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Attention: Washington DC Area Alumni

Join Hannah Waller '15 and Katie Strifolino '07 ([see related article](#)) and other UNH alums at our **April 15th** event. UNH Associate Professor Stacy VanDeveer will speak on "Climate Change Politics: Where Next?" RSVP by April 7th at <https://www.alumni.unh.edu/keep/chapters/dc.html> or call (800) 891-1195.

Attention: Boston MA Area Alumni

Catch up with fellow IA grads on **May 2nd** at [Globe Bar & Café](#) (near Copley) 5:30-7:30 pm (cash bar/order from menu). RSVPs are recommended, but not required. Information can also be found on the [CIE website](#), [CIE calendar](#), and [LinkedIn](#) (join the discussion). We hope to see a good turnout! [View invitation](#).

After 19 years in China, **Paul 'Raisin' Waldner '93** moved back to the U.S. In 2008, he started his second company in China, [Maelstorm](#), which produces kitesurfing equipment. In 2010, he invested in an engineering design firm in China which focuses on fuel cell projects and the automotive industry. Back in the States, he joined the military and serves in a special Guard unit in South Carolina. Additionally, he is going back to school to become a paramedic. Raisin is one busy man!



Sophia Koustas '96 is owner/CEO of [SK BOUTIQUE AGENCY](#) (Consulting, Events, Project Management, Communications) & online instruction.

On January 14, Dominican Republic Sports & Education Academy ([DRSEA](#)) launched its pilot program with 15 young and enthusiastic student athletes in San Pedro de Maconis. Kudos to **Harold Méndez '96**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Co-Founder!

Elisabeth 'Betsy' Blaisdell '99 is the Senior Manager of Environmental Stewardship for The Timberland Company, headquartered in Stratham, NH. In this capacity, Betsy is responsible for implementing programs and policies designed to reduce Timberland's environmental footprint. Specifically, she leads the execution of projects that reduce energy, chemical, and resource use at Timberland owned and operated facilities worldwide and supports internal teams in adopting more sustainable business practices. Betsy is also involved in several cross-brand initiatives aimed at improving the environmental performance of suppliers, including the Outdoor Industry Association Sustainable Working Group and the Sustainable Apparel Coalition.

*Sophia Koustas '96 at the 'Zootechnia'
(Agricultural and Livestock Exhibit) in
Greece*

Lisa (Erickson) Ouellette '00 has worked for a global investment firm since 2001. She was a Vice President and Communications Strategist and was on point for educating clients serviced out of the HK, Singapore, Tokyo, and London offices. Lisa lived in London in 2007/2008 and has traveled extensively for her role--most notably spending the summer of 2006 in Asia (China, HK, Sing, Indonesia).

James Wemyss '01 works for Pacific Millenium in Shanghai, China, where he recently switched from finance to focus on sales for the logistic packaging division. He writes "Although there are many opportunities to sell packaging to the thousands of factories here exporting back home, the future opportunity is in e-commerce. So many foreign companies are trying to position themselves for Chinese consumers online. They will all need boxes to ship to their customers."

Jillian Parker '05 works for Skillsoft Corporation in Nashua, NH as a team lead for business development.

After finishing her MA in Italian Language and Linguistics at Middlebury College/University of Florence, **Nicole Chalifoux '07** returned to UNH last fall and is teaching Italian for the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Welcome back, Nicole!

Kathryn Strifolino '07 will be visiting campus April 1 to speak about "Leveraging Science for Human Rights: New Protection Tools for a Wired World." Kathryn is Advocate & Science for Human Rights Project Coordinator with the Crisis Prevention and Response Team Amnesty International USA. [Read more about this alumni event.](#)



Jillian Parker '05



Kathryn Strifolino '07

Maxwell Marquart '09 is currently working as a technician on the South Shore of Massachusetts. Max majored in communications and minored in English and German and is exploring returning to the field of international focus. If you have any suggestions to pass along, please contact CIE to get in touch with Max.

After backpacking through Latin America for six months, **Patrick Cambiasso-Helfer '10** worked as a consultant for the IFC of the World Bank in Washington, DC. He is now living in Argentina to spend time with family and to follow his dream of becoming an entrepreneur.

Lisa Gutermuth '10 writes from Berlin, Germany, where she is working for an international NGO called Tactical Technology Collective and is also heavily involved with an urban gardening project called Prinzessinnengarten. She is working on a masters in Agricultural Economics at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.



Patrick Cambiasso-Helfer '10 hiking near San Martin de los Andes in Patagonia



Lisa Guteruth '10 in photo from a news article about Prinzessinnengarten (urban gardening project)

Liz Marcotte '11 is a Program Assistant for Central and West Africa at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington, DC. She welcomes any inquiries from students interested in pursuing careers in international development or who have questions about jobhunting in DC.

Samantha Corti '11 works at Best Buddies International (for the Best Buddies Challenges) Recruitment and Outreach, Strategic Development in Boston, MA. She would be happy to speak to anyone who wants to enter the non-profit world in the fields of fundraising, communications; contact CIE if you have questions.

Theresa Lewis '12 will soon be finishing her year-long internship with the Extractive Industries Campaign at Oxfam America. In July she will leave for her 27-month Peace Corps service as a Coastal Resource Management Extension Worker in the Philippines! As a past student facilitator and an active participant during her college years, Theresa would like to encourage students to apply for [Oxfam America's CHANGE initiative](#), a national student organizing and advocacy program (deadline is April 1).



Theresa Lewis '12 in Costa Rica

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