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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



By Stephen Hilgartner

First off, having begun a term as chair of the Department in July 2007, I want to thank Trevor Pinch for his dedicated service as chair during the past eight years. In May, we held a reception to recognize Trevor for his contributions to the department. It was great to have this opportunity for his colleagues to thank him collectively for his excellent work, and those who attended the event had a wonderful time—especially Trevor, who sported a wide grin and was eagerly looking forward to having more time for research and teaching!

It's been a productive year for the department, and we can all be proud of the accomplishments of our students, faculty, postdoctoral associates, and alumni. Our faculty and graduate students continue to win prestigious fellowship and grants; we are launching new courses and research projects; and we are organizing innovative workshops and events. Members of the department are engaging with our Cornell colleagues in many fields through such bodies as the Institute for the Social Sciences and Society for the Humanities. I encourage readers to peruse this newsletter and learn about some of our recent activities and plans for the coming year.

In the fall we welcomed several people to Cornell. We were especially excited that Sara Pritchard (Ph.D., Stanford) joined our faculty as a new assistant professor. Sara, who is doing interesting work at the intersection of history of technology and environmental history, will strengthen our coverage of environmental topics. Her course offerings will be of special interest to students in the Biology & Society major. This spring, Sara is teaching "Ethics and the Environment" and "Gender and Technology."

We were also pleased to welcome three postdoctoral associates: Johanna Crane, who recently completed a Ph.D. at the University of California at San Francisco, is here with the support of the Mellon Foundation. Johanna is doing a study of biomedical research in Africa; this semester she is teaching a senior seminar on "Medicine,

Science and the Body in Postcolonial Africa." Elena Simakova (D. Phil., Oxford) came to Cornell to launch a study of university-industry collaboration in nanotechnology in connection with the S&TS department and the Center for Nanoscale Systems. Annalisa Saloni, who did her Ph.D. at McGill University on social organization of biomedical laboratories, arrived recently to continue her research as a postdoctoral associate. Finally, Jeanette Simmonds, who recently completed a Ph.D. at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, joined us as a lecturer for the spring 2008 term. Jeanette studies genetics and society with a research focus on plant sciences. She is teaching courses on "Genetics and Society" and on "20th Century Agricultural Science."

Looking ahead to the fall, we have some exciting events coming up. At the beginning of September, Sheila Jasanoff, the Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies at Harvard and our former colleague here at Cornell, will give a series of Messenger Lectures on the important and timely topic of "The Facts of the Matter: How Science Speaks Truth to Power." The series of three lectures will take place on September 2-4 and will address "Experts and Politics," "Law's Knowledge," and "Knowing the World."

Another special event will take place October 3-5, 2008: an international conference on "Places of Knowledge: Relocating Science, Technology and Medicine." This event is being co-organized with colleagues from Uppsala University in Sweden and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Germany. Interested readers can find a description of the workshop theme on page 17.

Finally, a note on our graduate program. Recently, several different people asked me

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how the graduates of our Ph.D. program have been doing on the academic job market. We recently updated our list of what our students are doing and it's pretty impressive. In the early years of the graduate program, there was understandably some concern about whether students with a Ph.D. in Science & Technology Studies would succeed in academia. The updated list makes it clear that we can put those worries behind us; the graduates of our Ph.D. program are getting faculty positions at major universities, including Harvard Business School, Harvard University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Northwestern University, Oxford Brooks University, Rice University, Saïd Business School at Oxford University, University of California at Irvine, University of California at Santa Cruz, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Oklahoma, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin, Virginia Tech, and York University (Toronto). Our former students have been hired not only in S&TS programs but also in departments of Communication, Criminology, History, History of Science, Public Policy, and Sociology, among others, as well as in the newly-founded Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University. Other graduates hold research fellowships at such places as the London School of Economics.

The quality of the institutions and the range of departments hiring our Ph.D. students show that a Ph.D. in S&TS is highly valued, and it's a pleasure to congratulate our former students on their successes. Meanwhile, our undergraduate alumni continue to make their mark on the world in many fields, including medicine, law, public health, business, and high-technology ventures. It's exciting to hear what our alumni are doing, and we very much hope that people will continue to keep in touch and send us news on their activities.



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NOTE: Faculty below may be members of the Department of Science & Technology Studies, or members of other departments elected to either the Department's Biology & Society undergraduate major, or to the graduate field of Science & Technology Studies.

Peter Dear gave invited talks during 2007 at UCLA, Chicago, Duke, and Boston Universities, as well as organizing a panel at the annual History of Science Society in Washington, DC. His textbook on the *Scientific Revolution* appeared in Spanish translation, and he co-edited a volume with Lissa Roberts and Simon Schaffer called *The Mindful Hand*. His book *The Intelligibility of Nature* was widely and favorably reviewed, and will shortly appear in paperback.

Jerry Feigenson received the Harry T. Stinson Award as the Cornell Professor who had the most positive influence on majors in the Biological Sciences, at Commencement on May 27, 2007.

Laura Harrington was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Entomology and has continued her mentorship of students as a Biology & Society advisor. She also offered research mentorship for four undergraduate students during 2006-2007. Research topic included: fluctuating temperature effects on larval development, the impact of ACE inhibitors on egg production of *Aedes aegypti*, body size impact on egg production and size, and larval competition between two medically important mosquito species *Culex pipiens* and *Aedes albopictus*. Harrington serves as an advisor to a group of students conducting a malaria service project in Ghana during December 2007-January 2008. She also advises the student organization "Partnership for Honduras Health." Harrington is an advisory member of the Global Health Minor Program at Cornell and teaches the malaria module of the course "NS 206: Introduction to Global Health." She was an invited speaker at the Uni-

versity of Florida Department of Entomology and New York University in February 2007. At UF, she presented her research on the mating biology of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, and at NYU presented a talk on the "Biology of the Dengue Vector Mosquito *Aedes aegypti*: New Insights into the Complexity and Transmission of Vector Borne Diseases." Harrington also presented a poster at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) in Philadelphia in November 2007. The poster titled: "A New Climate Based Model for Forecasting West Nile Mosquito Vector Population Abundance and Human Risk" was one of five presented by members of her laboratory. She is a member of the Education Committee of the ASTMH, which works to improve educational opportunities for undergraduate, graduate and professional students in Tropical Medicine and Public Health. She also attended the Entomology Society of America Meeting in December 2007 held in San Diego, California.

Stephen Hilgartner was a Faculty Fellow at Cornell's Institute for the Social Sciences (ISS) during 2007, working with a team studying Contentious Knowledge that is considering science, social movements, and contestation about the authority of knowledge claims. In this capacity, he helped organize a workshop on "Knowledge in Contention" held in November, 2007. Hilgartner also was one of the organizers of the department's spring 2007 workshop on "Futures of Life: Acquiring and Creating Anticipatory Knowledge." He was also a commentator at a workshop on regulation in biomedicine held at McGill University and presented a paper on "High-Throughput Governance? Life Sciences as Platforms for the Rapid Production of Regimes," at the annual meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science.

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Hilgartner completed several pieces on risk issues in 2007, including a commentary on the Katrina disaster that appeared in *Social Studies of Science* and an article on expert knowledge and risk that will appear as "Las dimensiones sociales del conocimiento experto del riesgo" in a book published by *Biblioteca Nueva* in collaboration with the Organization of Ibero-American States. He also published a commentary on "Making the Bioeconomy Measurable: Politics of an Emerging Anticipatory Machinery" in *Biosocieties* and a review of genome scientist Craig Venter's autobiography in *Science*.

Hilgartner began a term as Chair of the Department of Science & Technology Studies in July.

Kenneth A.R. Kennedy, Professor Emeritus attended the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, held in Washington, D.C. November 29 to December 2. His teaching and research interests include forensic anthropology and human evolution. He has just finished teaching "Human Palaeontology" (EEB/Anthro 371) and the lecture-lab course will be offered again in fall semester 2008 in the Human Biology Laboratory, Stimson Hall. Kennedy's research focuses upon the study of early human in South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the bordering countries). His recent contribution to the *Palaeopathology Newsletter* has been about identification of sharp and blunt wound trauma at Mantai, an ancient city in northern Sri Lanka, a locality where warfare was frequent, especially in the period of 300 B.C. He retired from Cornell in 2005, but still teaches one course per year, and holds office hours most Friday mornings from 11:00 am to noon in 206A Stimson Hall.

Christine Leuenberger continued working in Berlin during the summer of 2007 on her research project comparing the social implications of various barriers, including the Berlin

Wall, Israel's "Separation Barrier" and Korea's DMZ. Her co-edited volume for the history of science journal *Osiris: The Self as Project: Politics and the Human Sciences* (22) was published in 2007. She gave various talks including at Cornell's Peace Studies Program, the 4S conference (Montreal), the "Couch Stone Symposium: Third International Congress of Quality Inquiry" (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and organized a conference panel at 4S on "Space, Material Culture, and Knowledge Production in the Human Sciences." This year she has been appointed Faculty Fellow in the Department of Residence Life, and has been asked to be on the Faculty Review Board for the student-run magazine *The Triple Helix*. She has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar's grant to spend Spring 2008 at Tel Aviv University to work on "Political Divides as Cultural Projects: Israeli and Palestinian Constructions of the Symbolic Meanings of the Barrier" (with Professor Izhak Schnell, Tel Aviv University). This research project was recently written up in the *Cornell Chronicle* <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Nov07/SS.Focus.Leuenberger.html>.

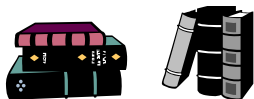
Bruce Lewenstein was promoted to full professor last spring. Together, with a couple of students, he is researching science communication issues in digital libraries, including issues of open-access to scientific literature. He is co-chair of a National Research Council study on "Learning Science in Informal Environments," which expects to issue its report in spring 2008.

Michael Lynch continued as Director of Graduate Studies for the S&TS Field, and Co-director of the undergraduate Law & Society Program. In October 2007, following the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), he began a two-year term as 4S president. *The Handbook of Science and Technology Studies, 3rd Edition* (which he co-edited with Ed Hackett, Olga Amsterdamska, and Judy Wajcman) also

came out in time for the 2007 4S meeting. In 2008, the University of Chicago Press will be publishing his book *Truth Machine: The Contentious History of DNA Fingerprinting* (with Simon Cole, Ruth McNally & Kathleen Jordan). In 2007 he also published two law review articles based on his research on DNA profiling, as well as several other articles, book chapters, and shorter commentaries. He gave numerous public talks on different topics, including a plenary talk at the 4S meeting in Montreal, and keynote addresses for a conference on "Scientific Practice as Ordinary Action" at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland, and at a workshop on "Images of the Nanoscale: From Creation to Consumption," held at the University of South Carolina Nanocenter. In 2007, he also began his second five-year contract as editor of *Social Studies of Science*.

David Pimentel along with his wife Marcia, recently published: *Food, Energy and Society, 3rd Edition*. CRC Press (Taylor and Francis Group). He is also in the final stages of preparation on a volume entitled, "Renewable Energy Systems: Environmental and Energetic Issues," which will be published in 2008 by Springer. In May 9, 2007, he gave the keynote address: "Ecological Footprint, World Population and the Environment" held in Cardiff, Wales at the International Ecological Footprint Conference. Also in August 7, 2007 he gave the keynote address: "Vertebrate Invasive Species in the United State," held in Fort Collins, Colorado at the International Symposium: Managing Vertebrate Invasive Species.

Trevor Pinch handed over the Chairmanship of the S&TS Department to Steve Hilgartner on July 1. He was gratified by the many personal notes of thanks he received and for the party organized in his honor in May. During Pinch's eight years of service it was gratifying to see the dept become ever stronger in its many activities. This has been a busy year for him. He gave lectures



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and commentaries at the University of Virginia, the Wharton Business School, University of Maryland (keynote lecture), Princeton University, Columbia University, The Max Planck Institute in Goettingen, Germany, Maastricht University, The Netherlands, Collin College, Texas (Distinguished Lecture Series), the Monday Afternoon Club, Binghamton, Society for the History of Technology NSF workshop, and the Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting. The highlight was the Twelfth Annual Hans Rausing lecture which he gave at the University of Cambridge in May, "Music and Technology Studies: From the Moog synthesizer to ACIDplanet.com." He also gave three lectures to groups at Cornell.

Pinch was also the host for John Searle's Messenger Lecture visit and served on an external panel evaluating the History, Technology and Society Program at Georgia Tech. He was appointed a Member of Mellon Corridor Science Studies Selection Committee and a Member of the Advisory Board: Max Planck Fellow Group, Law, Organization, Science and Technology, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany. Pinch also served on the CAST Advisory Board of the University of Maastricht and hosted, Floris Van Wanroij, the first CAST student to visit the department from Maastricht. He also was external examiner for a Norwegian PhD defense in Trondheim, Norway. His publications include: "User-Technology Relations: Some Recent Developments," (with Nelly Oudshoorn) in Edward Hackett, Michael Lynch and Judy Wajcman (eds.) *Handbook of Science and Technology Studies*, Cambridge, MA.: MIT Press. "Living in a Material World: Technology as Social Institution," in special issue of *Theory and Society*, edited by John Mohr, (forthcoming 2007). "Relativism: Is it Worth the Candle?" in Massimo Mazzotti (ed.) *Knowledge as Social Order: Rethinking the Sociology of Barry Barnes*, Aldershot, UK: Ashgate. In press. "The

Synthesizer with No Name," in Sherry Turkle (ed.) *Evocative Objects: Things We Think With*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 2007, 162-169.

Sara Pritchard was very pleased to join the faculty and S&TS community as of July 1. Her research and teaching interests include the history and social studies of technology, environmental history, and their intersection (Envirotech). Her work focuses on twentieth-century France and French empire.

Although moving cross-country and house renovations took much of her time early this summer, Sara has been working hard on her book manuscript and several essays since arriving in Ithaca. She is revising a chapter on Technology for the *Oxford Handbook of Environmental History*, co-authoring an essay, "What was Natural about Industrialization?," which will be published in an edited volume, and completing an article for *Technology & Culture*.

Pritchard participated in several conferences this fall. She presented a draft of her essay at the Oxford Handbook Workshop and served as commentator on Park Doing's paper at the Humanities Corridor Science & Technology Workshop held at Syracuse University. She also organized a roundtable session, "Common Ground? Perspectives on the Integration of STS and Environmental History Thus Far," at SHOT's annual meeting and was a speaker at that session. In addition, she team-taught S&TS 711 with Mike Lynch. This spring, she will be teaching "Ethics and the Environment" and a senior seminar on "Gender and Technology."

Judith Reppy inaugurated a new *Biology & Society* course, "Biotechnology and the Economy," in the fall 2007 semester. In March 2007 she presented a paper on U.S. export controls for dual-use technology at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association; the paper will be published in an edited volume, *Sci-*

ence, Technology and Values, Rachele D. Hollander and Vivian Weil, eds. In October she attended the annual meeting of 4S, where she presented a paper entitled "A Biomedical Military Industrial Complex?" in a panel organized by Kathleen Vogel. Her other activities include co-authoring a paper on non-lethal weapons with Juergen Altmann and participating in a Peace Studies conference on Human Rights at War.

Margaret Rossiter was an invited speaker at a meeting in Madrid, October 2007, sponsored by the Spanish National Science and Technology Foundation, as part of the current socialist government's new initiative on gender equity in the sciences.

Suman Seth completed a year as a faculty fellow at the Cornell Society for the Humanities, beginning research for a new project on science and colonialism in May 2007. In February, he presented some preliminary results from this work at a workshop on "The Challenge of the Colony in the History of Technology." During the summer he participated in a workshop held at Halle University, Germany, where he spoke on connections between the history of medical practices and the rise of race science in the nineteenth century. The second half of the year was spent on study leave, completing a book manuscript entitled *Crafting the Quantum: Arnold Sommerfeld and the Practice of Theory, 1890-1926*. An article drawing from material in the book, entitled "Crisis and the Construction of Modern Theoretical Physics," was published in *The British Journal for the History of Science*. He gave talks on related topics throughout the year at Yale, Frankfurt, McGill, and Michigan State Universities, and also participated in a conference held in Vancouver in February, to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the publication of Paul Forman's classic article on the history of Weimar physics and the development of quantum mechanics.



VISITING SCHOLARS

Sheila Dean continued working on *The Correspondence of Charles Darwin*; volume 16, covering 1868 (2 books), which went to press on December 14, and will be out in 2008. She joined a panel discussion entitled "Why Evolution is Science" for Darwin Day 2007 (February) at the Museum of the Earth. In April, she gave a talk on the Darwin Project to the Saturday Night Club, a group of current and emeritus faculty. A couple of weeks working with the Project at their base in Cambridge, U.K., which included seeing a performance of "Re: Design," a dramatization of Darwin and Asa Gray, put together by the Project and a theatre company. Stay-tuned, because "Re: Design" is showing here in Ithaca for Darwin Day 2008 with the British actors (Menagerie Theatre Company) traveling to Ithaca and Boston.

Rachel Maines revised two book manuscripts for publication this year, *Hedonizing Technologies: Trajectories of Pleasure in Hobbies and Leisure*, under contract to Johns Hopkins University Press, and *Workbasket Technology: Needlework since the*

Industrial Revolution for Texas Tech University Press. She presented "Hedonizing Technologies, or Why Tatting and Cake Decorating are like Ham Radio and Paintball," at the Society for the History of Technology annual meeting.

A documentary film by Wendy Slick and Emiko Omori based on Maines' first book, *Passion and Power: the Technology of Orgasm* premiered at Lincoln Center's Reade Theater in New York City on July 28, 2007, to a sellout crowd. The film has been reviewed in the *Village Voice*, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' (IEEE) *Spectrum Online*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Marin Independent*.

Maines gave invited presentations on "The Technology of Orgasm," in May 2007 in the science program at Balticon 41 (Baltimore Science Fiction Society), and at Ithaca College in September. Her article about the making of *Passion and Power*, entitled "Now Playing: When Your Book Becomes a Film," appeared in November 2007 in the *OAH Newslet-*

ter (Organization of American Historians). In October 2007, Maines served as an expert witness for the defendant, Alabama Love Stuff, in a court case in Alabama, where it is illegal to sell vibrators.

She also published an article on "Why Women Become Veterinarians but not Engineers" in the *Chronicle of Higher Education Review*; book reviews of Miriam Reumann's *American Sexual Character: Sex, Gender, and National Identity in the Kinsey Reports*, in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, and of Mary Fox, Deborah G. Johnson, and Sue V. Rosser's *Women, Gender and Technology* (University of Illinois Press, 2006) in *Technology & Culture*. Two articles by Maines on medieval Islamic medical views of sexuality are forthcoming in *Medical Encyclopedia of Islam and Iran*.

Maines also presented a paper, "Tales of [Frederick] Hoffman: Figures in the Intersection of Scientific Racism and Industrial Hygiene," to the Cornell University Science & Technology Studies Social Science Research

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Kathleen Vogel is currently working on a book manuscript that explores the role of science and scientific expertise in classified and unclassified bioweapons threat assessments. For her research, Vogel was awarded grants from the Mellon Humanities Project Science & Technology Cluster, Cornell's Institute for the Social Sciences, and Cornell's Einaudi Center for International Studies. These grants enabled her to spend the summer of 2007 conducting research for her book in Washington, DC, where she was a visiting scholar at the Center for Science, Technology, and Security Policy, at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Some of her current research was presented at two April 2007 workshops: one organized by the Cornell STS dept, "Futures of Life" and another organized by the Social

Science Research Council in New York on "The Problem of Biosecurity: Approaches from the Critical Social Sciences." With Judith Reppy, she co-organized a panel, "Technoscience in the Production of Contemporary Security Dilemmas," at the 2007 4S meeting in Montreal. For Cornell's Peace Studies Program, Vogel also co-organized a joint workshop with the Peace Research Institute, Frankfurt on "Science Advising and National Security," in February 2007 at Cornell.

Over the past year, Vogel has also been actively engaging with science policy community. In March 2007, she was facilitator for the Women in International Security (WIIS) Workshop, "Science, Technology, and US National Security: Engaging the Next Generation," in Washington, DC. In the fall of 2007, she was elected to the

National Research Council's Committee on Assessing Fundamental Attitudes of Life Scientists as a Basis for Biosecurity Education. This study will involve a survey of life scientists on biosecurity issues and will recommend approaches for engaging members of the life sciences community on biosecurity issues.

Randy Wayne is currently preparing to submit a book entitled *Light and Light Microscopy* to be published by Elsevier/Academic Press in 2008. The book teaches the reader how to relate an image to the reality of the specimen viewed through the light microscope--one of the most elegant instruments used by scientists to understand the nature of the world.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES GRADUATE FIELD

Introduction by Professor Michael Lynch, Director of Graduate Studies:

The S&TS Graduate Field is doing very well in 2007-08. Several students are on track to finish dissertations in spring and summer 2008, and they should be encouraged by the success of some of our recent graduates in obtaining positions at Harvard (Heidi Voskuhl; Arthur Daemrich), Oxford (Javier Lezaun), Rice (Cyrus Mody), York, Canada (Aryn Martin, who is being joined by our former postdoctoral fellow Ana Viseau), Virginia (Dan Plafcan), Virginia Tech (Sonja Schmid), LSE (John Downer), and Arizona State (Jameson Wetmore). Also encouraging is the diversity of positions our former students have attained. They include positions in STS and history of science programs, but also positions in history and sociology departments and business schools.

Once again, our students have done well with prizes, fellowships, and

publications. Janet Vertesi has been supported during 2007-08 by a fellowship from the Cornell University Humanities Foundation, and her paper, "Mind the Gap: The London Underground Map and Users' Representations of Urban Space," is scheduled as the lead article in the first 2008 issue of *Social Studies of Science*. Anna Geltzer is being supported by a Luigi Einaudi Fellowship from the Cornell Center for European Studies, supplemented by an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award to help fund her dissertation research on the changing medical care system in Russia before and after the collapse of the USSR. Nicole Nelson also received an NSF dissertation for her study of behavioral genetics experiments with mice, and has been receiving support this year from the SSHRC of Canada. Lisa Onaga also has been very successful getting support, and is on a Fulbright fellowship for 2007-08 as she continues her study the history of silkworm breeding in Japan.

Four new students entered our Ph.D.

program in August 2007: Ili Benjamin, Hansen Hsu, Yulianto Mohsin, and Tyson Vaughan, and by all indications they will be an outstanding group.

Our graduate students continued to be very active with formal and informal department functions, once again running a very successful series of weekly seminars for our Science Studies Reading Group (SSRG). Students in the Ph.D. program were again professionally active with organizing sessions and presenting papers at annual meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science, History of Science Society, Society for the History of Technology, ACM Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, and many other meetings and colloquia. Their energy and enthusiasm has been invaluable for our graduate and faculty recruitment efforts and for the daily life of the department.



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Carin Berkowitz received an NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant to continue her research on physiology and pedagogy in Britain in the early nineteenth century. She also delivered a paper entitled Pedagogical Cultures and Physiological Practice: Educational Institutions and Research Methodology in Early-Nineteenth-Century Britain at the annual History of Science Society meeting Washington, DC.

Christina Dunbar-Hester is spending 2007-2008 as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Donald McGannon Communication Research Center at Fordham University in New York City, where she is working on finishing her dissertation on low power FM radio activism, which she expects to defend in spring 2008. In October, Christina gave a paper at the Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting in Montreal, Canada, entitled

"Radio for Whom? Theorizing Media Activism as Social Construction of Technology." She also participated in a workshop hosted by Syracuse University and the Central New York Humanities Corridor Cluster on the Interface between the Humanities and the Sciences and Technology, where she presented work in progress, co-authored with Trevor Pinch, on the interplay between older and emerging technologies. In November, she traveled to Berlin, Germany, to give another paper, "Listening to Cybernetics: Music, Machines, and Nervous Systems, 1950-1980," at "re:place, the Second International Conference on the Histories of Media, Art, Science and Technology."

Anna Geltzer has begun research on her dissertation project, with funding from a Luigi Einaudi Fellowship, which is tentatively titled "Evolving Notions of Objectivity: changing con-

ceptions of what counts as clinical evidence in 20th and 21st century Russia." She presented her early work at the Cold War Technology in Europe summer school in Chios, Greece and at the 2007 4S annual meeting.

Ling-Fei Lin has been working on the knowledge production and knowledge control in Wikipedia, the controversies between Wikipedia and the Great Encyclopedia Britannica, and the comparison of China's and Taiwan's semiconductor industry. She is also working on the ultra-low cost laptop projects (for example, the OLPC (One Laptop per Child) project) and their interplay with the society.

Victor Marquez presented the paper and lecture "Technology Transfer at the Crossroads of Knowledge Production: Airports and Buildings in Mexico" at Cairo University and Aim Shams University in Egypt. In September he participated in the Second

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International Conference of Energy and Building Simulation Studies of the TC Chan Center in Shanghai and the Yellow Mountain in China, he presented a paper titled "Advanced performance studies in building energy consumption: The Monterrey Airport's case study." In October he presented a paper at the 4S Conference in Montreal addressing the challenges of putting S&TS in practice. The title of the paper was "Landside-Airside: The Monterrey International Airport," and dealt with technology transfer conflicts and the applicability of SCOT. Later this year, he presented his second year project and ongoing research in S&TS. The talk was entitled "Negotiating Landside-Airside Space in an Early American Airport. New York LaGuardia Terminal 1933-1939" and was presented to the Science Studies Research Group series at Cornell University. During the Fall semester he presented as a guest lecturer "The Landside-Airside Frontier" in October and was a critic in the "Airport Studio" at the Graduate School of Design, University of Pennsylvania.

Nicole Nelson was awarded a fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and a seed grant from the Institute for the Social Sciences for her dissertation work on experimental systems in behavioral genetics. She presented preliminary work from her dissertation this year at a Mellon workshop on the interfaces between humanities and the sciences, and at the annual meetings of the International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) and the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S). She also co-organized a workshop called "Futures of Life" on anticipatory knowledge with Anna Geltzer, Kathleen Vogel and Steve Hilgartner, and is current working on a special journal issue arising from this conference.

Lisa Onaga completed a 10-month intensive language study at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies in Yokohama, Japan in June 2007.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

Hansen Hsu received his BA in electrical engineering and computer science from UC Berkeley, and received his MA in history from SUNY Stony Brook in summer of 2007. In between those degrees he spent six years as a software engineer at Apple, Inc., most of it doing quality assurance for Mac OS X. His interests include the role of cultural community values, users feedback, and managerial power in the closure of controversy in technical design decisions involving the Macintosh and NeXT computers and software.

Yulianto (Anto) Mohsin worked as a mechanical design engineer for General Electric before coming to Cornell. He earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees (BE and ME) from the City College of

New York. His research interests include historical and social studies of water management systems.

Ihil Naveh-Benjamin received her undergraduate degree in psychology at York University in Toronto, Canada. She is interested in eventually studying psychology ethnographically. This being her first year at Cornell, she is finding it interesting to experience an uneasy but stimulating internal clash of psychology-and S&TS-related sensibilities.

Tyson Vaughan received a BA in English in creative writing from Stanford University. He worked for "dot-coms" in the 1990's and spent most of the past five years in Japan. His research interests include citizen science, emerging technologies, and technoscience in Japan.

She had an especially thankful year, during which she was awarded more research awards than she could accept, to support her research on the history of early twentieth-century Japanese silkworm breeding and genetics. These include a Fulbright Graduate Research Fellowship (IIE-YKK Corp.), an International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC), a Japan Foundation fellowship, and an international travel grant from the Cornell East Asia Program. In July, Lisa presented a paper at the International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) conference in Exeter, U.K., entitled "Silkworm Inheritance Experiments in Japan and California: 1900-1913." After a summer conducting research in the U.S. and at the Bateson Collection at the John Innes Centre in Norwich, U.K., Lisa returned to Japan in September, where she is hosted by Professor Miwao Matsumoto of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Tokyo. In December, she was invited to

deliver a research presentation at a joint Bio-economics and Environmental History workshop at Osaka City University.

Robert Schombs attended his first conference (HSS) in the fall. He plans to present next year and possibly put together a panel on the history of chemistry. He is currently working on his second year project on the pedagogy and practice of structural chemistry.

Honghong Tinn completed her second year project on computer tinkering in November 2007. Her project was titled "From Do-It-Yourself Computers to Illegal Copies: The Controversy Over Building One's Own Computer in Taiwan, From 1980 to 1984." In this project, she looked at how Taiwanese computer users built their own computers from scratch when microcomputers were imported to Taiwan. She explored how these tinkering practices became controversial when computer manufacturers, particularly Apple Computer, considered it to be violating copyright. She also attended the annual 4S and Shot conference in Fall 2007. She will be on the Starr Fellowship, awarded by the



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Samer Alatout lives in Madison, Wisconsin and is an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in the Department of Rural Sociology, the Graduate Program of Sociology, and the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. He and his wife, Staci Lowe, just had their first baby, Nadim Taylor Alatout, on November 6. They, and a few alums of S&TS, believe he's gorgeous! Samer has published a number of articles lately. His most recent are: "State-ing Natural Resources Through Law: the Codification and Articulation of Water Scarcity and Citizenship in Israel," *The Arab World Geographer*, and, "From Water Abundance to Water Scarcity (1936-1956): A Fluid History of Jewish Subjectivity in Historic Palestine," in *Reapproaching the Border: New Perspective on the Study of Palestine/Israel*. Mark LeVine and Sandy Sufian, Eds. In his new multi-sited, comparative project, Samer continues to develop his concept of "bio-territorial power" by focusing on ecological and political constructions of borders, bordercrossings, and border-making. For now, his focus is on the borderzones of Palestine/Israel, US/Mexico, and the Mennonite Nation in Wisconsin.

Pablo J. Boczkowski is on teaching leave 2007-08 year, devoting most of his time to writing a new book manuscript, tentatively entitled *News at Work: Imitation in the Age of Information Transparency*, slated for completion in fall 2008. A paper from this project was published in *Political Communication* in summer 2007, and three other pieces are in different stages of development / review. Talks about the book-in-progress during the current academic year include Chicago, Pennsylvania, Southern California, Wisconsin, and Cornell (which he's particularly looking forward to!). He recently launched a new study that compares the news choices made by journalists and citizens, with support from the Carnegie-Knight Initiative on the Future of Journalism Education, and the Robert and Kaye Hiatt Fund for Research on Media, Tech-

nology, and Society. In addition, he has been appointed to the advisory boards of the Center for Technology and Society at Universidad de San Andrés in Argentina, and the new School of Communication at Instituto de Empresa in Spain.

David Caruso is working at the Chemical Heritage Foundation as the manager for the Biomedical Scientists and Technologies division of the Center for Contemporary History and Policy. David is transferring and creating an oral history project focused on the recipients of the Pew Biomedical Scholar Award over the past twenty years. He is in the process of finishing his dissertation and defend early in 2008. On a more important note, during the past year David became a father (February 2007) with the birth of his son, Theo.

Simon Cole is an Associate Professor of Criminology, Law & Society at the University of California, Irvine, where he is chairing a committee to develop an S&TS undergraduate curriculum. He recently published articles on DNA databases in *IEEE Spectrum* magazine and *Science & Public Policy* and an article on art and fingerprinting in the Arts & Leisure section of the *New York Times*.

Arthur Daemrlich joined the faculty of Harvard Business School in fall 2007 as an assistant professor in the Business, Government, and the International Economy Unit; he is also a member of the interdisciplinary HBS Healthcare Initiative. His research continues to focus on the regulation of science-based industries, with a particular emphasis on comparative risk analysis.

John Downer, after a few fascinating months working on a 'risk-in-policy-making' project for King's College London, has been lured away to the London School of Economics and

Political Science (LSE), by the promise of more money and the freedom to get on with writing about plane crashes. He is hoping to make some progress on his book and is looking forward to being vaguely solvent for the first time ever.

Joshua Greenberg reports that it's been a busy year. First, in April he took a job as Director of Digital Strategy and Scholarship at the New York Public Library. Second, in September, Josh and his wife Jenny had a baby girl (Tess Greenberg). Finally, his first book, *From Betamax to Blockbuster* is coming out from MIT soon after the new year.

Dan Plafcan will leave his postdoctoral position at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy and will join the Department of Science, Technology, and Society at the University of Virginia in the fall of '08. Dan continues to research and write on the politics of science and technology in U.S. - East Asian relations, mostly recently on questions of energy security.

Nab Sharif is an Assistant Professor at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). After experiencing a couple of significant personal bitter-sweet events during the course of the year, he has pushed on with his research and teaching activities. In terms of research, Nab has published a paper on university-industry linkages in the *Journal of Technology Management in China*. On the teaching front, Nab won a US \$20,000 award in the Summer of 2007 to develop his undergraduate course for a Hong Kong virtual university campus project. In terms of his research, Nab was successful in a HKUST-organized research project competition wherein he was granted US \$40,000 in July 2007 to undertake a one-year project to study the possibility of Hong Kong becoming an innovation hub for Southern China. Currently, Nab is involved in a variety of research projects, the two most notable being, first, a research project funded by a HK policy think-tank to reinvigorate



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Hong Kong's innovation system, and; second, a seven-country comparative research project on technology commercialization in Asia. Finally, Nab also published a short piece for the an online journal, *The Hong Kong Journal* (<http://www.hkjournal.org>).

Alec Shuldiner is still in the Netherlands working on risk measurement in the financial sector. He has recently begun investigating environmental risk modeling for the purposes of comparing techniques in these two areas. As of Feb 2007 he is also, and happily, a father.

Heidi Voskuhl is in her second year as an assistant professor in the Department of the History of Science at Harvard University. She organized panels at SHOT and HSS this year and is working away on her book manuscript provisionally entitled *The Mechanics of Sentiment: Android Automata and the Human-Machine Boundary in the European Enlightenment*.

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East Asia Program, in Spring 2008.

Janet Vertesi continued her research on the Mars Exploration Rover mission this year with an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, visiting sites across the United States for ethnographic fieldwork and interviews with Rover scientists. Currently she is a Doctoral Fellow at Cornell's Society for the Humanities, where she is writing her dissertation. Janet was an invited speaker this year at the University of Toronto's Visualization in Scientific Practice conference and at the University of Fribourg's conference on Ethnographies of Scientific Practice; she also presented papers at the American Sociological Association and at 4S, where she chaired the session, "Visual Ways of Knowing." At the ACM Conference on Human Computer Interaction (SHI) this year Janet co-organized the workshop, "Imaging the City" with Carl DiSalvo (CMU) and presented the award-nominated paper, "How HCI Interprets the

Probes" with co-authors Phoebe Sengers and Kristen Boehner (Cornell), and Paul Dourish (UCI). She also published, "Picturing the Moon: Hevelius' and Riccioli's Visual Debate" in *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, and "Pygmalion's Legacy: Cyborg Women in Science Fiction" in *Sci Fi in the Mind's Eye* (ed. Grebowicz). As President of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly this year Janet spearheaded the Graduate Community Initiative, recently taken up by Cornell administration to further support services and facilities for improving graduate student life; she also continues to play her harp with the Cornell jazz ensembles.

Benjamin Wang is beginning research on his second year project, which is a historical analysis of NASA's Deep Space Network tracking station in Johannesburg. He will be teaching a first year writing seminar this spring on the American Atomic Age.



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Group. Maines continued her work with law firms in New York and Chicago on research issues associated with asbestos, preparing a report for one of them in October 2007 on asbestos in boiler and building laws. She is now at work on a paper based on this research, tentatively titled "Iron, Asbestos and Irony: The Insurance Industry and Thermal Insulation, 1866-1987."

Guy Ortolano has been visiting Science & Technology Studies, and the Society for the Humanities, from Washington University in St. Louis. He spent this fall completing his book, *The Two Cultures Controversy: Science, Literature, and Cultural Politics in Postwar Britain*, which will be published next year by Cambridge University Press. He also contributed a chapter arguing against

the notion of economic "decline" in modern British history to a collection of essays with the unusual title of "Penultimate Adventures with Britannia;" another paper, "The Literature and the Science of 'Two Cultures' Historiography," is forthcoming from *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*. Ortolano will soon turn his attention to a new area of research, the British state's construction of more than thirty "New Towns" during the quarter century after the Second World War.

Elena Simakova joined the Department in October 2007 to pursue a postdoctoral research project that examines the brokering of collaborations and university-industry interactions around nanotechnologies. The project is hosted by S&TS and the NSF-supported Center for Nanoscale

Systems (CNS) at Cornell. Elena has also worked towards publications based on her research on technology marketing knowledge (Oxford, 2002-2006); on the organizational ethnography of innovation (with Ecole des Mines and Ecole des Telecommunications in Paris in 2006-2007), and on the politics of technological convergence. Her paper "Marketing Mobile Futures: Assembling Constituencies and Narrating Compelling Stories for an Emerging Technology" co-authored with Daniel Neyland (Oxford) is forthcoming in *Marketing Theory*. She was invited to give a paper at the Groupe des Ecoles des Telecommunications Workshop Usages in Paris in January. Simakova is also co-organizing sessions at 4S/EASST meeting in Rotterdam and at EGOS Colloquium in Amsterdam in summer 2008.

Current Activities of Undergraduate Majors

Biology & Society and Science & Technology Studies

Opening comments by Professor Brian Chabot, Director of Undergraduate Studies for B&SOC; and Assistant Professor Kathleen Vogel, Director of Undergraduate Studies for S&TS:

The Biology & Society Major continues to attract an increasing number of students, especially through the College of Agriculture and Life Science where incoming students are able to select this major during the application process. The total number of majors now stands at 162. We get many internal transfers who learn about this major from roommates and friends.

A key attraction of the major is the flexibility in choosing courses relative to individual interests. A new theme in Global Health is attracting many students interested in human

health. An increasing number of students are adding business courses to their theme. There continue to be significant numbers interested in legal and environmental themes.

The Education Policy Committee has been active in continually updating requirements and courses. One important change is allowing the "Senior Seminar" to be taken in the 3rd year when circumstances warrant it. We also are keeping an eye on changes in requirements for biology majors, where there is a proposal to drop the intro biology requirement and create a set of core courses similar to our breadth requirement. ~ Chabot

The 2007-2008 academic year began with an increased focus on the **Science & Technology Studies (STS) Major** and concentration (minor). In the fall,

the Department formed a new faculty committee to review the departmental curriculum for both the major and the concentration. To date, our work has involved examining the course requirements and sequencing for the major. In the spring semester we plan to hold a series of conversations with alumni, current undergraduates, and graduate students to hear additional perspectives on the curriculum.

Currently there are 21 STS majors and 2 students with an STS concentration. Our students come with a range of humanities, social science, natural & physical sciences, and engineering backgrounds and interests.

~ Vogel



Audrey Baker, Biology & Society 2009, is doing research related to biotechnology and networks of technological control with Dr. Stephen Hilgartner. During the Summer 2007 she helped to begin the first-ever program for mental health and ethics as a Center for Bioethics intern at the University of Pennsylvania. After a Spring semester in Paris, she plans to pursue an honors thesis related to social support and gastric bypass surgery in conjunction with a PhD candidate in the Nutritional Science department.

Amanda Brief, Biology & Society 2009, is concentrating in Neurobiology and Sexuality. She spent her summer interning at Rockland Family Shelter, an emergency shelter for women, children, and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and this motivated her to conduct an independent study on sexuality and women's issues. She recently completed an independent research study on women and their experiences with violence and counseling cross-culturally under

Professor Castillo in the FGSS department. She was made a Staff Member of Cornell Minds Matter, a club dedicated to promoting mental health advocacy. She has also presented her research on human sexuality, entitled *The Human Mating Ritual*, as a TA for HD 362: Human Bonding.

Katie Donovan, Biology & Society 2009, recently became Treasurer of Alpha Phi Omega, the national co-ed service fraternity. Earlier this semester, she helped Gamma chapter win the bid to host sectionals at Cornell in Fall 2008.

Roger Gousse, Biology & Society 2008, served on the Student Assembly at Cornell as the minority liaison in the 2006-07 academic year. The Student Assembly is a student government of approximately 20 members who serve as the direct link between Cornell students to Cornell administration.



Andrew Handel, Biology & Society 2009, recently became the Treasurer of Cover Africa, a student organization that focuses on spreading advocacy of the malaria's severity as well as raises funds for bed nets that prevent the transmission of this debilitating disease. He has also been selected as the Co-Chair of the Student Advisory Council to the Dean of CALS, a group who works to strengthen the lines of communication between the administration of the college and its diverse student body. Andrew was also chosen as a Meinig Family Cornell National Scholar, a body comprised of many of Cornell's influential student leaders. He is also a member of a Microbiology research team that studies the life cycle of *Cryptosporidium*, a devastating pathogen.

Roman Kichorowsky, Biology & Society 2008, is currently working on publishing his research on Thai monastic forest conservation. Last year he completed a semester abroad program, where he lived in monasteries in Thailand.

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John Lee, *Biology & Society 2010*, traveled to Ngong, Kenya on a volunteer project with the Global Volunteer Network this past summer. In Kenya, he worked at a rural orphanage where he helped with daily chores of the orphanage. Some of these chores included milking, cooking, cleaning, chopping grass and banana trees for the cows, farming, and tutoring the kids. His main project was working an education endowment fund for the children. This was the start of a three year project that would eventually pay for and ensure secondary education for all the children. This year John has been involved with the Cover Africa Ghana service learning trip and will be traveling to Humjibre, Ghana in January. The group will be educating the villagers on the importance of malaria prevention, distributing bed nets, and, lastly, studying the prevalence of malaria within the village in order to design a better approach for the following year.

Erin Litwin, *Science & Technology Studies 2009*, is the Head Research Assistant for a study in the sociology department which runs three days a week and has been a great experience for her. She is finishing her term as vice president of finance for Kappa Alpha Theta, during which, she learned a lot about finance and gained a lot of leadership experience.

Emily Lyons, *Biology & Society 2009*, participated in designing and implementing a study on gender and the work place. This study examines the effect being a gender minority in a work setting has on an individual's stress level. She spent the past summer working at a learning center for Elementary school students with disabilities including Autism and ADHD. This learning center used a broad sensory integration approach

which focused on developing both physical and cognitive skills in order to enhance students ability to learn in a school setting. Drawing on her experience at this center, she wrote an article on autism for the *Ivy Journal of Ethics*, which was published in the fall issue. Emily spent this fall studying sociology and Irish literature at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. During her time there, she traveled, joined the kayaking team and wrote an article on environmental activism for the Trinity student newspaper.

Steve Sachs, *Biology & Society 2009*, was inducted into the Ho Nun De Kah CALS Honor Society as well as the Cornell chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society. During Fall 2009, he also assumed the role of editor-in-chief of *The Research Paper Magazine*, which publishes undergraduate research stories from across the Cornell campus. They recently completed their Fall 2007 issue and plan to distribute it the beginning of the Spring 2008 term.

Logan Skelley, *Biology & Society 2010*, was selected to receive the Cornell University Sigma Phi Epsilon "Balanced Man" Award and Scholarship. He received a \$1,000 scholarship and attended a recognition banquet held for the five Cornell winners in April 2007 in the Yale-Princeton Room of the Statler Hotel.

Madeline Sterling, *Biology & Society 2008*, has been accepted to medical school. She is working on her Honors Thesis for the Biology & Society major; her project investigates the internet and its effect on patient activism, particular examining the case of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and the effect that patient activists have had on the scientific community.

Scott Zuckerman, *Biology & Society 2008*, recently received a grant from the Ann S. and Robert R. Morley Student Research Fund to support his research at the Cornell and Food and Brand Lab, directed by Dr. Brian Wansink. This work will be presented at the Experimental Biology meeting in San Diego. Dr. Collin Payne and Scott analyzed the effect of different television programs and food convenience on overall food

Rush to the Kitchen: Television Interruptions and Consumption

Collin Richards Payne¹, Brian Wansink¹, S. Adam Brase², Scott Zuckerman¹. ¹Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. ²Marketing Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

The objective of this study is to understand better how interruptions in television programming—such as commercials—can affect how much food is consumed. Participants viewed the beginning of high, moderate, or low involvement television programs. The program was then stopped and participants were given a very large plate of snacks or they were allowed to get snacks from a kitchen. After everyone obtained their snacks, the program was then played for an additional ten minutes. Participants then completed a questionnaire and their plate waste was recorded. Results indicate that the amount of food consumed was constant and high across program involvement levels when the food was placed in front of them. Conversely, when the participant went to the kitchen for food, increases in program involvement resulted in participants taking and consuming less. When snacking habits involve kitchen visits during high involvement television programming, people may not want to be distracted by food—thereby selecting and consuming less. However, and regardless of how involving television programming may be, an overabundance of highly salient food may render people powerless to resist it.



consumption. Since television represents so many different programs that elicit different levels of emotional involvement, the research explored how different types of television affected eating behavior. The study divided television programming into an exciting program, an exciting program with no sound, and a boring program. The results showed that during a boring television program, we eat the same amount of food regardless of whether or not the food is convenient or inconvenient. But during an exciting television show, we eat 2-3 times more if the food is right in front of us! Whereas if the food is far away from the TV viewing area and inconvenient, we eat 2-3 times less food than if it was right in our lap. Dr. Wansink, Dr. Payne, and Scott are all very excited to present, and look forward to the trip to San Diego this April!

Logan Skelley received the Young American Scholarship Award as a Sophomore at Cornell in Spring '07.



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Alex Barash, 2007, spent the summer of 2007 traveling around the county and Canada. He was in Montreal for JazzFest, went to Vancouver for Canada Day, then to Seattle, SF, Yosemite (which he said was amazing!), Austin, and Chicago for Lollapalooza. Alex is currently in Medical School at Mount Sinai in NYC, having a great time. He's doing research in ophthalmology while studying and keeping in touch with many of his Cornell friends.

Leslie Bulion, 1979, recently completed a new middle-grade novel, *The Trouble with Rules*, which will be coming out in March from Peachtree Publishing. In this story, where fourth grade boys and girls are trying to figure out if boys and girls can be friends, science takes the stage as the students finish up a unit on the solar system and segue into a unit on insects. Leslie was writing this novel when she took the CAU Insects course several summers ago—so since she was studying bugs, the kids in the book also had to!

Adam Cantrowitz, 2002, is in Chicago working for Motorola as a Senior Software Engineer specializing in web and database applications.

Marisa Cohen, 2006, is currently in her second year of PhD program, studying Educational Psychology. She instructs two sections of Introduction to Psychology at Hunter College and works as the assistant to the director of the Hunter College Autism Center. She also just recently presented a project with a colleague entitled "Teacher Efficacy and Motivational Attribution Change from Pre-service to In-service Teacher Preparation" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Educational Research Association in Rocky Hill, CT. She hopes to start planning for her dissertation soon.

Amy Palmieri Cohen, 2001, is currently a 3rd year pediatric resident at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Upon completion of this last year of residency, she will be working in the Children's hospital's NICU

in preparation of starting a Neonatology fellowship in 2009.

Emily (Smith) DeBolt, 2004, is no longer Emily Smith as she recently married Chris DeBolt (Cornell '04). She has been working as the Education and Outreach Coordinator for a little over a year now at the Lake George Association, an environmental not-for-profit in Lake George, New York. Emily runs a number of educational programs for students as well as multiple citizen science programs for residents of the Lake George area.

Francesca Irene Decker, 2006, completed a summer internship in the Office of Human Subjects Research at the National Institutes of Health where she conducted research on the institutional policies for translation of informed consent forms for non-English speaking research subjects. She then took the year "off," traveling to Peru for two months and studying Spanish, then working as a nanny for her two younger cousins in Washington, D.C. She also applied to medical school and is currently in her first year at SUNY Downstate (with about 30 other Cornell graduates) where she is working on her MPH.

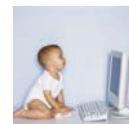
Tanushree Dutta, 2005, is currently a master's candidate in the Graduate Group of Nutritional Biology at the University of California, at Davis. She has an internal fellowship from the university and is working on her research at the Western Human Nutrition Research Center, USDA on the bioavailability of Vitamin D and Vitamin D and immunity. After this two year program she hopes to continue her research at Berkeley and move on to her PhD.

Jamecia Finnie, 2003, is currently in her first year of medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine in Galveston, TX. She intends to travel abroad this summer in order to explore international medicine.

Meagan Flenniken, 2007, is seeking her PhD in Epidemiology at Colorado State University. Meagan's research is taking place in India, Kenya, and Brazil investigating the health benefits of improved biomass cookstoves in rural communities. The cookstoves reduce emissions, conserve fuel, and improve community health.

Gwynne Koch Frankel, 2002, is the ENERGY STAR Program Coordinator for an architectural/engineering consulting firm and non-profit housing research organization based in NYC. She continues to write freelance for *Biophotonics International*, a leading monthly publication that covers the latest developments in the application of light-based technologies in biological and medical research. In May, she was married to Ross B. Frankel, '03 AA&P (Painting Concentration)/A&S (Art History).

Jessica Furst, 2005, is a second year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. In true Human Ecology spirit, she co-founded a nutrition club, "Food for Thought" with fellow Human Ecology alumnus, Jamie Osman, RD. Their club aims to educate medical students and the Bronx community about healthy eating habits. Although the club is less than a year old, they have had several events including a demonstration of healthy snacks for medical students, community nutrition education at a local supermarket, and have invited guest speakers to lead small group discussions. Jessica spent this past summer doing research at Cornell Medical Center in the division of hematology/oncology. Her research focused on clinical aspects of multiple myeloma, a common type of blood cancer. She has two upcoming publications in the journals, "Leukemia and Lymphoma" and "Blood."



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Lindsay Garver, 2006, moved to Madison, Wisconsin in August 2007 to start a new job at Epic Systems. She is working as an implementation project manager, within Epic's ambulatory software division.

Amy Gedal, 2002, will be graduating with an Masters in Public Health (MPH) (Dec 07) from UNC Chapel Hill School of Public Health. She recently presented a paper at the American Public Health Association annual conference on "Ethical Dilemmas of Faith Based Organizations in Chinese Orphanages."

Nancy Goh, 2005, earned a Masters of Public Health degree in May 2007 from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and is now working at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as an Associate on the Primary Care Information Project, an initiative that supports the adoption and use of electronic health records among providers in NYC's underserved communities.

Santhi Gollapalli, 2006, found both the Biology & Society and Communication dual majors very useful to her career, and after graduating from Cornell, she went on to become a Products Researcher for Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati. Her job revolves around translating consumer language into winning technologies, specifically for Febreze air fresheners. To expand her knowledge of the corporate world, she is also currently pursuing her MBA part-time and expect to complete it in about 2 years. Santhi currently lives in West Chester, Ohio with her husband Jai and puppy Brewster.

Usha Govindarajulu, 1993, received a NSF Young Researcher Award to attend and present a paper at the "International Conference on Advances in Interdisciplinary Statistics and Combinatorics." She also presented the paper at the Joint Statistical Meetings in August, the paper will also be published this year in the Journal of Statistical Theory and Practice and Statistics in Medicine.



Rebecca Hanovice, 2001, became a licensed patent attorney in the spring of 2007 and now specializes in both intellectual property litigation and patent prosecution. Rebecca and her fiancée have just finished a three month tour of Europe, Japan, and New Zealand, and will be settling down in San Diego, California, where Rebecca will continue practicing patent law.

Daniel Ho, 2006, has been working as a research assistant at Weill Cornell Medical College in the Department of Neurology/Neuroscience, where he is currently conducting research on neurodegenerative diseases, specifically Huntington's Disease. During the past year, he presented his work at two conferences: New York Academy of Science Mitochondria and Oxidative Stress Conference and Society for Neuroscience Conference. Daniel also presented his research on the Sir2/PGC1alpha pathway in a mouse model of Huntington's Disease at the New York Academy of Science Conference, and at the Society for Neuroscience Conference, he presented his work regarding the effect of dihydrolipoyl transsuccinylase deficiency on striatal neurogenesis.

Katie Hoffman, 2005, is currently a genetic counselor in the Genomic Medicine Institute at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, where she specializes in pediatric and cancer genetic counseling, as well as, projects to assess the genetic influence on common disease. She recently presented her work on newborn screening and sickle cell disease among African-Americans in the Pittsburgh, PA area at the annual meeting of the National Society of Genetic Counselors in Kansas City, MO. Katie welcomes any contact from students interested in the field of genetic counseling.

Amy (Snyder) Kaminski, 1998, is in

her fifth year as NASA program examiner at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where she provides objective policy analysis and budget recommendations to OMB senior leadership in the development of the President's annual budget request to the Congress. Amy is responsible specifically for NASA's space and Earth science, education, and technology transfer programs.

Elisia Klinka, 2001, is currently in her first year of law school, she attends the evening program at Fordham Law School in New York City, while she is also working as a litigation paralegal at a mid-sized firm in Stamford, CT. As a paralegal, for almost six years now, Elisia has had the opportunity to work on several STS-related topics first hand, including a Daubert hearing on expert evidence in a medical case, psychiatrist malpractice cases, and several other interesting trials and appeals. She also hopes to travel to Ireland and Greece this summer to continue her first-year of law school.

Adrienne Kroepsch, 2003, is still a member of the Washington press corps, only now she's focusing on Capitol Hill. Adrienne has been hired on as *Congressional Quarterly's* technology and telecommunications reporter, covering everything from broadband policy to the digital television transition for CQ's daily, magazine and Website. When she isn't running around Congress, she's running along the Potomac: Adrienne finished in top ten women at Ironman Louisville in August, earning a return trip to the Ironman world championships in Hawaii. She takes on Ironman Brazil this May. Adrienne also began a masters in science writing and non-fiction program at Johns Hopkins this past fall.

Sabrina Kwauk, 2007, is currently teaching Oral English to students ranging from seven years old to sixteen years old in a small developing city called Zhuzhou in Hunan Province, China.

Rose Kwok, 2002, is currently an Environmental Scientist at the U.S.

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Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC and works on wetlands regulatory issues. She also co-authored an article entitled "Technical and Scientific Challenges in Implementing *Rapanos'* Water of the United States," which was published in the Summer 2007 issue of *Natural Resources & Environment*, the American Bar Association's quarterly publication on environment, energy and resources.

Denys Lau, 1995, Hopkins PhD 2002, is an Assistant Professor at the Buehler Center on Aging, Health & Society, of Northwestern University, Fienberg School of Medicine. He recently received a five-year career-development grant from the National Institutes of Health to examine medication management issues in elderly patients receiving home hospice care. He also completed a United Way-funded needs assessment of isolated Japanese American elders living in Chicago. In 2007, he had five peer-reviewed publications, two of which as the first author, in journals including *Archives of Internal Medicine*, *Clinical Therapeutics*, and *Quality Management in Health Care*.

Jillian Legault, 2007, is currently a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nicaragua, working as a community health educator in a very rural village. She has been living without running water and all-too-frequent power outages for two years. She works with various populations, educating them on safe reproductive health practices, HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention, and maternal & child health. Last year, with colleagues, she published an article regarding improving complementary feeding in young children. It was a PAHO multicenter study that looked at caregivers' attributes to complementary foods.

Annette Lin, 2006, is currently in her second year in UCLA's JD/MPH program. Over this past summer she received a UCLA Public Interest Law grant and worked at two internships - the first was at the National Health Law Program in Los Angeles and the second was with the World Health

Organization's Framework Convention for Tobacco Control, the WHO's first treaty, in Geneva, Switzerland. In Los Angeles, she authored a policy review paper on state health system reform during the fiscal year 2008. In Geneva, she co-authored a chapter on international norms, standards, agreements, and regulations for the Oxford University Press Textbook of Public Health. During this current school term, she is a managing editor for the UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs overseeing a staff team of nine law students, and administrative director of the UCLA Mobile Clinic, Legal Services, which offers medical, legal, and social services to the homeless population of West Hollywood.

Cecilia Lum, 2007, is currently a first year Masters in Public Health student at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in the Department of Health Management and Policy. If there are any B&SOC students interested in the area of public health, she would love to share information with you.

Marta Majczak, 2003, has completed medical school at the University of Connecticut and entered the Triple Board residency at Brown University, where she will complete training in Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Andrew Mathias, 2007, is in the middle of his first year at the University of Rochester School of Medicine (MD Program). He plans to start research soon in the field of Ophthalmology.

Kanika Mathur, 2006, pursued coursework at the University of Pennsylvania in order to take courses relevant to her future career in medicine. Since completing the Post baccalaureate program, she began working as a Clinical Research Coordinator at Weill Cornell Medical School and New York Presbyterian Hospital, where she organizes and

coordinates clinical trials investigating platelet disorders.

Brett McKeon, 2006, is in his second year at the University of Miami Medical School and in the top quartile of his class.

Marisa Mendel, 2006, headed to Washington, DC for an intense, yet wonderful year at Georgetown University after graduating from Cornell, earning her Masters in Physiology and Biophysics. She is currently enjoying life back in Central New York as a first year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Leila Naghibi, 2007, is currently enrolled at American University, Washington College of Law (WCL) in Washington D.C., completing the first semester of her first year of law school. In her first year she is already a member of WCL's Intellectual Property Society and plans on pursuing patent and intellectual property law at WCL. She is also involved in the International Policy forum at the school and will work this summer at an externship in Capitol Hill. During winter break in December, she will be traveling to Tehran, Iran and also going up north to Rashdt, Iran, located on the Caspian Sea, and then back south to the historic city of Isfahan, Iran. While in Iran she will be learning about how Iranians have preserved their culture coupled by an Iranian's perspective on Ahmadinejad's controversial international and national politics. Leila's goal is to contribute some of what she learns to the International Policy Forum at WCL and elsewhere. Her perspective will reflect the unique opportunity she will have over winter break.

Sudha Nandagopal, 2003, is now the Communications Manager at Washington Conservation Voters in Seattle, WA. He is busy enjoying the new work, having time to explore Seattle and the surrounding areas and following all of the political news. He also joined the board of Hate Free Zone, an organization that works to build power within immigrant communities and enjoys being



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actively involved in this aspect of the social justice movement.

Anthony Panzera, 2005, took a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, specifically at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (Bethesda, MD) after graduation. His research there focused on the effect of prion protein in different cell types and conditions, and this work, which he did with his mentor and co-workers, was published in the *Journal of Cell Science* (2006). In July of 2006, he started a Master's in Public Health program at Brown University (and will be finishing in May of 2008), where he is working on various projects, from childhood obesity and nutrition (thesis project), to other research involving environmental health and epidemiology (through the Rhode Island Department of Health). He sits on the Faculty Curriculum Committee as student representative, which discusses the courses that build the core and elective curricula for the Master's program. He was chosen for a S.T.A.R. internship at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington in the summer of 2007, where he focused on documenting important factors of school environments that could influence childhood health, creating a foundation for new text that will go into the EPA's "America's Children and the Environment" text. After finishing his MPH, he plans to work for an extended period of time, gaining hands-on experience in the field of epidemiology, environmental health, and data collection and evaluation. Anthony looks back at his time at Cornell with fond memories because of the wonderful people he met, the intellectual prowess he obtained, and the passion for public health he found in the Biology & Society major.

Sandy (Yi-Chen) Pao, 2007, is a corporate assistant at Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati, PC. Her firm represents an array of Fortune 500 companies who specialize in high-tech research and development. Sandy's job involves the oversight of transactional matters regarding

mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and venture financings. Additionally, she is responsible for insuring clients' compliance with securities laws.

Daniel Pearlstein, 2005, has been working in his hometown, Brooklyn, as a city planner on the staff of the nonprofit United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg, since graduating Cornell a second time with a master of regional planning degree, 2007. Danny is mostly involved in housing development, and maintain strong interests in and commitments to community economic development and equitable environmental planning.

Rachel Philbrick, 2007, is currently teaching 6th and 7th grade science at Kramer Middle School in Washington, DC as a Teach for America corps member. She is also working toward a masters in education at American University.

Stephanie Rabin, 2006, is currently a research assistant at the NIMH in Bethesda, MD, and applying to clinical psychology Ph.D. programs to work in anxiety disorders research. She recently presented a poster about post-traumatic stress disorder at the Society for Psycho Physiological Research conference in Savannah, GA, and has authorships on two upcoming papers about PTSD and Panic Disorder. She hopes to begin a Clinical Ph.D. program in the fall! Missing Cornell!

Jens Roman, 2005, has been employed as a mental health worker since May 2007 in the child psychiatry unit of Schneider Children's Hospital, New Hyde Park, NY.

Courtney Rubin, 2005, is currently a second year dental student at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, MA.

Anne Schwieger, 2005, is in her second and final year of graduate school

at MIT in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. She will be writing her masters thesis this spring on the role of service learning in university-community partnerships and hopes to shed some light on how to make such courses mutually beneficial endeavors across spatial contexts (backyard, regional/remote, and national/international disaster response). In her Research Assistantship with the MIT@Lawrence program, Anne works with educators in Lawrence, Massachusetts to connect students at Lawrence's public, private and charter schools with resources at MIT that will support them in their college and career preparation goals.

Jill Shemin, 2006, has been backpacking around South East Asia for the past six months! Besides sampling all sorts of culinary jewels, she climbed Mt Fanxipan (Viet Nam) and Mt Kinabalu (Borneo, Malaysia). She is currently setting her pack down for a month or so in Thailand, to replenish the wallet and then will continue on her way... but promises to be back State-side to vote in the next election.

MAJOR Carmen Rebecca (Stillwell) Sherer MD, 1995, is sending her response from Camp Bucca, Iraq. She has been deployed to an Army base in Southern Iraq and works as a physician at the 32st Combat Support Hospital. Her patients are American soldiers, US contractors and Iraqis (both Iraqi Nationals and insurgents). They had been rocketed at night the last two nights so needed to spend the evenings huddling in a concrete bunker. Otherwise things are fairly quiet except when an insurgent escapes and is loose on the base for a while (they like to dig tunnels through the sand and escape that way). As far as being a physician, the experience has been diverse. She sees trauma patients (from IED explosions), burn patients, and a plethora of other medical problems. Her subspecialty of infectious diseases also comes in handy, but is mostly doing solid internal medicine work. She says that although most of them don't know why they were sent to Iraq, it is nice to know that there is normalcy at



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home in the US and a beautiful place to come home to.

Uri Skowronski, 2000, is living in Oakland, CA, with his girlfriend Erin. He is currently a middle school teacher/administrator at a small school in Lafayette, CA.

Rachel Spoonhower, 2006, is currently working at the University of Rochester at the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology doing research on specific proteins that assist in white blood cell migration. She is also an assistant women's lacrosse coach at Nazareth College of Rochester. Rachel was recently accepted into a Master's of Physician Assistant Program for August of 2008 at Pennsylvania College of Optometry outside of Philadelphia, PA.

Jeff Stambough, 2007, is currently enrolled as a first year medical student at the University of Pennsylvania. This past summer, he completed a research fellowship at the NIH conducting research on the viability of using adult stem cells for cartilage growth and remodeling in arthritic and total-joint replacement patients. Jeff is also planning on continuing some aspects of that research this summer at the McKay Orthopedic Research Labs at UPENN, where he will be applying techniques he's learned to a tissue engineered model for intervertebral discs.

Alexis Stevenson, 2006, graduated from Columbia University with her Masters in Public Health in December, and is staying in New York City as a Research Coordinator for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where they are studying the relationship between neighborhood attitudes/characteristics from the twenty most under-served neighborhoods in Queens, NY, and cancer screening rates. They are also testing new community based approaches to information and outreach in various settings and SES groups.

Amy Stewart, 1999, currently prac-

tices law in the area of civil litigation with concentrations in employment and construction law at Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford, LLP in Boston, MA.

Leo Sutkin, 2006, is currently a first-year student at the University of Miami School of Law.

Erica Tunick, 2004, graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in May, moved back to NY shortly thereafter and spent the summer studying for the NY State Bar Exam which she is pleased to report she passed. Erica celebrated completion of the bar exam by taking an excellent five week vacation throughout much of Europe where she spent a good deal of her time exploring the music scenes and building her record collection. She is currently living in Manhattan and working as an associate in the Intellectual Property Transactions and Technology Group of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP a newly formed law firm formed through the merger of Dewey Ballantine LLP and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Green and MacRae LLP. The group's practice involves advising clients from all business and technology sectors with regards to all areas of intellectual property and information technology law. In the little free time she has Erica is developing her skills as a DJ and is hopeful that by the next newsletter she will be able to report that in addition to practicing law she's throwing parties in New York as well.

Sejal Udani, 2005, has completed her two-year commitment as a Teach For America Corps Member, serving as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher in South Bronx, New York. Upon the completion of this program, she opted for a different career path, bringing her to her current position as a Client Associate in the Global Private Client sector of Merrill Lynch. Sejal aspires to enter into a Financial Advisory Program, titled "Paths of Achievement," within the next four months in which she will acquire the skills to build her own business that serves corporate executives. Ultimately, she would like to contribute

back to the nationwide mission to close the educational achievement gap in collaboration with Teach For America in a macroscopic manner.

Bea Vo, 2005, is living in London and actually opening her own American luxury cake shop in central London, called Bea's of Bloomsbury LTD. She's been training as a pastry chef for the past six years, studying at Le Cordon Bleu London and working at restaurants such as Asia de Cuba and Nobu London. The grand opening for the shop is January 31st, and of course all Cornellians are invited to attend!

Diane Weisbrot Wing, 1988, is still working as an orthopedic physical therapist three days a week at a private practice near her home. The remainder of the time, she is running around with her kids David 9, and Kiana 6, taking them to their sports, scouts, dance, etc. classes. Has been married to Phil (non-Cornellian) for 13 years. She misses CU, and may miss reunion secondary to recitals/baseball, etc.....

Giancarlo Zuliani, 1997, is doing well and currently Academic Chief Resident in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Wayne State University. He was recently awarded the William Potsic First Place Award for outstanding basic research at the annual meeting of the American Society for Pediatric Otolaryngology (San Diego) for his work on nasopharyngeal biofilms and their role in pediatric otitis media. In addition to this Giancarlo has accepted a facial plastic and reconstructive fellowship starting July 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia through Emory University. To top it all off he is engaged and getting married to his wonderful fiancée, Karen Wright, on May 10th, 2008. Quite a busy year!!!



The Department of Science & Technology Studies, Cornell University is pleased to announce the international conference:

Places of Knowledge: Relocating Science, Technology and Medicine

To take place at Cornell University October 3-5, 2008

Call for Papers: In recent years, a number of scholars working under the broad rubric of Science & Technology Studies have sought to move beyond the field's traditional focus on scientific practice carried out by credentialed experts in labs and clinics in the industrialized world. This conference invites papers including, but not limited to, the anthropology, history, and sociology of science, technology and/or medicine to consolidate and extend this work. We seek to put in dialogue analyses addressing technoscience in colonial and postcolonial contexts with work on artisanal knowledge, citizen science, and other forms of knowledge and sites of practice. We request papers that examine these places, the types of material and knowledge produced within them, and the sorts of communities and institutions that facilitate the means of knowledge production. Themes will include the nature of skills and practices in colonial and postcolonial contexts, methods of professionalization, and the production of traditional and modern places of knowledge as well as the discourse between them. We invite, in addition, papers concerned with questions of method: are there epistemological assumptions constitutive of the disciplines that have traditionally made up STS that have undermined (and/or continue to undermine) a project that aims to relocate the study of science, technology, and medicine?

If you are interesting in taking part, please send your title and abstract to the Organizing Committee, Places of Knowledge, Dept S&TS, Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, by March 30, 2008. We have limited funds for travel so please mention whether you will need travel support. If you need further information please feel free to contact Trevor Pinch (tjp2@cornell.edu) or Suman Seth (ss536@cornell.edu).

This conference is one of a series being co-organized with H. Otto Sibum, Office for History of Science, Uppsala University, Sweden http://www.vethist.idehist.uu.se/English/index_eng.html And Richard Rottenburg, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (MPISA), Halle, Germany <http://www.eth.mpg.de/research/mpfg1/index.html>.

The next conference will be held in Uppsala in 2009 and one will be held in Halle either in 2011 or 2012.



Spring 2007 "Futures of Life" Workshop Report:

The "Futures of Life" workshop, held April 27-29, 2007, discussed the social dimensions of creating knowledge about potential scientific and technological "futures," with a particular focus on the life sciences. Anticipatory knowledge is often considered less than reliable, and yet it is highly coveted and vitally important - its tools of prediction and control are essential to the activities of states, firms and civil society. The workshop brought together an international group of participants for a weekend of intensive discussion on the creation, uptake and use of anticipatory knowledge.

Workshop speakers included: Ira Bennett (Arizona State University), Lonny Brooks (California State University East Bay), Nik Brown (York University), Carlo Caduff (University of California, Berkeley), Mike Fortun (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Anna Geltzer (Cornell University), Hugh Gusterson (George Mason University), Stephen Hilgartner (Cornell University), Andrew Lakoff (University of California, San Diego), Manjari Mahajan (Cornell University), Arthur Mason (Arizona State University), Clark Miller (Arizona State University), Nicole Nelson (Cornell University), Cynthia Selin (Arizona State University), Martijn van der Steen (Netherlands School of Public Administration), Dirk Stemerding (University of Twente), Kaushik Sunder-Rajan, University of California, Irvine, and Kathleen Vogel (Cornell University).

The workshop was jointly organized by Anna Geltzer, Stephen Hilgartner, Nicole Nelson and Kathleen Vogel. Anna, Steve and Nicole are presently working to pull together a collection of several thematically-related papers presented at the workshop for journal submission as a special issue. The department thanks the Institute for the Social Sciences, the Center for Nanoscale Systems, the ELSI Committee of the New Life Sciences Initiative, the NSF-supported Graduate Training Project on Studying Emerging Technologies, the Peace Studies Program, and GPSAFC for their generous support of this workshop.

**2007-08
NORDLANDER
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Dr. Kathy Hudson, Director of the Genetics and Public Policy Center, in Washington, DC, will be presenting this years Nordlander Lecture on:

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008,
at 4:30pm in
G10 Biotechnology Building**

Dr. Kathy Hudson is the founder and Director of the Genetics and Public Policy Center, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts. She is also an Associate Professor in the Berman Bioethics Institute, Institute of Genetic Medicine, and the Department of Pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins University. Hudson founded the Center to fill an important niche in the science policy landscape and to focus exclusively on public policy issues raised by advances in human genetics. She leads the Center's efforts to address legal, ethical, and policy issues related to human reproductive genetic technologies, genetic testing quality and oversight, and public engagement in genetic research.

*For more information, go to:
<http://www.sts.cornell.edu/activitiesstalklectures.php>*



SPRING 2008 SSRG's

12:15PM — 374 Rockefeller Hall

"Where is the Goffman of the Internet?" Presented by Trevor Pinch (S&TS), February 4, 2008.

"On Display: Market Experimentation in Innovation" Presented by Elena Simakova (S&TS), February 11, 2008.

"Assignment Design and Other Business: A Workshop on Teaching" Presented by Elliot Shapiro (CU), February 18, 2008.

"Suspect Science: CCTV, Expert Identification and Criminal Justice" Presented by Gary Edmond (U of New South Wales), February 26, 2008.

"Revisiting the 'Two Cultures'" Presented by Guy Ortolano (S&TS), March 3, 2008.

"Hedonizing Technologies, or Why Tattling and Cake Decorating are Like Ham Radio and Paintball" Presented by Rachel Maines (S&TS), March 24, 2008.

Roundtable Discussion with Daniela Bleichmar (USC), April 7, 2008.

"Marginal Futures: Recombination in an Agricultural Field" Presented by Jeanette Simmonds (S&TS) April 14, 2008.

"The Science of Structural Revolutions" Presented by Robert Schombs (S&TS), April 21, 2008.

"Pedagogical Cultures and Physiological Practice: Educational Institutions and Research Methodology in Early-Nineteenth-Century Britain" Presented by Carin Berkowitz (S&TS), April 28, 2008.



Staff News

by Debbie VanGalder

During spring 2007, Sue Sullivan (undergraduate program coordinator) welcomed her new daughter, Kathleen Marie Sullivan, into the world. While Sue was on leave, she was temporarily replaced by Marta Weiner (who was Sue's predecessor and retired in 2003 with 18 years of service to S&TS). It was very nice to have Marta back with us and we thank her very much for helping us out! Also, during the past year, some of the staff duties were reorganized. Stacey Sullivan took over the responsibilities of graduate field coordinator, which freed Judy Yonkin to spend more time on our departmental website: <http://www.sts.cornell.edu>. This redistribution has proven to be very beneficial.

Also during this past year, several of the S&TS staff members achieved milestones at Cornell. Judy Yonkin (our course and website coordinator) celebrated 10 years of service at Cornell—all in Science & Technology Studies; Sue Sullivan celebrated 20 years of service at Cornell—the last four years in S&TS; and Debbie Van Galder (our administrative manager) celebrated 35 years of service at Cornell—including 28 years in S&TS. Those three people, plus the three years of service that Stacey Sullivan has at Cornell (all in S&TS), represent a total of 68 years of service to Cornell, with 45 years in S&TS.

That is quite an achievement!



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Send us your current activities, conferences, presentations, publications, honors, awards, and other newsworthy items - and we will include these in our next newsletter!



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January 28

TOM MEDVETZ

Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University
“Hybrid Intellectuals: Think Tanks and
Public Policy Experts in the United States”

February 11

ELIZABETH LUNBECK

Department of History, Vanderbilt University
“The Americanization of Narcissism:
From Privation to Plenty”

February 25

FA-TI FAN

Department of History, SUNY Binghamton
“Earthquake Prediction and Mass Science
in Communist China”

March 10

PAUL DOURISH

Department of Informatics, University of California, Irvine
“Accountabilities of Presence: Beyond
Privacy in Ubiquitous Computing”
Co-sponsored with the Department of Information Science

March 31

MYLES JACKSON

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Polytechnic University, Brooklyn
“Harmonious Triads: Physicists, Musicians and
Instrument-Makers in Nineteenth-Century Germany”

April 7

DANIELA BLEICHMAR

Departments of Art History and Spanish and Portuguese
University of Southern California
“Visible Empire: Colonial Botany and Visual Culture
in the Eighteenth-Century Spanish World”

April 14

STEVEN SHAPIN

Department of the History of Science
Harvard University
“Eating Good in the Neighborhood: The Medical
and Moral History of Dietary Localism”

April 28

PABLO J. BOCZKOWSKI

Department of Communication Studies
Northwestern University
“News at Work: Imitation in an Age of
Information Transparency”
Co-sponsored with the Department of Communication



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