Kacey Stuck.

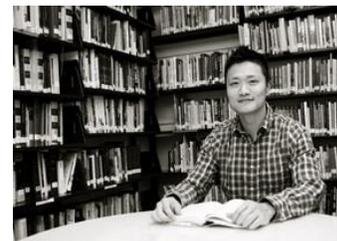
Sara Gunderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor



Prof. Gunderson received her Ph.D. in Economics from Clark University in 2010 and became a member of the Economics Department in 2011. She specializes in the economics of developing nations, econometrics, the economics of education, and economics pedagogy. In 2012, she published "Is Market Power Destructive? An Undergraduate Assignment Using Adam Smith's Criticisms of Monopolies" in the *International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education* (published under Sara Bothun). She presented, "A Gospel of Prosperity? An Analysis of the Relationship between Religion and Earned Income in Ghana, the Most Religious Country in the World," at the Association for the Study of

Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC) in March 2014. She also presented, "Educated Parents, Healthier Kids? An Examination of the Link between Parental Education and Malnutrition in Ghana" at the Midwest Economics Association meeting in March 2012. Prof. Gunderson also serves as a co-adviser to Enactus. She was married to Scott Gunderson on July 6, 2013. Coincidentally, her father-in-law, Gary Gunderson, is a Valpo economics graduate.

Hang-Wei (Henry) Hao, M.A., Visiting Instructor



Prof. Hao is the newest member of the Economics Department. He is completing his doctoral dissertation at the University of California, Davis. Prof. Hao specializes in international trade, international economics, and the Chinese economy. He presented "The China Puzzle: Theory and Evidence on the Behavior of Chinese Exports during the 2008-2009 Global Financial Crisis," at the CES (Chinese Economist Society) North America Conference in 2014. Prof. Hao also recently received several major awards at UC Davis, including the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, the Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award in the Department of Economics, and the Leadership and Community Service for International Students Award. This fall, he is teaching international economics, principles of macroeconomics, and graduate level international trade.

Longstanding Faculty

**Nirupama Devaraj, Ph.D., IEF Program
Director, Associate Professor**



Prof. Devaraj joined the Economics Department in 2007 and will be formally granted tenure in August 2015. She became the IEF Director in January 2014, and under her leadership, the IEF Program has been restructured allowing for a significant number of positive changes that will serve our students in the program for many years to come. Prof. Devaraj specializes in public finance and environmental economics. Her publications include "The Role of Activism in Environmental Policy" in the *International Journal of Social Economics* with S. Basu in 2014. In recent years, Prof. Devaraj has served as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee and the Focus Sessions Subcommittee. Along with Prof. Sara Gundersen, she has also served as co-adviser to the student group Enactus. In addition, Prof. Devaraj has served as the Executive Secretary for the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences since November 2012.

**Jaishankar Raman, Ph.D., Assistant Provost for
International Affairs, Associate Professor**



Prof. Raman became a member of the Economics Department in 1998. He specializes in international economics, developing nations, and economics pedagogy. Prof. Raman was promoted to the position of Assistant Provost for International Affairs and assumed that position in January 2014. With Prof. Devaraj, he has published "The Effect of Student Learning Styles, Race and Gender on Learning Outcomes: The Case of Public Goods," which is forthcoming in the *Journal of Learning in Higher Education*. He has also published, "Innovations in Pedagogy: Meeting the Needs of 21st Century Students" in the *Higher Education Forum's Indian Journal of Higher Education* also with Prof. Devaraj in 2012. In addition, Prof. Raman continues to contribute to the IEF Program by teaching discussion classes concentrating on microeconomic and macroeconomic topics.

**Daniel E. Saros, Ph.D., Department Chair,
Associate Professor**



Prof. Saros has been a member of the Economics Department since 2004. He specializes in schools of economic thought and economic methodology. His article, "The Circulation of Bank Capital and the General Rate of Interest," was published in the *Review of Radical Political Economics* in 2013. He also presented "Interlocking Turnover Continua and the Structure of *Capital*" at the 2013 Allied Social Sciences Association Meeting in San Diego, which has since been published in the *Review of Radical Political Economics*. Prof. Saros also recently published a book titled, *Information Technology and Socialist Construction* by Routledge in 2014. He is currently working on an economics principles textbook that adopts a pluralistic approach to the teaching of economics. He presented one chapter of the book at the 2014 Midwest Economics Association Meeting in Evanston, IL. He and his wife, Prof. Stacy Hoult-Saros recently became foster parents to a thirteen year old boy named Charles.

**James P. Henderson, Ph.D., Senior Research
Professor**



Prof. Henderson has retired from full time teaching, but he continues to be an active scholar. He specializes in the history of economic thought, especially 19th century British economics, the British classical economists and British literary figures (Charles Dickens and the Romantic poets: William Wordsworth, Percy Bysshe Shelley, et. al.). Prof. Henderson published "Beggars: Jeremy Bentham versus William Wordsworth" in *History of Political Economy* in the Fall of 2013. He recently presented a paper on John Stuart Mill and William Wordsworth at the History of Economics Society annual meeting at the University of Notre Dame. Prof. Henderson is also active in the local community. He and his wife Judy have worked with the poor in Valpo and Chesterton, at Open Arms (the Homeless Women's Shelter), the Christian Food Pantry, and Jacob's Table (a local Soup Kitchen). He and Judy also spend two months in Tucson, AZ during the winter months.

The Virginia C. Shingleton Memorial Economics Colloquium Series

In February 2014, with the blessing of Dr. William Shingleton, the Economics Department established the Virginia C. Shingleton Memorial Economics Colloquium. Bill Shingleton, Virginia's husband of 40 years, explained that she would be very pleased if this series emphasized issues related to social justice, equity, and morality.

With that theme in mind, at our first colloquium in the series in February 2014, we invited our own Prof. Gundersen to present a paper that she co-authored with Prof. Sedefka Beck titled, "A Gospel of Prosperity? An Analysis of the Relationship between Religion and Earned Income in Ghana, the Most Religious Country in the World."

For the March colloquium, we invited Prof. Gerald Shively who is the Associate Department Head and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. Dr. Shively specializes in the areas of poverty, economic development, and the environment in developing regions of the world. The title of his talk was "Economic Development, Natural Resource Use, and Environmental Reliance: Evidence from Global Microeconomic Data." Dr. Shively's current research uses panel data to study dynamic processes of household land and labor allocation in marginally productive agricultural areas. He studies the interactions between poverty and environmental degradation, with the goal of eliminating both. This presentation was very well attended with large numbers of undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty from a wide variety of programs and departments. We are grateful to Prof. Gundersen for her efforts which made Prof. Shively's visit to the Valpo campus possible.



Prof. Shively explains to Valpo students how life expectancy rises rapidly as per capita income grows, before eventually leveling off.

Our final colloquium of the year was held in April and served as a practice run for our undergraduate economics majors and graduate IEF students who would soon be presenting at the Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship and the Graduate Academic Showcase, respectively. Economics majors Cui Cui and Jessica Richardson highlighted their econometric skills, and Kacey Stuck and Metasabia Tabor emphasized their knowledge of international economic theory. We are looking forward to many more interesting presentations this year.

Enactus

Enactus fosters and harnesses the spirit of entrepreneurship to build sustainable communities. Originally named SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) the new name is intended to reflect a broader vision and is an acronym for the following:

En: signifying entrepreneurial action, i.e., having the perspective to see an opportunity and the talent to create value from that opportunity.

Act: signifying action, i.e., the willingness to do something and the commitment to see it through even when the outcome is not guaranteed.

Us: signifying us, i.e., a group of people who see themselves connected in some important way; individuals that are part of the greater whole.



Prof. Devaraj and Carolina Zambrano have fun at an Enactus meeting.

In past years student members have provided technological and marketing assistance to a new business owner of a hair salon in Valparaiso, increased financial literacy in the Valparaiso schools system in partnership with Junior Achievement, and promoted awareness about student debt and recycling on the Valparaiso University campus. Guided by faculty mentors from the Economics Department and alumni, student members look forward to implementing many more such community empowerment projects.

Heinze Scholarship Winners: Update

The Dr. Edward H. Heinze student scholarship is awarded annually to the most deserving junior economics major based on (1) financial need and (2) the highest GPA in economics. The winner is

chosen by the Director of Financial Aid in consultation with the Economics Department Chair. The following recent recipients (not previously identified in a Department Newsletter) are:

2008-2009: Daniel Klosowski
2009-2010: Heather Koenig
2010-2011: David Page
2011-2012: David Page
2013-2014: Amanda McCullough
2013-2014: Brock Taulbee

We are very proud of these winners, and we commend David Page on being the only student to ever win the award twice!

The International Economics and Finance (IEF) Masters Program

The International Economics and Finance (IEF) Master of Science Program was started in 2009. Since that time, the program has grown dramatically, with over 50 registered students at one point. The 37-credit program includes a mix of economic theory, advanced statistical analysis, mathematics, finance theory, and political economy. Consistent with the title of the degree, the core economic theory courses emphasize international economics and thus include courses on international trade, international monetary theory, and global macroeconomic business conditions. Most students complete the program in three semesters. Valpo seniors may apply to the Early Entry Program to gain a head start.

Students from all over the world have enrolled in the program, including students from China, India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, and the United States. Although the program is still relatively new, our students have

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really achieved great successes. For example, Wissam Shahin of Syria obtained a summer internship with the United Nations in New York City. Wissam served as Resource Management Associate with the Regional Bureau for Arab States (RBAS), which is part of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Lindsay Russell, a Valpo economics major who completed both her BA in Economics and her MS in International Economics and Finance, obtained a research assistant position at the Federal Reserve in Washington, DC. Metasabia Tabor of Ethiopia also obtained an internship with a group called Working Capital for Community Needs (WCCN) in Madison, WI. She and Kacey Stuck also presented their economic research at the Graduate Academic Showcase at Valparaiso University on May 1, 2014. These examples are just a few of the many successes we have observed during the past few years.

To meet the market demand for data savvy analytical professionals, the Department of Economics has also developed a new *Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Data Science Foundations Using SAS*. Four courses are required that are designed to equip students with experience using SAS statistical software while developing data driven solutions to business problems. Students will be introduced to all stages of a data science project—from defining the business problem and the goal of a project, to the techniques of managing data, to developing and evaluating a model, to presenting the results. In addition, students will be learning data management and analytical skills using SAS statistical software which is

used by 79% of Fortune 500 companies. These skills will equip certificate graduates with skills to be able to immediately contribute to the development of business solutions which will undoubtedly improve their employment opportunities. Students will have the option to enroll in the new certificate program for the first time this fall.

New Interdisciplinary Programs

The Economics Department has been busy creating new programs and certificate options that we believe will be of great interest to our undergraduate students and graduate students. At the undergraduate level, we are in the process of creating a new interdisciplinary major and an interdisciplinary minor. Working with the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science & International Relations, we have been developing a major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE). This 54-credit major will give students an opportunity to acquire a deep level of all three subjects, which will serve as excellent preparation for a variety of graduate programs.

Working with the Department of Political Science & International Relations, the Economics Department is also developing an interdisciplinary minor in International Political Economy (IPE). This 18 credit-hour minor will give students an opportunity to take a mix of courses related to political economy, economic development, and international economics. Both the PPE major and the IPE minor are expected to be in place by the start of the 2015-2016 academic year.

In Your Own Words: News from Alumni

Kim Walesh, 1986, San Jose, CA, is the Director of Economic Development and Chief Strategist for the City of San Jose. She is part of the City Manager's executive team overseeing business development, real estate, workforce development, and cultural affairs. She believes that her Valpo economics education has helped her to think clearly, communicate persuasively, and simplify complex situations so that she can make decisions. She will be traveling to Northern Italy and Peru this year.

Joyce (Jacobson) Burnette, 1989, Crawfordsville, IN, is Professor of Economics at Wabash College. She believes that her Valpo economics education helped her to connect economics to real life situations.

Robert Pease, 1968, Danbury, CT, is retired and proud of his 9 grandchildren. He credits his Valpo economics education with the fact that he reads *The Wall Street Journal* regularly.

Bill Kolberg, 1971, Trumansburg, NY, is Associate Professor of Economics and Chair of the Economics Department at Ithaca College.

Catherine (Kus) Baldwin, 2013, Biloxi, MS, was married on September 29, 2013 to Matthew Baldwin, who is a nurse in the Air Force. They are currently stationed at Keelser AFB in Biloxi, MS, and Catherine was recently hired at the White House Hotel as a front desk agent. They also recently adopted a German shepherd puppy named Dutchess. Catherine believes that her Valpo economics education has given her greater insight as a shopper, allowing her to compare and analyze product price movements.



Catherine and Matthew Baldwin

Bob Schmidt, 2006, Madison, WI, is Sales and Property Tax Policy Manager for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, where he previously served as Senior Economist. He received his Master's Degree in Public Affairs in 2008 and married Britt Nelson (Valpo, 2006) in 2012.

Craig Lusthoff, 1969, Riverside, IL, is the Associate Dean and Undergraduate Chair for the College of Business as well as Associate Professor of Law and Not-for-Profit Studies at Concordia University Chicago. The College is expanding into new areas of business study, offering, for example, a major in not-for-profit management for pre-seminary students. They are also expanding their global outreach in terms of teaching abroad and welcoming students from different parts of the world.

Debbie (Maranger) Menk, 1981, Ann Arbor, MI, is the Assistant Director of Sustainability & Economic Development Strategies at the Center for Automotive Research (CAR). She performs economic modeling and public policy analysis and is a contributing author to the automotive

economic contribution studies published by CAR. These studies highlight the national and state economic impacts of the automotive industry's employment, compensation and tax revenues. She has also worked in the power industry developing econometric models that project power plant operations, capacity growth, fuel prices, and demand. She has two grown children and a newly-born granddaughter.

"I have spent my entire career in economics-related work. Choosing economics as a major was perhaps the single best career move I ever made – along with participating in the semester abroad program (Reutlingen). The combination has given me tremendous flexibility and mobility in my career. I have been fortunate to be able to choose the location that I want to live and then choose a job. Starting with Valparaiso, I have been blessed in my career." --Debbie Menk

Dick Tyson, 1972, Menomonie, WI, is a recently retired Economics Professor and Department Chair at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. In his retirement, he is enjoying drinking coffee, reading the newspaper, hunting, fishing, traveling, and playing racquetball, as well as other sports. He credits his Valpo economics education with helping him to excel in graduate school at Syracuse University.

Howard W. Lacey, 1958, Austin, TX, is retired but over the years he was employed by the Ford Division of Ford Motor Company and Rockwell International Valve Division. He also owned and operated a True Value Hardware store, and he is Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus at

Concordia University Texas in Austin. His Valpo economics education has helped him in the fields of finance and investing and in the teaching of microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Joshua Berning, 1996, Bogart, Georgia, became an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Masters of Agribusiness Program in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia in August 2013. Previously, he was Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut. He is married with two amazing children. He credits his Valpo education with teaching him how to think about the problems and decisions people face every day.

Kurt Fetzer, 2010, Indianapolis, IN, is an Associate Actuarial Analyst for UnitedHealth One. He graduated from Valpo with a double major in Actuarial Science and Economics.

Lindsay (Russell) Boersma, 2010, Bloomington, IN, is Senior Research Analyst at Indiana University Bloomington. After graduating from Valpo in 2009 with a BA in Economics, she returned to Valpo and completed her MS in International Economics and Finance in August 2010. She then moved to Washington, DC where she worked as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Board. She was married in the summer of 2012 and then moved to Indiana to assume her current position at Indiana University Bloomington while her husband continued working towards his Ph.D. in microbiology. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the parks and outdoors of southern Indiana with her husband and dog.

Lindsay uses the skills she acquired during her time at Valpo every day. She believes that the small class sizes, especially in upper level economics courses really helped her learn beyond the textbook and acquire skills extremely applicable to "life in the real world." Both at the Federal Reserve and at IU Bloomington, Lindsay has used the SAS programming knowledge she acquired at Valpo on a daily basis, and she believes that the programming and research skills she gained during her time at Valpo have helped her immensely since she graduated.

Matt Cavin, 2008, Chicago, IL, has spent three years with Deloitte Consulting and is now on global assignment in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was married in 2013 to Rebecca (Crocker) Cavin (Valpo, 2008). Matt will also be attending the University of Chicago Booth School of Business beginning in the fall of 2014 to pursue an MBA degree. He believes that his Valpo economics education has helped him prepare for the MBA Program and has trained him to effectively and accurately discuss with South African colleagues the nature of U.S. economic policies and the global impacts of those policies.

Reillie Acks, 2009, spent a year in Eastern France (Haute-Savoie region by the French-Swiss border) working as an au pair. She is excited to be returning to that area in early September to pursue a Masters Degree in Development Studies (with an economic development concentration) at the Graduate Institute of Geneva in Switzerland.

"This past year while I was in France I met a lot of other au pairs who were at similar

transition points in their lives, either having just graduated from college or from high school. Talking with them, I really realized how specialized and unique my education at Valpo was. Specifically when it comes to Economics, I feel like the curriculum at Valpo included a much wider range of viewpoints and dialogues." –Reillie Acks

Stuart Vogelsmeier, 1985, St. Louis, MO recently celebrated his 28th wedding anniversary with his wife, Janet (Tetik) Vogelsmeier (Valpo 1985). Janet is the Office Manager of Servpro of West Kirkwood/Sunset Hills, which is a fire and water restoration company. They have two children, Brad (23), who is finishing his Master's in Urban Planning at the University of Michigan, and Lauren (18), who will be starting her freshman year at the University of Dayton in the fall of 2014. Stuart practices law in downtown St. Louis. He works with health care providers and owner-operated businesses by providing transactional and regulatory counsel. Stuart feels blessed to have daily opportunities to work on cutting-edge legal issues for clients who make a difference in their communities.

His Valpo Economics education has shaped his professional life. He uses the analytical skills he developed in the Valpo Economics Program every day as he structures and negotiates transactions for health care providers. Concepts such as "opportunity cost" and "cost/benefit analysis" are issues that his clients face every day. He is thankful for the guidance he received

from Professors Bernard, Heinze, Henderson, O'Toole, and Thornton.

Zachary Denny, 2009, Chicago, IL, completed his MBA at Valpo in 2012. Since then he has held positions in the areas of retail operations and operations consulting. He currently works for West Monroe Partners, LLC in Chicago. He was hired both because of his operations experience and his undergraduate economics degree and MBA from Valpo. This fall he will be marrying another Valpo graduate, Ashley Staarmaan (2009) in the Cincinnati, OH area.

Zachary realizes the difference a Valpo economics education has made in his life whenever he starts a new consulting project, especially if that project is in a different industry than those with which he is familiar. His Valpo economics education has prepared him to step into any industry with the understanding and problem solving necessary to respond effectively to all client needs.

Recent Economics Graduates

Cui Cui, 2014, is pursuing a Master's Degree in Sports Administration at Valparaiso University

Amanda McCullough, 2014, is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics in the Gatton College of Business and Economics at the University of Kentucky.

Jeffrey Schatz, 2013, is pursuing a Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of California, Irvine where he is studying the philosophy of mathematics and the philosophy of logic.

Michael Pudlow, 2013, is pursuing a law degree at the DePaul University College of Law. He

received the Disabled Law Student Scholarship Award (DLSSA) at the Diversity Scholarship Foundation's Unity Dinner held on October 10, 2013.