



# Alumni Briefing

The newsletter for the *John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations Alumni and Friends*  
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## News & Events Highlights



### [Senator Tim Wirth Addresses Class of 2011](#)

The President of the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Fund delivered the Whitehead School's 2011 Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony keynote address.



### [Leadership in Action](#)

Whitehead School graduate students presented a leadership panel featuring remarks from John C. Whitehead, Ambassador William Luers, and more.



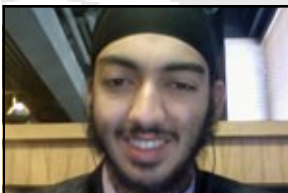
### [Small State Diplomacy](#)

A delegation of 17 students recently visited Portugal to learn first-hand how small states defend their interests in international affairs.



### [Digital Diplomats](#)

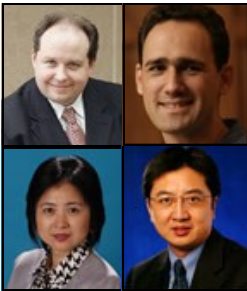
Five Whitehead School students were selected for the State Department's Virtual Student Foreign Service Program.



### [Whitehead Sophomore Awarded Prestigious Fellowship](#)

The IIPP fellowship will enable Harjaap Singh to attend language and policy institutes, study abroad, pursue graduate studies and more.

## Faculty Highlights



### Quadruple the Accomplishment

The Whitehead School is pleased to announce the promotions of Dr. Martin Edwards, Dr. Benjamin Goldfrank, Dr. Yinan He and Dr. Zheng Wang to Associate Professor with tenure, effective September 1, 2011.



### Secretary Clinton Selects Faculty for International Post

Ambassador Marc Grossman, Visiting Scholar at the Whitehead School, was selected to serve as Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan.



### New Publication on Democracy in Latin America

Dr. Benjamin Goldfrank is the author of a new book titled, *Deepening Local Democracy in Latin America: Participation, Decentralization and the Left*.



### Majority Rule at the IMF

“At a time in which there are crucial issues at stake in the global economy, one of the most important international organizations has a very large ‘HELP WANTED’ sign in the window.” Dr. Martin Edwards offers his perspective on the naming of the next IMF Managing Director at *World Policy.org*.



### Indonesia, Not Iran, Holds Lessons for Egypt

Dr. Ann Marie Murphy highlights for *CNN.com* the example that Indonesia can play for an Egypt in which “power flows from the people.”

## WAA Executive Board & Upcoming Events



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### Upcoming Alumni Events

- **8th Annual The Hall on The Hill**  
*Introducing* Seton Hall's 20th President  
Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2011**  
5-7 p.m.  
Gold Room—Room 2168  
Rayburn Building, Capital Hill, Washington, D.C.
- **Whitehead School Summer 2011 D.C. Alumni Reception**  
*Hosted by* Ambassador John K. Menzies, Dean  
**Thursday, July 14, 2011**  
7-9 p.m.  
Capitol City Brewing Company  
1100 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

To RSVP visit [www.shu.edu/go/hallonthehill](http://www.shu.edu/go/hallonthehill).

Kindly RSVP to [whitehead.events@shu.edu](mailto:whitehead.events@shu.edu).



## Alumni Profile

## Diplomacy in Action: Being the Voice

*After a recent assignment with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF took him to Port Au Prince, Haiti, Kevin Cavanaugh, M.A.'04, speaks out about the work that still needs to be done, and the difference that one person can make. Read on to learn how you too can be a voice for Haiti's continued rebuild.*



By Steven Garret Mosgrove

The Whitehead School was thrilled to welcome back to campus alumnus Kevin Cavanaugh to share his insider's view of the situation in Haiti. Kevin, a 2004 graduate of the Whitehead School's master's degree program, is now a Senior Program Officer with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Though most of his work since joining the fund in 2004 has largely revolved around fundraising, education, and advocacy here in the United States and liaising with UNICEF staff, he recently received the distinct honor of representing the U.S. Fund at UNICEF's mission in Haiti from September 2010 to November 2010. In April 2011, Mr. Cavanaugh displayed his humbling experience in Haiti through pictures and videos to Whitehead students and faculty.

While delivering his emotional view of his time spent evaluating the situation and helping the people on the ground in Haiti, a major theme became apparent: "there is still work to be done in Haiti." Kevin demonstrated the vast amount of work needed through a video shot with his personal camera from inside a vehicle. The images shown were unimaginable to someone from the United States. On a main road in Port Au Prince, there remained debris and people living in tent like structure communities similar to shanty towns. There was never a moment when Kevin could hold the camera still because the road was in such horrible condition that he "put one hand on the roof and the other was grabbing at the handle on the door." Kevin described the decimated infrastructure by saying, "You could travel to the same spot two days in a row and one day it would take twenty minutes and the next it could take three hours."





This unfathomable trip to Haiti changed Kevin's outlook and life for the better. It reinvigorated his sense of purpose, reaffirming that his career helps those in need. Since returning from Haiti, Kevin has continued to educate Americans, advocate for Haitians and raise funds to provide resources for the people of Haiti, despite competition in the news over the earthquake in Japan and situation in Libya. According to Kevin, he along with UNICEF and the U.S. Fund "are committed to Haiti until the job is complete."

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Kevin gave a compelling description of the U.S. Fund's focus on raising funds, advocating and educating in support of UNICEF's efforts around the globe including Haiti, Japan, Libya, and other countries in crisis. The U.S. Fund, started in 1947, is the oldest of 36 National Committees that raise money and advocate for UNICEF. The U.S. Fund raises money from foundations, individuals and NGO's within the United States to complement Funds and National Committees in all thirty-six "industrialized nations" in support of UNICEF. Working in over 150 countries, UNICEF is a global humanitarian relief organization providing children with health care and immunizations, clean water, nutrition and food security, education, emergency relief and more.

The work that Kevin does reminded everyone in the audience that one person can make a difference and that every individual can and should do something to help the many people around the globe in need of assistance. Before departing, Kevin left the students with a simple message. He said, "I brought this message back to Seton Hall to remind everyone that things still need to be done in Haiti, that it is not to be forgotten about, and that you guys are the next group of people to work on it and keep it alive."

Learn more about Kevin's experience in Haiti by reading his field notes here:

- <http://fieldnotes.unicefusa.org/2011/01/multi-colored-thanks-from-haiti.html>
- <http://fieldnotes.unicefusa.org/2010/11/giving-thanks-for-unicefs-support.html>
- <http://fieldnotes.unicefusa.org/2010/11/letter-from-port-au-prince.html>
- <http://fieldnotes.unicefusa.org/2010/11/UNICEF-mobilizes-ahead-of-Tomas.html>
- <http://fieldnotes.unicefusa.org/2010/10/notes-from-saint-marc-haiti.html>

**You can be a voice for Haiti** by submitting a video here: <http://www.unicefhaiti365.org/>. You can also find Kevin's video on this page. Look for the man with the beard standing in front of a tapestry with an elephant on it.

## Alumni Updates



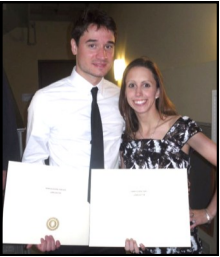
### Past, Present and Future

The Presbyterian Ministry to the United Nations recently welcomed Whitehead alumnus Ryan Smith, M.A. '08, as its new U.N. Representative.



### Leadership in Development

Whitehead alumna Delfina Zagarzazu '06, was honored for her work in Latin America by the Inter-American Development Bank.



### Raising the Bar

Francis Tanczos, B.S./M.A. '08, and Kerry Cahill '08, graduated from Rutgers School of Law-Camden and were conferred their Juris Doctor degrees on May 19, 2011.



### Diplomatic Addition

Chandra DeNap, M.A. '10, welcomed Franklin Edward DeNap Whetstine on October 9, 2010, weighing 8lbs. 10oz.

- **Maren Welch, M.A./M.P.A. '07** is managing the PR and media relations initiatives for The Borgen Project, a nonprofit organization that works to combat global poverty through lobbying and advocacy. She recommends other alumni read Clint Borgen's inspirational story at [www.theborgenproject.org](http://www.theborgenproject.org).

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## Alumni Career Resources

As members of the Seton Hall Alumni Association, you have full access to search and apply for full-time jobs, fellowships and post-baccalaureate service opportunities in **ALUMNI NAVIGATOR**. There is no cost for this service.

To access the system, go to <http://setonhallalumni.experience.com>. You can create your own username and password in the Alumni Navigator system by clicking on “create an account.”

If you experience difficulty accessing your account, please call The Career Center at (973) 761-9355.

To learn more about all SHU Alumni Career services, visit [www.shu.edu/go/careers](http://www.shu.edu/go/careers) and click on “Alumni- Career Resources.”

## Additional Resources

- [Whitehead Alumni Association \(WAA\)](#)
- [Whitehead Alumni Association on Facebook](#)
- [Whitehead Alumni LinkedIn Page](#)
- [Seton Hall Office of Alumni Relations](#)
- [Support Future Diplomats](#)
- [Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations](#)
- [Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations](#)
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