

Opportunities Explored by Natural Resources May 2005 Graduates

Internships and Career Exploration

The process of exploring interests, planning course work, and learning about careers is significantly enhanced by the presence, within the Department, of academic staff involved in a wide range of research and public education related to contemporary natural resources problems. They include not only teaching faculty, but research and extension education specialists of many types who confer with students and mentor independent study projects and volunteer work experiences of our majors. Salaried summer research internships also are available in the Department on a competitive basis. Students are encouraged to complement their education with internships, related employment, volunteer experience, and activities in organizations. Below is a glimpse at the types of activities our **May 2005 graduates** participated in during their time at Cornell, as well as their future plans.

eric abis

Activities: Treasurer, Phi Sigma Kappa

Internships/Externships: Cornell Biological Field Station Intern, Bridgeport, NY doing research on water chestnuts (Summer 2004)

Plans: Eric hopes to pursue employment in the environmental economics field.

emily accamando

Programs: Institute for Central American Development Studies (ICADS), Costa Rica (Fall 2003)

Internships/Externships: CUCE-NYC Environmental Issues Intern for Garden Mosaics program (Summer 2002, 2003)

Plans: Emily plans to serve as an Environmental Volunteer in the Peace Corps (hopefully in Latin America)

mia akaogi

Honors and Awards: Dean's List

Activities: Cornell Tradition

Internships/Externships: Cornell Biological Field Station Intern, Bridgeport, NY (Summer 2003)

Plans: Mia plans to spend a year working for a position through AmeriCorps or the Student Conservation Association. Following that Mia plans to attend graduate school where she would like to study restoration ecology and land preservation.

alexis alvey

Honors and Awards: Cum Laude honors; Cornell Tradition Fellow

Activities: Cornell Western Equestrian Team; Environmental Journal *Ursus*, writing/editing staff

Programs: The School for Field Studies, Baja, Mexico

Internships/Externships: The Casey Trees Endowment fund; Nevada Conservation Corps

Plans: Alexis plans to attend graduate school to study forest ecology and management

travis andrews

Honors and Awards: Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis: "Limitations to fish biomass in small northeastern streams"

Plans: Travis plans to "save the world" !

ryan aylesworth

Honors and Awards: Graduating *Cum Laude*; CALS Dean's List (Spring 2002, 2003, 2004; Fall 2003, 2004); Charles Pack Endowment Scholarship (2004)

Activities: Club boxing (2004-2005); Intramural Softball; Intramural Basketball; Fishery Science Lab Technician (Spring 2002, Fall 2003); Research Assistant III for the Sprecher Inst. Of Comparative Cancer research (Spring 2005); took part in Cornell's 2005 *Relay for Life* event

Internships/Externships: Arnot Forest Intern – Management of pastures for the conservation of grassland birds (Summer 2004)

Plans: Ryan plans to earn a Master's of Public Administration with a concentration in environmental policy. Will likely attend either Syracuse or UMass Amherst (accepted at both!).

vanessa ballenas

Activities: AOPi Sorority; College choice coach with Let's Get Ready (a program geared to help Ithaca high school students prepare for the SATs and college application process); Student supervisor at the Appel Commons Service Desk (3 years); took part in two alternative break trips – one to Mexico through the American Jewish World Service, and the other was to Exmore, VA through Habitat for Humanity and orientation leader; currently working in a research lab in Corson Hall; serves as Ag Ambassador and co-Day trips chair in the Senior Week Committee.

Programs: Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Processes (NTRES 402) in Spring 2004 – spent two weeks in Washington, DC in January collecting information needed for presentation and paper; Agriculture in the Developing Nations II (IARD 602) in Spring 2005 – spent 2.5 weeks during winter break in India, using this time to look at the development of agriculture in different parts of the country.

Internships/Externships: Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation Intern (2004), a non-profit organization that educates people about marine conservation, conducting beach cleanups and collecting data concerning marine mammals and marine debris aboard commercial whale watch boats; the organization was based out of Greenland, NH, but the boats they went out on for data collection were from Rye, NH and Newburyport, MA.

Plans: Vanessa plans to continue working at the research position in Corson Hall this summer doing fieldwork.

camille barchers

Honors and Awards: Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis: "Conservation Based Enterprises as a Foundation for Working Landscapes: A Case Study of Collective Capabilities in the Fingerlakes Wine Industry"

Activities: Society for Natural Resources Conservation (SNRC); Research assistant for Louise Buck in NTRES; Cornell Presidential Research Scholar; Resident Advisor in Balch Hall (Fall 2003-Fall 2004)

Programs: INTAG 494: Agricultural study abroad trip in the Philippines (Summer 2004); INTAG 602: Agriculture in the Developing Nations, India (January 2005)

Plans: Camille will be attending graduate school at Cornell's College of Art, Architecture, and Planning for the Master's of Regional Planning (M.R.P.) degree; expected graduation date, May 2007.

Comments: Camille double majored in Natural Resources and International Agriculture and Rural Development.

christopher baxter

Honors and Awards: A Better Chance Scholar

Activities: Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity; CALS Representative, Study Assembly; SUNY Representative, Student Assembly;

Secretary, Ivy Council; Community Service Director, Student Wishmakers

Internships/Externships: Environmental Planner, California Department of Transportation (Summer 2004; Internet Auctions Coordinator, Columbia Audio & Video, Highland Park, Illinois (Summer 2002)

Plans: Chris plans to pursue a M.C.P. degree at the U. Penn Graduate School in Fall 2005.

Comments: Chris double majored in Natural Resources and Development Sociology.

amanda cardenas

Honors and Awards: Dean's List; graduating *Cum Laude*.

Activities: Intramural Soccer

Internships/Externships: Served as Executive Director of the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) in Summer 2004; this line of work had to do with the environmental impacts of the hydrogen economy in the state of California.

Plans: After taking a year off, Amanda plans to enter graduate school to pursue a Master's degree in Environmental Studies/Environmental Policy.

gerald carter

Honors and Awards: Paul Schreurs Memorial Award (2005); Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis: "A CAN-based Noninvasive Method of Determining Vampire Bat Host Preference"; 2004 Bat Research News Award for Outstanding Oral Paper at North American Symposium on Bat Research; Robert and Helen Appel Cornell Presidential Research Scholarship.

Activities: Cornell Presidential Research Scholars (2001-2005); Wilderness Reflections – Area Coordinator, Guide, Selection Committee (2001-2005); Cornell Outdoor Education Student Instructor (2001-2004); Ecology House Earthrise Committee (2001-2002); Collegiate 4-H (2005)

Programs/Research: Field assistant and independent researcher on vampire bats (*Desmodus rotundus* and *Diaemus youngi*) in Trinidad (Summer 2003, 2004); Independent research and volunteer care of captive vampire bats (*Diaemus youngi*) at the New Mexico Bat Research Institute (Winter 2003/2004); Field assistant for studies on the endangered New Zealand short-tailed bat (*Mystacina tuberculata*) in New Zealand (Winter 2004/2005)

Publications and conference presentations: Carter, G. 2004. A Field Key to the Bats of Trinidad. Distributed to the Wildlife Section, Forestry Division of the Ministry of Agriculture of Trinidad; Carter, G., I. J. Lovette and J. W. Hermanson. 2004. Noninvasive Identification of the Avian Host Species of White-winged Vampire Bats (*Diaemus youngi*) from Fecal Samples. Presentation at North American Symposium on Bat Research, Salt Lake City, Utah; Carter, G. and D. Riskin. *Mystacina tuberculata*. Mammalian Species. In prep.; Carter, G. and I. Lovette. *Noninvasive Identification of the Avian Hosts of White-winged Vampire Bats (Diaemus youngi) using Fecal DNA*. In prep.; Riskin, D., G. Carter, S. Parsons, W. Schutt, and J. Hermanson. *On the terrestrial locomotion of three bats: Desmodus, Diaemus and Mystacina*. In prep.

Plans: In summer 2005, Gerald will work as an assistant bat scientist in Honduras for Operation Wallacea, UK. In Winter 2005-2006, he will be pursuing a Masters in Zoology with Dr. Brock Fenton at the University of Western Ontario. Gerald's future plans include a Ph.D. and Postdoc research on conservation-relevant bat ecology.

irene chan

Honors and Awards: Dean's List, W. Keith Kennedy Scholarship, Arthur and Karin Nelson Scholarships

Activities: Educate for the Earth, HALO, Spanish House, Wildlife Society, independent research in Natural Resources

Programs: Study Abroad in Australia (Fall 2003)

Internships/Externships: Cornell Biological Field Station Intern (Summer 2002); research assistant for Marci Meixler

Plans: Irene plans to pursue research.

claudia davila

Activities: Research assistant in the Epidemiology Laboratory of Dr. Hussni Mohammed, College of Veterinary Medicine (2003-2005)

Internships/Externships: Education Intern at the Denver Zoo (2001-2003)

Plans: Claudia plans to work in a veterinary hospital to add to her animal work experience; ultimately, she plans to apply to Veterinary School.

claire debergalis

Honors and Awards: Magna Cum Laude Honors; Dean's List; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Ho-Nun-De-Kah Honor Society

Activities: Cornell University Wind Ensemble: Principle French Horn and section leader (Fall 2002 to Spring 2005); Alpha Phi Sorority: Director of Chapter Facilities for 2003

Internships/Externships: Interned as a Soil Conservationist with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) in Summer 2004

Plans: Claire plans on employment with a consulting firm or with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

jean foley

Honors and Awards: CALS Academic Excellence Award (Spring 2005); Harlan Brumsted Scholarship award (2004-2005); Distinction in Research for Senior Honors Thesis "The influence of mowing regime on grassland birds, Finger Lakes National Forest, New York"

Internships/Externships: Grassland Bird Survey for Fingerlakes National Forest (Summer 2004)

Plans: Jean plans to work for a year or two and then pursue graduate studies.

ava goodale

Honors and Awards: Dean's List; Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis: "Collembola response to calcium addition in a northern hardwood forest"

Activities: President, The Society of Natural Resources Conservation (2003-2005)

Programs: Cornell Undergraduate Research Program, Brazil (2003)

Internships/Externships: Quebec Labrador Foundation, Maine (2004); Center for Canopy Ecology, Selby Botanical Gardens, Florida (2003)

joanna goodman

Activities: COE Wilderness Reflections Guide

Internships/Externships: Field assistant in Fairbanks, AK researching the Alaskan Swallowtail

Plans: Joanna will be working as an Education Program Assistant at the Betty Ford Alpine Botanical Gardens - Vail, CO

casey haggerty

Honors and Awards: Arthur & Karin Nelson and Ullman Trust Scholarship Awards (2004-2005)

Internships/Externships: Cornell University's Little Moose Field Station, Old Forge, NY (Summer 2004)

Plans: Casey's plans to work; she will then pursue a Masters in Education.

jesse hoffman

Honors and Awards: Graduating *Summa Cum Laude*; CALS Academic Excellence Award in Natural Resources (Spring 2005); Robert and Betty Morrow Scholarship (2003); Arthur and Karin Nelson Scholarship (2003, 2004)

Activities: Badminton Club

Internships/Externships: Cornell Plantations – Mundy Wildflower Intern (Summer 2004)

Plans: Immediately after graduation, Jesse and his girlfriend (fellow NTRES'er Debbie Lada) plan to drive out to California. They plan to spend the first part of the summer meandering their way through the National Parks of the Southwest, and then spending two weeks in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. In mid-August, they plan to head to an organic farm in Virginia, and they will stay there until Thanksgiving. After that, the plan is to find jobs that keep them outdoors! Ideally, Jesse would like to be working as a research assistant, park ranger, biological technician, or something comparable for the next few years.

Comments: "Thank you so much to all of my professors, advisors, and friends for making my experience at Cornell University one of the best experiences of my life! I will miss you all, but will be sure to keep in touch!"

megan hopper

Activities: URSUS, Cornell's Environmental Journal – Editor in Chief; Best Buddies

Internships/Externships: PBS&J, Henderson, NV (Summer 2001); YMCA, Las Vegas, NV (Summer 2002); University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Summer 2004)

Plans: Megan plans to enter the Peace Corps upon graduation.

karen kamprath

Honors and Awards: Arthur and Karin Nelson Scholarship; New York State Hatch Grant

Activities: Cornell Chimesmaster (2002-2005); Cornell Christian Fellowship (2001-present); Cornell Wind Ensembles; Cornell Trombone Choir

Programs: ICADS Field Course, semester in Costa Rica, studying ecology and sociology (Spring 2004)

Internships/Externships: Arnot Forest Internship (Summer 2003) studying "Deer browsing in the forest understory"; Cornell Cooperation Extension 4-H student intern (Summer 2004)

Plans: Karen will be attending the Harvard Graduate School of Education to obtain a masters degree and certification in high school biology, urban education. It's a one-year program, after which she plans to become a teacher for at least a few years and then perhaps move into other aspects of education.

brooke kaye

Honors and Awards: Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars Excellence in Leadership Award (2002); National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Dean's List

Activities: Kyoto Now! President (2001-2002); Meinig Family National Scholars (2001-2005); Research assistant for Prof. Rebecca Schneider and Kate Ballentine (2004-2005); Language Resource Center Lab Attendant (2001-2005)

Internships/Externships: Biological Technician, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota (Summer 2002); Research Experience for Undergraduates, Toolik, Alaska through Marine Biological Lab (Summer 2003); Wildlife Technician, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada (Spring 2004)

Plans: This summer, Brook plans to work at the Marine Biological Lab as a research assistant in Arctic Sweden and Norway. She will then go on to the Peace Corps, then Grad School, then.....?

karen klima

Honors and Awards: Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis: "A study of the rate and method of growth of *Bazzania trilobata* stems in response to addition of water to different density plots"; graduating in 3 years!

Activities: Varsity Fencing (3 years); Club Volleyball (freshman year); Club Lacrosse (3 years; treasurer - 2005); Volunteer coaching young girls lacrosse

Internships/Externships: Summer course through Columbia University at Biosphere 2 on deserts (Summer 2002); Intern with the Fish and Wildlife Service at Pocosin Lakes NWR in North Carolina (Summer 2003); Field technician at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in New Hampshire under the direction of Dr. T. Fahey (Summer 2004)

Plans: Karen plans to spend the summer (2005) as a biological technician with NPS at Catoctin NP in Maryland; in Fall 2005, will be attending the University of Arizona where she has been accepted to pursue a Master's project in the field of herpetology.

haley kwasniewski

Activities: Member of 4-H, and Block and Bridle at Cornell
Internships/Externships: interned at J.C. Lumber Company every summer - her parent's company

deborah lada

Activities: EARS (Empathy, Assistance, and Referral Service) sophomore, junior, senior years

Internships/Externships: Cornell Plantations Botanical Collections Intern (Summer 2004)

Plans: Following graduation Debbie plans to drive out to California with her boyfriend and fellow NatRes'er Jesse Hoffman, sleeping bags, and field guides; new plants, reptiles, amphibians to discover and explore! Their plans are to visit National Parks in the southwest and then make their way back to North Carolina for the end of July, meeting up with Jesse's family in the Outer Banks. They will spend two weeks in the Outer Banks and then head.....? Probably back to their houses to look for jobs for the fall.

Comments: "Thank you to all the wonderful NatRes teachers and staff who have taught, helped, and inspired! Natural Resources majors – YAY!!"

johnathan licitra

Activities: Resident Advisor (2003-2005); Energy Systems Co-Leader, Cornell University Solar Decathlon Team (2003-2004)

Programs: Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Processes in Washington, DC (2004)

Internships/Externships: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Conservationist Intern, Ghent, NY (2004); Hudsonia Limited Field Intern, Annandale, NY (2003)

Plans: Johnathan will be working for the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension under the Sustainability programs; following this experience, he will pursue graduate school.

alexandre lovallo

Honors and Awards: Dean's List two semesters

Activities: Theta Delta Chi; Cornell Sailing Team; Environmental Appreciation Days volunteer

Programs: One semester study abroad in Wageningen, Holland.

Plans: Alexandre will be doing environmental policy work for the state PIRGS.

meghan manion

Honors and Awards: Dean's List

Activities: Inner Tube Water Polo (Captain); Western Equestrian Team; Arsenic and Old Place (play); Ballroom Dance

Programs: Study Abroad - University College Cork, Ireland (Spring 2004)

Internships/Externships: Casey Trees, Washington, DC (Summer 2002); Garden Mosaics (Summer 2003); Burack Environmental Law (Summer 2004); Keating Environmental Management (Summer 2004)

Plans: Meghan plans to attend law school following graduation.

Comments: "What an incredible experience. I'll never think about deer the same way again."

sarah manley

Activities: Founding Member of Cornell Coalition for Trade Justice; English as a Second Language Tutor; Teaching Assistant for NTRES 201, Environmental Conservation (Spring 2005)

Programs: Field course in Sustainable Development with ICADS, Costa Rica (Spring 2005)

Internships/Externships: Suffolk County Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Laboratory, Marine Science Educator

Plans: Sarah plans to be an environmental educator.

lelaina marin

Honors and Awards: Recipient of the Charles L. Pack Award, Department of Natural Resources; Student Employee Recognition Nominee (2005)

Activities: Circle-K (2002-present); Wildlife Society (2001-present) – President, Fall 2004-Spring 2005; Cornell University Chorale (2002-present) – sang at the Relay for Life (Spring 2005); Volunteer for Dream Factory; Natural Resources Undergraduate Program Office Student Assistant (2002-2005)

Research: Song Analysis of Banded Wren

Internships/Externships: SCEP Program with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; worked at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge in Seneca Falls, NY (summer 2003 and summer 2004)

Plans: Lelaina will be working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a refuge planner. First, she will be working at Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge in Chatham, Massachusetts for the

summer, and then beginning in September, she will be working in their Regional Office in Hadley, Massachusetts

jennifer marshall

Honors and Awards: Cornell Tradition Fellow; Bartels Participatory Action Research Fellowship

Activities: Cornell Ambassador; Founded and led as president PEEPS (Promoting Environmental Education in Public Schools)

Programs: Created and led the following programs in local schools: "Ecological Footprint Workbook" and "The Global Classrooms Connection"; the latter is a learning/inquiry/penpal program between a middle school in CT and a school in Madagascar.

Internships/Externships: Wildlife Biologist, Adirondack Ecological Center, NY (Summer 2003); Independent Conservation Education Volunteer, Marojejy National Park, Madagascar (Summer 2004)

Plans: Following graduation, Jennifer will work as a campus organizer for PIRG for one year. She then plans to work for an additional year or two in conservation, whether it be in organizing, planning or in policy (hopefully all - J). She will then immediately pursue a masters or doctorate degree in non-profit management.

Comments: "I am so grateful for and proud of my time here at Cornell. I will greatly miss the area, the people and the resources. I will be awaiting the opportunity to return again and witness the beauty of what makes up this awesome campus. Thank you!"

rory mauro

Honors and Awards: Dean's List; Major in Animal Science; Minor in Natural Resources

Activities: Worked on an environmental project at Mann Library reducing paper consumption (Spring 2005); foster care volunteer at the SPCA.

Plans: Rory will be pursuing a Masters of Public Health, Epidemiology, at Columbia University

Comments: I love Natural Resources!

christian mckeithen

Honors and Awards: Baccalaureate Service Award (Spring 2005); Cornell Tradition Scholar (2003-2005); Rebbman and Calloway Cornell Tradition Fellowship (2003-2005); Thomas Wright McConkey Scholarship (2003-2004)

Activities: Cornell LGBTQ Student Liaison for Gannett Health Services (2003-2005); Johnson Museum Student Advisory Board (2003-2005); Cornell Women's Resource Center (2003-2005); Hortus Forum (2004-2005); Women in Science at Cornell (2004-2005); Cornell Women's Rugby, assistant coach (2005); Cayuga Medical Center (Spring 2004-2005)

Internships/Externships: Integrated Medicine Center, Ithaca, NY (Spring 2005)

Plans: Christian plans to pursue a career in medicine.

rosa mendez

Activities: Research with Prof. Velez-Guadalupe (Spring 2005)

Internships/Externships: Business Integrity Commission, New York City (Summer 2004)

Plans: Rosa plans to attend law school.

jonathan negley

Activities: Envirothon volunteer at Lansing High School; research assistant for Marci Meixler at Cornell's Center for the Environment (2 semesters); coordinated a worship team at the local West Groton Bible Church (2 years).

Internships/Externships: Cornell Biological Field Station Intern at Shackleton Point (Summer 2004);

Plans: Jonathan will be working with the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District through their Americorps program for at least the next 6-12 months and then he plans to attend graduate school at a still undecided University.

Comments: "My time at Cornell and in this department has been so much fun! I wish all of the students, faculty and staff in the department best of luck in their future endeavors. I am looking forward to working with all of you either directly or indirectly as we all step out into the 'real world'."

maryann nowak

Honors and Awards: Captain of Varsity Women's Ice Hockey; Wall of Honors Fitness Award; ECAC All Academic Team

Activities: Varsity Women's Ice Hockey; TGHA Cub Club; Soup Kitchen Volunteer

Programs: Cornell Pre-Law Program (Summer 2002)

Internships/Externships: Davis and Gilbert, LLP

Plans: Maryann plans include working as a paralegal or coaching collegiate-level ice hockey.

beau parks

Activities: Resident Advisor, Sperry Hall/Class of 1917 (2003-2005); Cornell Raptor Program; Sprint Football (2002-2004); NTRES Peer Advisor (2003-2004)

Internships/Externships: Natural Encounters, Inc. @ Disney's Animal Kingdom (Summer 2002); Flint Hills Falcons (Summer 2003)

Plans: Beau is unsure of his plans.

vijay patil

Honors and Awards: Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis "Consequences of habitat selection in a rapidly changing environment: lessons from the lesser snow goose"

miriam pinsker

Honors and Awards: Graduated with Cum Laude Honors; Arthur H. & Karina Nelson Scholarship; Cornell Tradition Anna Jean Cushwa '58 Fellowship; Baccalaureate Service Award, Cornell United Religious Work; Ho-Nun-De-Kah Honor Society member; Cornell Atlanta Alumni Association Scholarship; The National Society of Collegiate Scholars member

Activities: Cornell Tradition Student Advisory Council (SAC) member (2002-2004); Council Secretary (Fall '03-Fall '04); Cornell Tradition Peer Advisor (Fall '02-'03); Natural Resources Peer Advisor (Fall 2003); Cornell University Student Ambassador Program (Winter 2003); Ithaca Science Center Volunteer (2001-2004); Cayuga Nature Center Volunteer (2001-2004)

Internships/Externships: Marks Education Internship, Cornell Plantations (Summer 2003); Arnot Forest Summer Internship (Summer 2004)

Plans: Miriam graduated in January 2005; she is working with the Student Conservation Association (SCA) as a Unilever Environmental Policy Intern. This is a paid internship (housing provided), sponsored through Unilever Corporation; half of it takes place on Capitol Hill where she is working in a congressional office on environmental policy issues (January '05-May '05), working for democrat congressman Jim Costa (CA-20). The second half takes place at a National Park, where she will participate in visitor education and other hand-on activities (May '05-August '05).

marie shelli

Plans: Marie graduated in January 2005 with a minor in Natural Resources. Following graduation, she went to New Zealand to backpack and work as a horse-trek guide. Currently, Marie is volunteering at the Wolf Conservation Center in Salem, NY; in June she is off to Wyoming to work at a residential ranch for at-risk youth where she will lead backpacking trips and teach horsemanship. Marie says that her future plans after that are "to have lots of adventures! ."

Comments: "I loved being a NTRES minor, and if I could do it over again, I would major in it. My professors and classmates were wonderful."

jessica stern

Honors and Awards: Dean's List 7 of 8 semesters; Harlan B. Brumsted Scholarship award; National Society of Collegiate Scholars member

Programs: Study abroad in Dunedin, New Zealand, Junior year, Spring 2004

Plans: Undecided; moving to California.

krystyn tendy

Honors and Awards: CALS Dean's List (all semesters)

Activities: Cornell University Class of 2006, President (2004-2005), Vice President for Events (2003-2004); CALS Dean's Student Advisory Council, Appointed Representative (2003-present); Cornell University Student Assembly, Appropriations

Committee Member (2003-present); Slope Day Programming Board, Member at Large (2003-present); Cornell Catholic Community, Lector (2002-present); Cornell University Orientation, Orientation Leader (2003 and 2004).

Internships/Externships: Hudson Riverkeeper "Watchdog Intern", Garrison, NY (Summer 2003); Natural Resources Defense Council "Everett Intern", New York, NY (Summer 2004)

Plans: Krystyn plans to pursue the Masters in Public Administration with the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, and then she hopefully will continue on to law school.

Comments: Krystyn is graduating a year early, so thus why her Class Offices are with the Class of 2006.

amy testa

Honors and Awards: Dean's List; Arthur and Karin Nelson Scholarship (2004)

Activities: Manager, Libe Café; Editor at Cornell Lit Magazine (INK)

Internships/Externships: Naturalist with the New York Finger Lakes Parks (Summer 2004)

Plans: Amy has a summer internship with Rutgers Agricultural in Freehold, NJ; she's unsure of her plans after that.

dominic vellucci

Activities: Volunteer: Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen; Caroline Food Pantry; Co-Manager: Dilmun Hill Student Organic Farm (Summer/Fall 2003); Individual pursuit of banjo, guitar and piano skills

Programs: Semester Abroad at University of Agricultural Sciences in Vienna, Austria (Fall 2004)

Internships/Externships: Poughkeepsie Farm Project (Summer 2002); Cornell Cooperative Extension – Dutchess County (Summer 2004)

Plans: Dominic plans to serve as a consultant for Orange County, NY's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

matthew vermeulen

Honors and Awards: Dean's List

Activities: Member of the Coalition for Trade Justice

Programs: Semester Abroad, ICADS in Costa Rica (Spring 2004)

Internships/Externships: Natural areas intern, Cornell Plantations (Summer 2003); intern with Cornell Center for the Environment (Fall 2004)

Plans: Casey is currently looking for work in environmental justice and community outreach and organizing. He also plans to continue his studies in the next few years.

alissa walston

Honors and Awards: Green Point Achievers Scholarship (2001-2005); National Society for College Scholars (2002)

Activities: Alternative Spring Break Leader (2005); POST (2003); Enfield Rural Outreach Volunteer (2004-2005); Hasbrouck Day Care Program Assistant (2005)

Internships/Externships: Animal behavior research at SUNY Potsdam (Summer 2004) – NSF funded to study predator/prey relationship between largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and Whirligig beetles (*Gyrinidae*).

Plans: Alissa plans to gain experience in environmental/outdoor education, as well as water resource management for a couple of years before attending graduate school. In January 2006, Alissa intends to participate in a CRESF-funded cultural exchange program to Nicaragua; then for the summer join Bike and Build (cross-country biking with steps along the way building affordable housing).

lindsay watkins

Honors and Awards: Cornell expository writing prize (Fall 2003); Cornell Outdoor Education Dave Moriah Student Leadership Award (2003)

Activities: Wilderness Reflections (Guide, Fall '02; Coordinator, Spring '03-Fall '04); Cornell Outing Club (President, Spring '02-Spring '03; Gorge Clean-up Chair, '03-'04; Education Chair, '04-'05); Cornell Outdoor Education Instructor (Spring '02-Spring '05); Study Abroad Student Information Team member (Fall '04-Spring '05); Teaching Assistant, Field Biology (Fall '04); Teaching Assistant, Outdoor Adventure Writing – Claiming the Scientist's Voice (Spring '05)

Programs: Study Abroad – Galapagos Academic Institute for Arts and Sciences (GAIAS-Universidad San Francisco de Quito), San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands (Spring 2004)

Internships/Externships: CALS Connect Student Writer (Fall '02-Spring '03); Cornell Lab of Ornithology Science Writing Intern (Spring 2005); Cornell Plantations Natural Areas Intern (Summer 2005)

Plans: Lindsay plans to work for the Cornell Plantations as a Natural Areas Intern during Summer 2005. From September 2005-September 2006, she will be in tropical north Queensland, Australia working for the School for Field Studies at their Center for Rainforest Studies. After that, she'll probably go to graduate school, and ultimately Lindsay hopes to write magazine articles and books about the wonders of the natural world.

ashley wilson

Honors and Awards: Distinction in Research Honors (2005 for Senior Thesis "Factors enhancing the success of collaborative community-based natural resource conservation and development projects in the northern forest"

Activities: Peer advisor

Programs: Study Abroad, University of Otago, New Zealand (Spring 2004); School for Field Studies (Summer 2002)

Internships/Externships: Externships: Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (Washington, DC) and Recycling Management for Alexandria, Virginia (winter 2003-2004)

Plans: Ashley plans to work with an International Environmental NGO

ryan wong

Honors and Awards: Distinction in Research Honors (2005) for Senior Thesis "Patterns of Electric Discharges Used During Courtship Among Mormyrid Fishes"; Howard Hughes Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (2004); Dextra Undergraduate Research Grant (2004); Arthur H. and Karin A. Nelson Scholarship Award (2004); Ullman Scholarship Award (2004)

Activities: Howard Hughes Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (2004)

Programs: Shoals Marine Laboratory (Summer 2002)

Internships/Externships: New England Aquarium, Boston, MA (Summer 2003)

Plans: Ryan will be entering a PhD program at University of Texas at Austin, Department of Biology, Integrative Biology section.

Comments: Ryan double-majored in Natural Resources and Biological Sciences.