

What Some English Graduates Are Doing Now!

Christina M. Sutter Allen is the director of a Montessori school, with toddlers through 7th grade. She is also the Upper Elementary teacher (grades 4th - 6th).

Will Allison is a novelist and freelance writer/editor; his first novel, *What You Have Left*, was published in 2007, and his second novel, *Long Drive Home*, is due out in May 2011.

Kate Anderson (MA in Literature, '08) is a first-year PhD research student in the School of Literature & Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia in the UK.

Rachel Benish taught English in China, then got an M.A. in English.

Allen Benn is enjoying a year-long sabbatical leave (writing a book about eating disorders) from his usual duties as Prof of English at East Stroudsburg University--his 26th year there.

Esti Brennan is staying happily in school forever: getting an MA in English at NYU and then going on to a library science program.

Gerry Canavan ('02) is a Ph.D. candidate in the Program in Literature at Duke University, writing his dissertation on twentieth-century British and American science fiction.

Natalie Chermak Beneroff became an executive at The Gap.

Lisa Chiu became a journalist in California, then Director of Media Relations, Case Western Reserve University.

Jennifer Clay graduated this past spring and is currently at Northwestern University, starting the PhD program in Chemistry.

Scott Cohen is Vice President of Operations at Sovereign Brands, a wine & spirits import company based in lower Manhattan.

Ryan Edel recently graduated with an MFA from Johns Hopkins, and is continuing there as an adjunct instructor for Introduction to Fiction and Poetry.

Chloe Farkas will be teaching English in Japan.

Andrew Fezcko enrolled in the Bioethics M.A. program at CWRU.

Rebecca Cline Fletcher is an ordained minister, working as a hospital chaplain.

Jon Foreman, helped found the Cleveland International Film Festival, opened the Cedar-Lee theater and is now owner of the Cleveland Cinemas chain.

English Department, Case Western Reserve University

Joseph Friedman is teaching high school English at South Brunswick High School in South Brunswick, NJ.

Pete Garrison ('05) is currently a therapeutic activities provider at a psychiatric hospital in New York, but he's trying desperately to relocate to Denver.

Devorah Appel Goldblatt went to UCLA Law School.

Susie Gharib, a recipient of the Gracie Allen award for top anchorwoman of the year, anchors the PBS-TV "Nightly Business Report."

After 9 years of community organizing and nonprofit management, **Adam Grauer** is back in school at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business to facilitate a career change to social enterprise consulting.

Josh Green (MA '07) is currently an External Affairs staff writer for the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania where he prepares stewardship letters and reports on behalf of the dean.

Erin Monroe Greene (MA 07) is an HR Communications Analyst with a F500 corporation. She writes company-wide communication and serves as editor to in-print and online versions of the newsletter.

Paul Hay got his B.A. in English at CWRU in 2010. Currently he is enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Classics (my other major) at the University of Texas at Austin.

Tia Dionne Hodge-Jones is a recent newlywed, a professional actor/writer/director/producer, the owner/founder of Fulton Street Films and DocUtage Productions, and an acting/filmmaking instructor at Performers Theatre Workshop in Maplewood, NJ.

Amy Kesegich (Ph.D. 2001) is an assistant professor at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio.

Jessica Kingsberg attends the University of Toledo College of Medicine.

Elizabeth Lee went to medical school in England.

Dan Linke is the University Archivist at Princeton's Seeley Mudd Library.

Lawrence Lipking became Professor of English, Northwestern University.

Victoria-Sue Lombardi (WRC'85) teaches two online English classes and one World Literature classroom course at the University of Arkansas, serves on the Rotary District 6110 Youth Exchange Committee regarding high school students studying overseas for a year, works as an executive assistant at a company selling used/rebuilt industrial food processing equipment, and occasionally does freelance technical editing.

English Department, Case Western Reserve University

Tim Lucas became Features Writer, *Indianapolis Star*, then National Media Relations Director, Nicholas Institute, Duke University.

Dave Mansfield went to law school at Duke.

David Mattern (2010) is a student at Columbia Law School.

Jamie McDaniel is an Assistant Professor of English in Technical and Professional Communication at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Ken McGraw is currently an assistant professor of English at Roanoke College where he works in Eighteenth-Century British Literature.

Eric Meyer has written several books on webpage design.

Terry Moir became an executive producer at Channel 5 in Cleveland.

Victoria J. Moore graduated from CWRU in 2006 and just finished her LL.M. thesis, entitled "'A Voice Lifted Up:' Musicians and Human Rights," at the Irish Centre for Human Rights in Galway, Ireland.

Chris Murray is an attorney in Indianapolis.

Faris Mustaffa became President and Director of Petronas unit PT Petronas Niaga of Indonesia, a major oil firm.

Currently, **Donisha Noel** is in the process of applying to Teach for America, and expects to begin in June.

Dimitri Ofengenden became a Strategist, Goldmann Sachs & Co.

Shaun Owens entered the Master of Science program in Public Health at Emory University.

Ehren Pflugfelder graduated with his MA in English Literature from Case in '05 and is now a 4th-year PhD student in the Rhetoric and Composition program at Purdue University, focusing on technical and professional writing. He hopes to continue teaching and researching at the university level when he completes his degree.

JoAnne Podis is Vice President for Academic Affairs at Ursuline College.

Reagan Poland went to Medical School at the University of North Carolina.

Stephen Prest became a lawyer in Maryland.

Eve Proper is finishing her PhD in education policy.

English Department, Case Western Reserve University

Brian Reed (Ph.D. 2001) is an Associate Professor of English at Mercyhurst College in Erie PA, and he is also acting as Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Britany Salsbury (2005 with a double major in English and Art History) is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Art History at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She works as a curatorial intern in Modern Drawings at the Morgan Library & Museum and is a regular contributor to Artforum.com.

Sean Santa wrote *Cleveland Down and Out*.

Toni Searle is an analyst for Humana health insurance.

Alix Kates Shulman wrote *Memoirs of an Ex-Prom Queen*, among others.

Katie Steiner entered the MA program, Williams College, in the History of Art.

Jennifer Swartz is an Assistant Professor of English and Communication and the Director of the Writing Center at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio.

Alex Vikmanis joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to Madagascar.

Rachel Ward (2003) is the editor of a collaborative reporting project about upstate New York's innovation economy. InnovationTrail.org's partner stations - WXXI, WNED, WRVO, WSKG and WMHT - provide reports to public media outlets across New York, about the economy, technology and policy. The project's funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Jill Warren became a Staff Writer, *Indianapolis Star*, then Director of Public Information, State of North Carolina.

Shawn Welch is currently a law clerk for the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Steven Wenz (2007) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Spanish at Vanderbilt University.

Iana Yergin will receive her Master's of Journalism from the University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism with a focus on multimedia journalism this December.

Misia Yuhasz is in graduate school at Yale.

All or most of the above information was true at least at one time. For updates and corrections please go through Facebook's CWRU English Department group.