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THIRD ALUMNI RETREAT PLANNED

If you're contemplating a life transition or looking for a fresh perspective, you can join Furman alumni of all ages and stages of life to share wisdom, intellectual stimulation, fun, friends and transformation — in other words, the best of what you remember about Furman!

The Alumni Association is joining with the Lilly Center for Vocational Reflection to offer its third alumni retreat July 29-August 1. The 2010 theme is "Simpler Living; Radical Change." All interested Furman alumni may attend, but spaces are limited and reservations required.

The retreat will begin with dinner on Thursday evening and end at noon on Sunday. Participants will learn about new ideas in sustainability and will consider practical lifestyle changes that promote personal and planetary well-being.

Current and former faculty members will lead sessions and speak on "Dreaming Dreams, Living Lives." They are: John Crabtree, English and academic vice president emeritus; David Rutledge, Reuben B. Pitts Professor of Religion; Margaret Oakes, professor of English; and Paula Gabbert, associate academic dean and associate professor of computer science.

Housing will be in North Village apartments, with most meals on campus. Cost for the weekend, including room, board and program expenses, will be \$295, with an additional charge of \$12.50 for those who would like the university to supply linens.

Reservation forms are available on-line at <http://furmanlilly.com>. Reservations will be accepted until May 3 unless all spaces are filled earlier.

In addition, the Lilly Center has announced plans for an alumni pilgrimage to Ireland in July 2011.

In the summer of 2009 a group traveled to Compostela, Spain, for an enriched spiritual experience during which they explored their vocational callings. The Ireland trip will offer similar opportunities. Cost is to be determined, but an early estimate is \$2,000 plus airfare.

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Allison Carpenter Bellomo graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine with a Master of Science degree in genetic counseling. She works as a genetic counselor in the Greenville office of the Greenwood Genetic Center.

Ben Fulp was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in August.

Andrew Orr works for the city of Franklin, Tenn., as a sustainability/grants coordinator. He pursues grants tied to sustainability and environmental efforts, as well as all the grant applications for city departments. He previously was a grant writer for Blue Print 2000, an intergovernmental agency in Tallahassee, Fla.

Soprano **Erika Grace Powell** made her solo debut January 18 at Avery Fisher Hall in New York's Lincoln Center as part of the Concert for Peace celebrating the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Visit her Web site, www.erikagracepowell.com.

Elizabeth Roach is deputy speechwriter for Gov. Steve Beshear of Kentucky.

Shani Robinson has joined the NORCEE Finance Office of AXA in Brussels, Belgium, as a junior analyst for the regional finance team. She previously spent a year teaching English in Paris.

Patrick Smith earned a master's degree in computer science from the University of Texas-Dallas.

Jessica Taylor of Arlington, Va., has been named assistant Web editor for "2010," a new site being launched by the journalistic organization POLITICO. She previously worked at *National Journal*, where she was the research director for the 2010 edition of *The Almanac of American Politics*.

MARRIAGES: **Clary Gardner** and Kristopher Aaron, June 27. They live in Chamblee, Ga.

Lauren Graham and Jonathan Kaczmarek, April 25. They live in Matthews, N.C.

Gary Guth and **Sarah Digby Wood**, September 26. She is employed by Inlingua Language and Intercultural Services in Greenville as a course coordinator, and he is a teacher and coach at Christ Church Episcopal School.

Katie Lewis and Andy Kerechanin, April 4. They live in Greenville.

Jennifer Ward and Paris Cornwell, November 8, 2008. They live in Knoxville, Tenn. Jennifer is working on a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Tennessee and serves as the office coordinator at Bridge Refugee Services, which works to resettle refugees from all over the world. Paris, a former U.S. Marine, is now in the Air Force and is working on his degree in mechanical engineering.

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Ben Anderson has joined the Tysons Corner, Va., office of the Goodman & Co. accounting firm.

Tina Bishop (M.A.) is an instructional specialist at Carolina High School and Academy in Greenville.

Having completed her year as a Compton Mentor Fellow in Haiti, where she worked to promote environmental education, reforestation and use of alternative energy,

Elizabeth Cooke is now pursuing master's degrees in public affairs and environmental science at Indiana University.

Patrick Franks is the executive director of Teneo, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that works to equip leading young professionals with the relationships and tools necessary to advance the conservative cause.