

IDS Alumni Panel Fall 2013

John Millar

Graduated in 2002, Biophysical Environment and Development area

John graduated from the ID program in 2002 and completed a Masters in Political Science at UVic in 2004. After graduation he was employed by International Student Volunteers as a project manager in Costa Rica, then as Vice President of Elephant Thoughts Global Development Initiatives with projects in India, and lastly in his current position as founder and Executive Director at Tin Roof Global (www.tinroofglobal.com), with projects in Uganda and Canadian First Nations communities. In 2011, John taught a first year international development seminar at the UofG in partnership with Kevin Hall, UofG's Vice President of Research.

Stephanie Burgess

Graduated in 2012, Latin American Studies area

Stephanie graduated in December 2012 with a double major in Spanish and International Development (Latin American Studies emphasis). She did a short post-grad program at the University of Waterloo in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) and is currently TESL- Canada certified, and is hoping to complete her TESL-Ontario certification next summer. In the meantime, she is working as an administrator for two NGO's that work hand-in-hand: International Teams Canada (www.iteams.ca) and Careforce International (www.careforceinternational.ca). The organizations have active projects all over the world, from Latin America to Africa and South East Asia and have a huge emphasis on indigenous leadership.

Katrin Sawatzky

Graduated in 2013, Rural and Agricultural Development area

Katrin completed her undergraduate degree at Guelph in ID, with an emphasis in rural and agricultural development and an un-official minor in organic agriculture. She has experience both locally and globally with food education, farming and sustainability practices, and has been a preschool teacher at an outdoor, nature-based school located at Ignatius Farm in Guelph for the past year. Passionate about teaching children about food and gardening, Katrin started her own business creating educational gardens for children and writing curriculum for schools. This fall she began the M.SC in Capacity Development & Extension at Guelph and is very excited about the further insight she'll gain on building communities' capacities.

Naomi Krucker

Graduated in 2012, Rural and Agricultural Development area

Naomi is currently working as the farm manager of Manorun Organic Farm (www.manorun.com). She graduated in the spring of 2012 from the Rural and Agriculture stream of ID. She is in the beginning process of designing a new internship program for young people looking to gain hands-on sustainable growing skills as well as an international experience.

Marcella Veenman-Mulder

Graduated in 2012, Masters in Political Science and IDS

Marcella graduated with a bachelors degree in Art and Art history from Guelph in 1995, a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from McMaster in 2007, and a Masters in Political Science and International Development from Guelph in 2012. She is currently employed as an Emergency Dept Nurse at Guelph General hospital and is the medical director for a project team (Medical Ministry International) that travels to Honduras to provide medical care to the most impoverished areas of the country. Marcella's MA and ongoing research in Honduras pertains to international political decision making (IMF, WB) and health ethics in the Third World /Developing nations. Specifically the contrast between first and third world ethics and the right to 'patienthood'. She is also a wife and mom to 4 teen-aged children and a huge football (GO GRYPHS!) and swimming (GO GRYPHS!!) fan.

Katherine Perrott

Graduated in 2005, Rural and Agricultural Development area

Katherine is a Ph.D. student in Planning at the University of Toronto. She has worked as a professional urban planner in Atlantic Canada and as a teaching assistant in community development in Belize. Her research has examined social and spatial inequality, and trends in planning Canadian cities and suburbs.