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## Plans for 2004 Graduates

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Katie Martin, after taking some time off for a cross-country road trip—destination Los Angeles—will head back to the Bluegrass State to complete a masters program in applied sociology where she has a teaching assistantship at the University of Louisville. After that...“the world is her oyster.” Katie was also accepted in the graduate programs at Temple University and Purdue University. Katie astutely judged that University of Louisville had the best applied sociology program.

Bri Barclay will attend Florida International University to pursue her Masters and then Ph.D. in comparative sociology, focusing on cultural and gender studies. She has a teaching assistantship with a goal to become a college professor which she says, “seems like a gazillion years away.”

Brandon Stanfill will be working for Teach For America. He will be

teaching in the inner city of Newark, New Jersey with children from poverty ridden neighborhoods. This opportunity means a lot to him because, as he says, “I truly feel strongly about the problems surrounding our education system in this country. Now I actually get to do more than just complain about the problem.” After his two year commitment, he will either go on to law school or grad school.

Jessica Stephens will begin a masters degree at the Ohio State University in the School of Social Work this fall.

John Nelson is working full time in the family property management business, Nelson & Associates. He is on his way to becoming a property manager.

Emily Richardson will be helping with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps for the next year.

“Now I actually get to do more than just complain about the problem.”  
-Brandon Stanfill

Her time includes living in Baltimore working for Healthcare for the Homeless, for a one year commitment. “I may pursue graduate school after that but at this point I am excited to be doing social justice work.”

Gretchen Fisk was accepted into attending the Masters sociology program at Cleveland State University.

If we inadvertently neglected someone, we apologize. Please share your post-Wittenberg plans and ambitions for our next issue.

## Updates on Sociology Alumni

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Annie Waggoner will be teaching orphans in Uganda this July as a volunteer. Then she will start as a teaching assistant in the Masters sociology program at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Kevin Hooker just finished his first year at the University of Michigan's Masters of Social Work program. After receiving his MSW he is considering continuing at U of M for his joint Ph.D. in social work and sociology.



Welcome initiates of Alpha Kappa Delta, Wittenberg's own Sociology Honor Society. To all of you who were in attendance, thank you for your patience. The ceremony was not as smooth as other years, but besides list mix-ups and food mishaps, the ceremony went without a hitch! Congratulations to the following inductees: Leigh Abbott, Erica Beckstedt, Brenda Chomiuk, Erin Cruze, Nicole DiLaura, Sarah Fassler, Gretchen Fisk, Natalie Hess, Jennifer Ingwalson, Michael Lute, Melissa Moser, Elizabeth Nar-

cho, Lindsey Newton, Deana Nowakowski, Jalyn Parks, Charlie Steed, Amanda Topham, Blake Troxel, Dr. Keisha Warren, Katie Westlund, Octavia Williams, and Kristen Zelenka.

A congratulations is also in order for the following members who are graduating this spring, along with several of their new inductee peers: Bri Barclay, Emily Richardson, Ruthie Rodelander, Erica Rosian, Jamie Shampine, Brandon Stanfill, and Jessica Stephens.

The teal cords worn by the seniors signifies their membership into this honor society. Congratulations!

Early in April four students, accompanied by Dr. Keith Doubt made the short trip to Cleveland for the North Central Sociological Association's Annual Conference. Brandon Stanfill, Katie Martin, Jamie Shampine, and Bri Barclay each presented an abbreviated version of their senior thesis presentations. Dr. Doubt was presented two of his papers at the conference as well.

Being a conference for graduate students and faculty, the four stu-

dents were a bit intimidated at first to learn they would be presenting alongside those much longer involved in the field longer than they themselves were. However, they each quickly realized the department had prepared them well, and all gave outstanding presentations. Several compliments were heard throughout the weekend on behalf of the seniors and their impressive research.

This April, Emily Richardson and Ruthie Rodelander traveled to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to present their senior thesis work at the National Conference on Undergradu-

Wow! What an amazing year for presentations. Not only did the presentations go well for the students, the whole two days were enjoyable for all those in attendance. The morning of February

the 24th started off with eight presenters, followed by a lunch, catered by the Sociology faculty at the Black Culture House. The second group of five then gave their presentations before breaking for

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