



WABASH COLLEGE

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Mid April, the "mowers and mulch" installment...

Gentlemen,

Greetings again from the Midwest. I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and good health. Rather than cover the usual business in this letter, I wanted to pass along the classmate updates I have received. I'll hit the business of the college, helping with recruiting, making your contributions to the school before the end of the fiscal year in June (critical this year), and what Pat White has to say about how the economy will impact the school and its programs next month. As always, there is a lot going on within our class and at the college, so lets get down to business.

Classmate Updates

Nathan Davis:

I moved to Colorado in August 1996 for law school. I graduated from law school in 1999 and went to work for Snell & Wilmer in Denver. I've worked there ever since and am a partner in the firm's litigation group. I finally settled down and got married on New Year's Eve 2007. My wife and I are expecting our first child in May. If the doctors are correct, it'll be a baby girl.

Royce Smith says: Hey ya Carpe... What's going on? Thanks for the compliment! Well, much has happened since I graduated in 1996; I finished up my student teaching, landed a half-year position at McCutcheon High School in Lafayette, decided grad school was for me, and entered Purdue for my MA in English in 1997. After getting through with that, I was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship to Australia, where I earned my MA in art history and theory in 1999-2000. I was later awarded a Commonwealth of Australia International Postgraduate Research Fellowship to pursue my PhD in art history and theory, which I finished in 2005. I had my first academic posting as an associate lecturer at the University of New South Wales in Sydney and taught courses like "Art since 1990" and "Dance Party Culture"....fun times! Because of the lack of tenure at Australian institutions and the conservative government there at the time, I applied for a professorship where I am now at Wichita State University--where I am Assistant Professor of Modern & Contemporary Art History. My area of research is contemporary festivals and biennials, and I have been lucky enough to chair a research panel at the Tate Britain this past year relating to those exhibitions. I have also served as a visiting professor at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, where I taught during the summer of 2008. I am getting ready to travel to Argentina to review the Biennial at the End of the World, which is in Ushuaia--contemporary art nestled among glaciers, pampas grass, and Russian icebreaking ships taking tourists to Antarctica...Life has been well and truly good to me! I have enjoyed getting into shape, staying happy and healthy, and discovering my love of red wine (Aussie shiraz) and good whites (New Zealand sauvignon blanc).



I have a New Zealand partner (who moved there from Zimbabwe when his family was ousted from their farmland by Robert Mugabe), so we are in the process of working out residency requirements; we have been together for a year now and have been enjoying traveling and exploring together.

Even though most people only see Kansas peering through the windows of a 737, if anyone finds themselves in Wichita (or passing through Kansas), let me know so I can show you some Wabash hospitality! I can be reached at royce.smith@wichita.edu.

Jared Kramer: Thanks for "Facebooking" me. Everything is great. As far as an update I can give you the following...

I have been married to Jessica Burks Kramer for 10 (coming up on 11 years) now. Jessica is a 1996 graduate of Hanover College. We have 2 kids: our son Cameron is 7 and our daughter Kaite is 5. I have run a Manufacturer's Rep business for the last 5 years. I represent about 10 manufacturers in the architectural millwork industry. We live in Noblesville, IN. My spare time is spent with my family and friends, and playing a round of golf whenever it is humanly possible to fit it in to the schedule. Hope you are well. Take care.



Chris Carpenter: Erin and I are expecting another girl on August 22nd. Additionally, I will be officiating a wedding at the end of the month for the uncle of one of my pledge brothers, Bryon Foley.

Official Business

...next time.

Campus News and Events

What's Happening on Campus? Visit the College Calendar: <http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/> and/or <http://www.wabash.edu/calendar/announcements.cfm>

Again, hope you all are doing well. Please send me your updates – I'll come find you if you don't. Please consider becoming a class agent!

Carpe