



## **SMA Alumni Newsletter**

### **Spring 2007**

#### **Director's Invitation**

**All SMA Alumni and Friends Are Invited to the SMA/COFS Event at the Coastal Zone Conference in Portland, Oregon, July 24, 2007, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Hilton Hotel Executive Suite.**

Dear SMA Alums and Friends,

Please join the School of Marine Affairs, and the UW College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, for an Alumni and Friends Social at Coastal Zone '07 in Portland.

Many of you have already heard through Cara Mathison of the COFS' Dean's Office of this event, but I want to take this opportunity to reinforce the message. Marc Hershman and I both will be there to greet you, along with Cara. Marc and I and recent SMA grad John Hansen are putting on a session on recent developments in ocean governance on the next day, Wednesday the 25th.

Response to the reception so far has been great, with at least 17 alums planning to attend at last count.

Feel free to pass on the information if you know someone who might be able to join us in Portland, even if you can't.

Hope to see you there!  
Tom Leschine

#### **Major Improvement to SMA Website Announced!**

An **Alumni Update input page** is now available on the **SMA website** (<http://www.sma.washington.edu/>), and simply clicking on "Alumni" in the main menu bar will show its location. But here is the direct link - ([http://www.sma.washington.edu/alumni/alumni\\_update.html](http://www.sma.washington.edu/alumni/alumni_update.html))

We encourage you to use this shortcut for letting us know of quick updates (different jobs and new email addresses especially), as well as to let me know if you'd like to use different emails for newsletters or the jobs list. (Some prefer that this information arrives at home email accounts.)

Also, we need to collect better data on career paths, particularly "first jobs" and beginning salary, to better describe the potential for those with new SMA degrees. Thus, we've added fill-in blocks

for first job/salary and for resumes. Please help us out with out as we compile reference statistics to help us attract prospective students.

You have probably noticed a new shortened format for the SMA Jobs List, too!

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## THANKS to ALUMNI

Thanks to **Risa Oram (SMA 2001)**, for returning to SMA during Spring Term to talk with current students about her experience working with tropical coral reef conservation. She had worked in American Samoa for the Governor's Coral Reef Advisory Group to establish a no-take MPA program, and then was promoted by the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources to be the MPA Leader to implement the new program.

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## Successful SMA Networking Event Held in May, 2007

A few of us missed the best Networking event of the year - for students and professionals in marine and water related fields (science, policy, and all combinations thereof), including friends, family, significant others of the above

**The Coastal Society's Spring Quarter Blue Drinks** was held in early May at the Fisheries second floor sundeck. It became a hit last year and expanded to fit growing attendance and heavenly spring weather. There was a full keg of Alaskan Brewing's new ocean-themed IPA and food donations from Agua Verde!

This won't be the last Blue Drinks, so consider joining in next time. If you get this newsletter, or the SMA Washington News, you're invited. Sponsored by The UW Coastal Society with support from FINS. If you want to be on either list, see the above note on the Alumni Directory for how to put yourself on it.

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## SMA Alumni "In the News" and Publishing

**Jason Gasper (SMA 2004)** was quoted in the Seattle PI earlier this month, in an article on the SE Alaska halibut fishery. [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/318846\\_halibut07.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/318846_halibut07.html)

**Kim Engie (SMA 2004)** and faculty advisor Terrie Klinger recently published a joint paper on Kim's thesis work in Estuaries and Coasts, a leading journal in estuarine process and ecology studies. And, their work garnered the much coveted cover illustration, highlight of the issue! [http://estuariesandcoasts.org/contents/ESTU2007\\_30\\_2.html](http://estuariesandcoasts.org/contents/ESTU2007_30_2.html)

**Lori Mazzuca (SMA 2001)** has combined her loves and talents in marine wildlife biology and photography into a fine art photography business. She recently won a place in an exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History: "Nature's Best: Experience Nature Through the Art of Photography" and, she'll be exhibiting and selling photography at the prestigious Sausalito Art Festival in California, Sept 1-3. For current updates, see her website. <http://www.lorimazzuca.com/index.php?action=Events>

**Linda Storm (SMA 1996)** published, with Daniela J. Shebitz, "Evaluating the Purpose, Extent, and Ecological Restoration Applications of Indigenous Burning Practices in Southwestern Washington" *Ecological Restoration* 2006, 24(4):256-268.

**Mark Young (SMA 2005)** is quoted in an article in Kauai's Garden News, regarding the Coast Guard catching poachers in NWHI National Monument:

<http://www.kauaiworld.com/articles/2007/01/29/news/news03.txt>

"The Coast Guard is the primary agency responsible for at-sea enforcement of federal fisheries laws and we work very closely with our federal and state partners to do that," said Lt. Cmdr. Mark Young, the fisheries enforcement officer for the Coast Guard's 14th District..."

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## ALUMNI Moves, Activities and Events Noted

**Dave Fluharty (SMA Faculty)** reports meeting "a whole bunch of SMA grads" at the Coastal States Organization's Ocean Week reception on the 9th Floor of the Hart Senate Office Building. (Wish we could have taken a group photo with the Capitol Dome in the background.)

**Dave Jansen** - Majority Sr. Staff, House Resources Committee

**Jen Kassakian** - Knauss Fellow, House Resources Committee

**Paul Klarin** - Head, Oregon Coastal Zone Management

**Jamie Doyle**, NOAA NMFS Protected Species

**Summer Morelock** [Presidential Management Fellow]

**Heather Brandon** - State of AK Ocean Policy Coordinator (see below)

**Heather D'Agnes** - USAID

**Kristen Anderson** - NOAA, NMFS Protected Species

**Monika Thiele** - NOAA Marine Sanctuaries

On Monday evening at the Ocean Studies Board/Smithsonian - Revelle Lecture series, I saw some of the above and **Jim McCallum**, NOAA Fisheries  
Hope I did not leave anyone out. Dave

**Heather Brandon (SMA 2004)** is leaving the state of Alaska to take a position with the Pacific Fishery Management in Portland, Oregon. (We'll get current information in the Directory when we can catch up with her again.)

**Diana Jones (SMA 2006)** gave birth to Timothy Justin (T.J.) Jones in early May, 2007.

**Jesse Port (SMA 2007)** was accepted to the toxicology doctoral program in the UW School of Public Health, to begin this fall. (Note that only five offers were made.)

**Anne Hawkins (SMA 2007)** is finishing Law School at the University of Washington. Her SMA thesis was Collaboration in Managing Marine Species With Declining Populations: A Legal and Practical Analysis.

**Kirsten Evans (SMA 2007)** has settled into Panama with husband and baby.

**Kendra Ryan Nettleton (SMA 2006)** now works in the Marine Mammal Research Programme, NATO Undersea Research Centre in La Spezia, Italy.

**Betsy Daniels (SMA 1998)** has moved to Triangle Associates, Seattle.

**Linda Fagan (SMA 2000)** was selected as 1 of only 2 Senior Coast Guard officers that are sent each year to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. (This is part of the National Defense University system and is located at Ft. McNair in SW Washington DC. At ICAF, 58 percent of the student body is composed of military representatives from the land, sea and air Services, 32 percent from the Departments of Defense and State and 10 other federal agencies, 8 percent international military officers, and 2 percent from the private sector..

The 10 month program results in a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. She will be promoted to Captain on July 1, 2007 just before leaving the Netherlands where she has been stationed for the past three years.

**Peter Britz (SMA 1994)** is now an Environmental Planner for the City of Portsmouth, NH.

**Koleen Irvine (SMA 2005)** has been reassigned as a Park Ranger back to Washington state at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

**Jamie Doyle (SMA 2005)** is now a NOAA Program Manager for Southeast Asia, liaison between US Sea Grant and similar programs in Indonesia and S.Korea.

**Lilli Ferguson (SMA 1997)** has a new job with the State of Florida at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Her new title is Sanctuary Advisory Council and Volunteer Coordinator.

**Jean Flemma (SMA 1993)** is now Professional Staff of the Committee on Natural Resources in the US House of Representatives.

**Dave Jansen (SMA 1992)** is now Majority Sr. Staff, House Resources Committee in the US House of Representatives.

**Jen Kassakian (SMA 2006)** is a Knauss Sea Grant Fellow, now in the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife & Oceans, within the Committee on Natural Resources in the US House of Representatives.

**Summer Morelock (SMA 2005)**, PMF at NOAA, has moved to Senator Boxer's office until November, 2007.

**Emilie Springer (SMA 2006)** has been accepted into an interdisciplinary anthropology PhD program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and funded by IGERT.

**Todd Jennings (SMA 1998)** "has moved on down the trail from Volunteers for Outdoor Washington." Todd is currently in Zambia, laying the groundwork for the whole family to move there for a year, come fall. (Spouse is **Anne Ballou Jennings, SMA 1998** also, and children Owen and Finn). Anne's thesis on the efforts of Marshall Islanders to resettle Bikini and Enewetak following the cessation of nuclear testing turned into a chapter in a book this year, published this year by Tom Leschine, **Long Term Management of Contaminated Sites**.

**Sarah Spaeth (SMA 1994)** has been out of touch with SMA for a while. She is Conservation Director for the Jefferson Land Trust in Port Townsend, WA.

**Robyn Christine Draheim (SMA 1999)** also quiet on the SMA front. She is the Assistant Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator, in Environmental Sciences at the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at Portland State University, Oregon. Both she and husband (**Dan Waldeck, SMA 1997**) plan to attend the Coastal Zone meetings in Portland, OR.

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## Missing Recent Contact information - Can you help?

**Nan Evans (SMA 1980)** was listed as Director of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, and we have Internet rumors that she is now the Director of Government Relations at the Oregon chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Does anyone have contact information for her?

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## New SMA Graduates

**EMILIE LITSINGER (Spring 2007)** Thesis, "An Evolution of the Bottomfish Recovery Program in San Juan County, Washington".

Emilie received the Northwest Marine Trade Association Award, and is hoping to stay in Seattle and work for a non-profit agency.

**ALEXANDER "SASCHA" PETERSEN (Spring 2007)** Thesis, "Anticipating Sea Level Rise Response in Puget Sound"

Sascha was the student editor, *Avissar*, 2006, "Modeling Potential Impacts of Beach Replenishment on Horseshoe Crab Nesting Habitat Suitability", *Coastal Management Journal*. Vol. 34.(4):427 2006; Co-author with Tom Leschine of "Valuing Puget Sound's VECs", white paper prepared for the Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership., presented "Anticipating Sea Level Rise Response in Puget Sound: published in Conference Proceedings Georgia Basin Puget Sound Research Conference 2007; and will present "Adapting Decision Making to Uncertainty When Addressing Sea Level Rise Response in Puget Sound" to be published in Conference Proceedings for Coastal Zone '07 Conference.

**HYUNSOO YOON (Spring 2007)** Thesis, "Effectiveness of International Institutions to Protect Marine Environment in Semi-Enclosed Seas: Comparison of the Mediterranean, Baltic, and Yellow Sea Regional Models".

Hyunsoo will **resume his work at the Korean Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries** as soon as he returns to Korea. Although the exact department hasn't been decided, he is hoping that he'll be in charge of Marine Environment Protection or the Marine Resource Development Division.

**RACHEL GREGG (Spring 2007)** Thesis, "Educating Visitors to the Pacific Coast of Washington State Information Dissemination and Marine Tourism Management"

Rachel was awarded the 2006 Blankenship Scholarship, and the 2006 Northwest Marine Grades Association Award. Rachel hopes to eventually stay in Seattle to start a career in government or with non-profit agencies.

**GREGG CASAD (Spring 2007)** Non-thesis track paper, "A Review of Institutional and Regulatory Barriers in Natural Resource Enforcement"

He also completed the Certificate in Environmental Management and conducted a summer research project for NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Coast Guard's local Office of Law Enforcement, resulting in producing the paper, "Coordination and Cooperation of Living Marine Resource Enforcement in Puget Sound", September 2006. Gregg's **next position with the Coast Guard will be in the headquarters office (Washington, D.C.)** reviewing the agency's fisheries enforcement efforts along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. He plans to stay with the Coast Guard for the next 11 years

**DEMIAN BAILEY (Spring 2007)** Non-thesis paper, and also a certificate in Global Trade, Transportation and Logistics.

At SMA, Demian received the 2006/2007 Foss Fellowship. With the exception of the last two quarters, Demian kept his full-time employment for the last four years at NOAA HAZMAT (oil spill response). This year, Demian was named the NOAA Corps Officer of the Year, a corps-wide honor. He worked on major spills in Alaska, Texas, Hurricane Katrina & Rita, and the Point Wells and Dalco Passage spills in Puget Sound. During this period, he received promotion to Lieutenant Commander in the NOAA Corps, was the 2005 Junior Officer of the Year, and earned the NOAA Bronze Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and the NOAA Corps Achievement Medal. He'll be **heading back to sea as executive officer** aboard the NOAA Ship McArthur II, after working in the Olympic Coast national Marine Sanctuary this summer.

**MORGAN NEAL (Spring 2007)** Thesis, "Chinook Salmon Recovery in the Puget Sound: Prioritizing Populations in the Whidbey Basin".

While at SMA, Morgan interned with the Marine Resources Program - Snohomish County Surface Water Management Division, and received the Northwest Marine Trade Association award. Morgan plans to work in fields related to fisheries, watershed protection and restoration, and salmon recovery. He'll be moving to Sacramento for a **job as a fisheries biologist** with a consulting firm, called HDR/SWRI.

**AARON MEADOWS-HILLS (Spring 2007)** Non-thesis track paper, "The Coast Guard and SMA". With a Certificate in Environmental Management.

Aaron will **work in Washington, D.C, at the US Coast Guard Headquarters**, managing the Coast Guard's National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) programs.

**KATRINA LASSITER (Spring 2007)** Thesis, " A Marine Educational Strategy for Tourists and Residents: Design and Assessment of Signage in Island and Jefferson Counties, WA".

While at SMA, Katie attended several conferences and was vice president of the Coastal Society (2006-2007), and a GPSS Senator (2005-2006). This fall she will travel to New Zealand where she will present her paper, "Design and Assessment of Signage through a Marine Environmental Philosophy: Case Studies in Puget Sound, WA". Afterwards, she will **moving to Washington, DC to begin her Knauss Fellowship in the legislative branch.**

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## Student News and Special Accomplishments

**Demian Bailey** and **Tedd Hutley** were among a number of GTTL 550 students to receive awards "based on team's performance in the course's Exotic Extracts supply-chain simulation exercise," announced in the Spring GTTL Newsletter.

Congratulations to first-year students, **Tedd Hutley** and **Jessica Sanford**, who completed all requirements for their GTTL Certificates.

**Joe Zelasney** also received the GTTL 550 award above, and has been chosen to receive a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), also described in the GTTL Newsletter. Joe plans to study in China.

**Maile Sullivan** received the 2007 Alan Blankenship Award.

**Katrina Hoffman**, second-year student, was awarded third place in the Graduate Poster Presentation titled Resource Protection in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary: A Pilot Project to Address Derelict Fishing Gear at the 2007 Georgia Basin Puget Sound Research Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, March 26-29.

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Congratulations to first-year SMA student **Jessi Kershner**, who was awarded the Stephen and Ruth Wainwright Endowed Fellowship that supports research in functional morphology. It is normally awarded to Ph.D. students and is highly competitive funding that will allow her to do work at Friday Harbor, and is expected to lead to her SMA master's thesis.

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SMA proudly announces that **Ruth Howell** has won a Presidential Management Fellowship **AND** **Katie Lassiter** has won a Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship. Both of them will be moving to Washington, DC this summer, but Katie will be traveling for a few months before she begins work in February, 2008.

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## Faculty News and Events can be found on the SMA website

<http://sma.washington.edu/news/index.html>

### But several pieces of SMA faculty news are just too good to keep!

Congratulations to **Terrie Klinger**, co-recipient of this year's COFS Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, based on advice from the students! Among other things, **COFS Dean Arthur Nowell** said in an email, "Congratulations... You will blush at the comments of admiration from the students..."

From **SMA Director Tom Leschine**, "Warmest Congratulations to **Asst. Profs. Terrie Klinger** and **Patrick Christie**, both of whom have been promoted to Associate Professor, commencing Autumn Quarter. In other words, they **have both been granted tenure**, the successful end of a long and arduous process that began late last summer and ended with final approval by the Provost and Board of Regents only recently. This is the single most important gate through which a new faculty member must pass on the road to a successful career in the academy, so please join me in congratulating Patrick and Terrie."

**Vlad Kaczynski** sent a report on his Fulbright who was affiliated with the Institute of International Economic Relations. He taught two courses: one (International Trade and Marine/Coastal Environment) for undergraduate and other (Ocean Policy and Globalization) for graduate students. They're in the website [www.sgh.waw.pl](http://www.sgh.waw.pl).

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### One More Reminder!!

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Cheers and Good Summer to all!!  
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