Alumni Networking Fair 2009
Biographies

Rebecca Berenson ’84 graduated from Beloit with a B.A. in Sociology and Education. She went on to get a M.ED. at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts in Moderate Special Needs grades k-8. She is currently a middle school special education teacher at Overlook Middle school for inclusion support. She has a specialty in reading and is currently going back for a CAGS in reading and hopes to become a curriculum specialist.

Andy “Slovic” Boryczka ’98 graduated from Beloit with a B.A. in Psychology. He played baseball and had a radio show while at Beloit. Andy is currently a Volunteer Coordinator for HospiceCare Inc., a non-profit hospice in Madison, WI. He also runs Team242, an event planning organization dedicated to raising money for non-profit organizations – www.team242.com.
*Will attend the fair at 3:15pm

Emily (Hass) Carpenter ’95, Sussex, WI, graduated with a B.A. in Economics and Management and Russian. After Beloit, she spent a short time in the banking industry as a Staff Accountant for five years. She has also been in Human Resources for four years. She is currently employed with Johnson Level & Tool, a Milwaukee area manufacturer, as a Human Resources Manager where she is responsible for payroll and facilities in addition to her responsibilities with Human Resources, such as staffing and benefits.

Craig H. Heiser Sr. ’64 graduated from Beloit with a BA in Economics and then secured an MBA in Finance in 1966 from Northwestern University. The arrival of Craig Jr. in 1966 prevented military service, so a job was the only viable option for a family man. A series of positions with increasing responsibility in the finance function for corporations in the machine tool, plastic extrusion, household goods, consumer products, healthcare instruments, and computer services industries took Craig from Rockford to Chicago to Dallas during the next 25 years. As president and CEO of the Compass Computer Services, Inc he led the organization to outstanding performance and a sale to American Airlines. Upon departing the big business arena he moved to entrepreneurial companies and moved to Phoenix. In 1992 he joined a healthcare consulting firm as a partner. After 17 years he has started a 4 year transition to retirement at 70 years of age (God willing.)

Jeffrey Jensen ’82 graduated from Beloit with a BA in Psychology and has practiced as a criminal defense lawyer in Milwaukee for over 24 years. Attorney Jensen has defended in excess of three hundred criminal jury trials and he has handled in excess of one hundred criminal appeals. As a Wisconsin criminal appeals lawyer, he has argued before the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals (7th Dist.), and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. With offices located in downtown Milwaukee, attorney Jensen appears in courts throughout the State. Having defended in excess of eighty homicide cases, attorney Jensen has been involved in many of Milwaukee's most high-profile cases including the recent trial of State v. Theodore Oswald.
Stacy Kern-Scheerer ’00 graduated from Beloit with a B.A. in Sociology and French. Stacy was also very active with the Dance Department and Chelonia while at Beloit. After graduation, she received a JD/MPH from Boston University School of Law and Boston University School of Public Health. Since 2004, she has been an attorney with U.S. Senate Office of the Legislative Counsel, a nonpartisan office that provides drafting services to the Senators and the Senate Committees. She is primarily responsible for drafting legislation relating to public health and food and drug issues. *Will attend the fair at 3:15pm

Lonnie Klecker ’04 of Janesville graduated with a BA in Business Administration. While in college he worked with Belmark Associates and ran his own business selling educational books and software door-to-door. He is currently a financial advisor with Edward Jones. He helps individuals and business owners reach their financial goals through investments and long-term planning.

Steve Knockemus ’89 graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history and a minor in journalism. Steve has spent the last 15 years working in the media field, first as a general assignments reporter for newspapers in Dothan, Ala. before moving into public relations positions with Troy University in Troy, Ala. and Henrico County, Va. Steve serves as the principal staff writer in his current position, providing content for a variety of publications, the Web and television programming.
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Sharon Kohli’84 of Chicago, Illinois, completed a dual degree 3-2 program. She received a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago. She worked with children and families in a variety of social service settings in the Chicago area. She has also been a Field Instructor for several universities. For the last two years she has coordinated internships for DePaul’s MSW program.

Dave Nicol’69 followed his B.A. in Economics from Beloit with an MBA from Arizona State. He then spent 18 years in business, in a variety of capacities within both the major corporate and small business/entrepreneurial realms. In his 40’s, Dave once again became a full-time student, earning his Ph.D. in Management, with International Business as his minor and the focus of his dissertation. Since then, he has taught in the areas of Strategic Planning & Analysis, Organizational Behavior, and Management, including Small Business Management. He assumed his current position as Dean of the College of Business at Ferris State University in 2001.

Diane Niesman ’68 of Wheaton, IL, graduated from Beloit with a BA in Biology. She spent an additional year in training to be a registered medical technologist, and has worked in clinical laboratories for forty years. She worked twelve years in the Microbiology Lab at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, and then was supervisor of the Immunology Lab at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago for eighteen years. She was laid off at Weiss and has worked at the DuPage County Health Department Lab for the past ten years and will be retiring in November, 2009.
Donna Niesman ’68 graduated from Beloit with a BA in French. Living and traveling in France and Europe for 7 months thanks to Beloit’s study program and flexibility of the “Beloit Plan” paved the way for two distinct careers. Donna discovered she was a “people person” and spent 13 years in social services counseling and ultimately supervising welfare and work programs for the state of Illinois. In 1982, with funding cuts looming, Donna made a dramatic change and entered the travel industry—now marking 27 years. Her first career afforded comfortable wages which she spent traveling. Her second, and last, career may not pay as much—she is essentially self-employed, but her travel opportunities have been priceless. *will be at the fair at 3:15pm

Eddie Rock ’99 is now a FIFA Licensed Agent and leads Libero Sports' Player Representation and Management division. Before co-founding Libero Sports, Rock spent time at Major League Soccer in the player personnel department. Rock has extensive experience in representation and public relations, having managed national and state political campaigns and offices across the country. Rock graduated from William Mitchell College of Law and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Beloit College, where he played soccer and was a captain and all-region selection. Rock holds a USSF "C" coaching license and has collegiate coaching experience at both the University of Chicago and Beloit College

Caroline Frankovich Ronten ’84 graduated from Beloit with a BA in Modern Languages and Literatures. After beginning her career in marketing at a regional retailer, she went back to school for a post-graduate certificate in direct marketing to add some formal education to hands-on learning. Her language degree proved useful while working for a multinational corporation which involved much work with overseas offices. With the advent of the internet, she added a second post graduate certificate in Internet Systems Management for some technical backgrounding. Now she works primarily from home with her own consultancy as well as some non-profit and volunteer work. Her marketing communications work includes developing and implementing integrated marketing plans which include PR, e mail, events, collateral, websites, and literature.

Joe Schatteman ’91 graduated from Beloit with a B.A. in Government and Sociology and a minor in Journalism. Joe is currently employed at the Illinois Municipal League, an association that represents over 1100 Illinois municipalities. As a lobbyist, Joe works directly with Illinois state officials advocating on behalf of local officials. Specifically, Joe lobbies against state unfunded mandates and for the ability for local officials to be able to make the best decision for their community and not have the state impose mandates upon them. Joe also serves on the village board in Chatham, a central Illinois community with a population of approximately 12,000. Joe was elected to the board in 2005 and recently re-elected in 2009.

Tammy Schindler is originally from Rockford, moved to the Beloit area in 1990 to work in the financial field. She has been with Edward Jones since 1996, currently as a financial advisor in the Shopko Plaza office in Northeast Beloit.

Judith A. Siess ’69 has a BA in Anthropology from Beloit and an M.S.L.I.S. and Anthropology. She is a recognized expert in one-person librarianship and interpersonal networking. She was the editor and publisher of The One-Person Library: A Newsletter for Librarians and Management from 1998-2009 and is the author of articles for publications such as American Libraries,
Information Outlook, and Searcher. An active member of SLA since 1980, she was the inaugural chair of its SOLO Librarian’s division and has served on several association-wide committees. She has worked in (mainly solo) libraries in industries as diverse as agricultural economics, enzymology, aerospace, chemistry, and industrial process controls. In 1996 she went out on her own, editing OPL, writing books on library management (see below), and presenting workshops on library management throughout the world. She is now trying to retire from librarianship, but is not being very successful. She has drawn from her more than twenty years’ experience to write seven books. The newest is Out Front with Stephen Abram: A Guide for Information Leaders, with Jonathan Lorig (ALA Editions, 2007). The others are: Time Management, Planning and Prioritization for Librarians (Scarecrow, 2002), The Visible Librarian: Asserting Your Value Through Marketing and Advocacy (ALA Editions, 2003), The Essential OPL, 1998-2004: The Best of Seven Years of The One-Person Library: A Newsletter for Librarians and Management, with Jonathan Lorig (Scarecrow, 2005), The New OPL Sourcebook: A Guide for Solo and Small Libraries (Information Today, 2006)

Alisha Telci ’99 focuses on advising registered and unregistered investment companies, investment advisers and other financial service providers. Alisha contributes to a number of projects involving mutual funds, hedge funds and boards of directors, including representation of independent directors. Prior to joining the firm in 2008, Alisha was corporate counsel for Charles Schwab’s Investment Management division with primary responsibility for managing Schwab’s mutual fund board program. She coordinated the consolidation and disaggregation of various boards and served as liaison to the independent directors. Alisha also was a member of the special project team responsible for transitioning a Schwab affiliate’s proprietary mutual funds to Bank of America in conjunction with the affiliate’s acquisition. Alisha has also served as a senior policy analyst for Fidelity Management & Research Co., where she provided advice to senior management and business partners with respect to over 150 data governance policies and procedures based on regulatory requirements as well as corporate standards. She also worked within Fidelity’s Learning & Development and Marketing Communications groups, respectively. Alisha is also fluent in Turkish and French.

Arthur Thexton ’72 graduated with a double major in Sociology and Economics & Business; Jerry Gustafson was his econ advisor. After two years of graduate school in Chicago, he went to law school and for 32 years has worked in law enforcement in a variety of roles, including being elected District Attorney for two terms in a small northern Wisconsin county. He presently handles prosecution of professional misconduct cases against licensed health care professionals in Wisconsin such as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc. He has developed specialized knowledge in the areas of controlled substances and chronic pain, impairment by substance abuse, and bioethics, and is regularly invited to act as a preceptor for second year students at the Medical College of Wisconsin for their second year course in Bioethics and Palliate Care; he also speaks frequently to groups of physicians about prescribing controlled substances. He has also made time to be active in the community, and has served on the boards of the Willy Street Grocery Coop, the James Reeb Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, the Wisconsin Coalition Against the Death Penalty, and the North Madison Youth Soccer Club. He has been a lay minister and hospital chaplain.
**Barbara Brown Zikmund '61** went to seminary after Beloit and is ordained in the United Church of Christ (Congregational roots). She also has a doctorate in Church History. She was on the faculty and in the administration of three theological schools during her active career.

**Joseph Zikmund II '59** has been a professor in various settings all over the country until his retirement. He has also spent four years teaching in Japan. Joe has a Ph.D. in Political Science and has a great deal of higher education administration experience.