Nominations for the 2012 Alumni Awards

Do you know an IIT graduate who is considered a leader or even a legend? If so, let us know who deserves recognition.

Nominations are due by Monday, October 31, 2011, with the recognition ceremony being held on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Please visit http://alumni.iit.edu/nominations to see award descriptions and submit your nominations.
At IIT, a lot has changed over the years. In the early 1990s, about one in four students at IIT was a woman. Today, that ratio has increased to more than one in three. A woman is now president of the Student Government Association, and there is a Starbucks on the corner of 35th and State. Figuratively and literally, Main Campus is much greener. Students now walk to class through parks filled with trees and flowers, and a wind turbine has been installed on IIT’s soccer field.

A lot has also stayed the same, including our emphasis on hard work and innovation, our commitment to sustainability, and our focus on practice and research. IIT students are much like their counterparts in decades past—smart, confident, determined, and hard-working. Our location in a world-class city continues to give us a competitive advantage in recruiting faculty, staff, and students—and we remain proud to be part of the historic South Side neighborhood in which we are located.

We are also working hard to prepare our students for a future that none of us can predict with any certainty, except for the fact that change is ubiquitous and continuous. Functional expertise is not enough for today’s graduates. They need to be globally and technologically savvy, and able to manage change. I like to say that we are educating students who will be leaders today, tomorrow, and 25 years from now. That is the IIT difference—and I have no doubt that in the decades to come our students and alumni will be leading initiatives that will indeed change our world for the better.

Talk to our students, faculty, and staff, however, and you will also find that the values and mission of our university endure. IIT will always be an institution that prides itself on academic excellence and world-class research. It will also be an institution that offers talented young men and women access to an educational experience unlike any other.

To understand IIT, and to appreciate how far we have come, it is sometimes necessary to stop and look back at what has changed. Our focus, however, is on the future—and living forward. This university is going places, and I hope you will agree that the most exciting times are still ahead.

Welcome to today’s IIT.

John L. Anderson
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The changes to IIT and the neighborhood surrounding Main Campus in the past two decades are nothing short of a transformation.

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Just halfway through the leadership phase of *Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT*, gifts from alumni and friends have started the campaign off with energy and enthusiasm. According to Vice President for Institutional Advancement Betsy Hughes, total fundraising exceeded the fiscal year 2011 campaign goal of $75 million, due especially to the generous leadership commitments of IIT trustees. A brief update on campaign progress:

- Gifts continue to come in, and through July 31 the campaign total had reached $82,001,021, two-thirds of the way to the $125 million leadership phase goal. The leadership phase runs until December 2012.
- Members of the IIT Board of Trustees have committed $51 million to the campaign so far, for purposes directly related to achieving the goals of IIT’s strategic plan.
- Campaign commitments have been received that will create 12 new endowed chairs, toward a leadership phase goal of 20.
- More than 4,000 alumni contributed to IIT in the first year of the campaign, in gifts of all amounts.
- Undergraduate students made more than 300 gifts to the 2011 Student Gift Campaign, with the graduating class achieving 31 percent participation. Now in its second year, the Student Gift Campaign is helping to pave the way for alumni support in future years—an important goal of the *Fueling Innovation* campaign.

For more information about a gift to *Fueling Innovation*, call Susan Faraone, associate vice president and campaign director, at 312.567.7149, or visit the campaign webpage, [www.iit.edu/giving/campaign_for_iit](http://www.iit.edu/giving/campaign_for_iit).
Meet Elnaz, IIT’s New SGA President

In 2010, a handful of students proposed adding a female statue to the Main Campus Man on a Bench sculpture to reflect the growing number of women at IIT. Two years later, one of the voices against the proposal, Elnaz Moshfeghian (CS 4th year), was elected 2011–12 Student Government Association president. She is believed to be SGA’s first female to hold the office.

“The Man on a Bench is still alone, but the women of IIT have shown they are a strong part of the campus community without needing a statue to prove it,” she says.

Winner of a Richard A. Babcock Leadership Award and Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Service Award from IIT, Moshfeghian says her method of working with every member of the campus community is a holistic one.

“I want to take a coalition-building approach,” she says. “What is IIT doing and how can the student perspective help?”

—Marcia Faye

Elnaz Moshfeghian (CS 4th year), 2011–12 SGA president
In the javelin throw, an athlete executes a series of key movements that rely upon a sense of rhythm to achieve consistency and a winning form. At least one IIT track and field student-athlete has found her groove.

Natalie Mitrovic (BMED 3rd year) is one member of IIT’s revitalized track and field program, which recently was given varsity status by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Although IIT has participated in track events as far back as the 1920s, says head track and field coach Phil Kopinski, the fall 2011 class has the honor of being the first recruited in more than 40 years to officially play the sport.

When Kopinski arrived on campus in 2003, students had already organized their own road-racing club—Tech Runs Around Chicago (TRAC)—that he expanded into a track and field club so the university could participate in meets and gain exposure.

Besides recruiting potential track and field stars from outside the university, Kopinski is also scouting his home turf. “One of our all-time best throwers was a volleyball player; the mechanics of hitting a volleyball spike and throwing a javelin are very similar,” explains Kopinski. “A current soccer player from Scotland is also a long-jumper. There’s a cross-benefit of helping athletes from other sports to develop other talents.”

—Marcia Faye

Phil Kopinski, IIT head track and field coach, helps Natalie Mitrovic (BMED 3rd year) to fine-tune her javelin throw.
Currently, micromachining is used to produce micro features in automotive parts, electronics, components for the aerospace industry, and biomedical implants such as stents, among other objects.

Micromachining performed with lasers offers several advantages over other approaches. Lasers can be focused more precisely and do not suffer from wear and tear that occurs when machine tools make direct contact with the workpiece. Lasers also can machine most materials regardless of their hardness and with zero resistance force due to the non-contact nature of the process.

Laser micromachining also has its disadvantages. Because it is a thermal process, it can create contamination and thermal damage on the surface layer of the object being processed. A laser also produces debris, which can become redeposited on an object as material is ablated from its surface. This accumulation of debris often must be removed through additional processing to polish or clean the item.

“It may seem like a trivial problem, but it’s a difficult issue,” says Wu, noting that this additional processing can be time-consuming and expensive, sometimes exceeding the cost of the micromachining itself.

In Wu’s new technique, known as ultrasound-assisted water-confined laser micromachining technology, the laser micromachining process is conducted under water. Ultrasound waves are then applied in-situ to the object being micromachined. These bursts of high-frequency sound produce bubbles that successively grow and collapse, releasing powerful streams of energy that can potentially flush away debris generated by laser micromachining. Other important potential benefits of the ultrasound waves during the process are also being investigated.

In recognition of the merit and potential of his research, Wu received a prestigious 2011 National Science Foundation CAREER Award.

In addition to the technique’s potential for reducing defects, improving efficiency, and lowering monetary and fuel-consumption costs, Wu’s research investigates fundamental issues relating to the coupled laser and ultrasound-material interactions, a relatively new research domain.

—Richard Harth
Many have described September 11, 2001, as the day that changed everything. Out of an azure sky, two hijacked commercial airliners descended upon New York City’s World Trade Towers, tearing fatal gashes in both structures, while a third plane collapsed a section of the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania. All told, nearly 3,000 individuals perished in the coordinated suicide attack masterminded by the terrorist group al-Qaeda.

Ten years later, the events of 9/11 continue to inspire people personally and professionally. At Illinois Institute of Technology, faculty members from across the disciplines are working on projects that have attained a new sense of urgency in a post-9/11 world. From developing portable detectors that expose smuggled bombs to transforming mental health services for veterans, IIT researchers are discovering ways to help our nation reach an improved state of preparedness for its future, and heal from its past.

Keeping Our Food Supply Safe
“The threat of the use of ricin [castor beans] as a bioterrorist weapon has always existed since ricin is fairly easy to obtain,” says Lauren Jackson, FDA research food technologist at IIT’s Institute for Food Safety and Health. “Since 9/11, there have been considerable efforts aimed at understanding the stability of the toxin in different types of food and during food processing, and establishing ways to prevent foods from being intentionally contaminated with ricin. Overall, I believe that these efforts decrease the threat of use of ricin and other biothreat agents in the food chain.” Jackson and her team have been conducting studies on the effects of food processing on ricin stability as well as on what chemicals can be used to deactivate the substance.
Strategizing Secure Routes
Navigating clear transportation routes out of a venue such as Wrigley Field in the event of a terrorist attack requires scientific planning and analysis. CAEE Associate Professor Zongzhi Li is helping to develop a high-fidelity next-generation model for evacuation planning that will be useful to various urban transportation agencies. “We can come up with countermeasures that will guarantee our ability to move the population of evacuees out of the affected region within a minimum amount of time,” says Li.

Neutron-Detecting Semiconductor
The gas helium-3 has long been used in neutron-detection technology and is critical in uncovering special nuclear materials, including uranium and plutonium, used in nuclear bombs. Obtained largely by the decay of tritium (a radioactive isotope of hydrogen in the hydrogen bombs), the nation’s helium-3 supply is dwindling. Under a contract from the Office of Homeland Security, MMAE Professor Aleksandar Ostrogorsky and Adjunct Professor Glen Slack are growing semiconductor crystals that promise to be a suitable substitute.

The Rise of Tall Buildings
Comprehensive reports over the past decade have listed recommendations for the future design of tall buildings, whose numbers are increasing globally. Antony Wood, studio associate professor in the College of Architecture at IIT and head of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, has been researching the use of the skybridge as a means of improved mass evacuation. Read more about these recommendations and Wood’s ideas for his “Pavements in the Sky” in the IIT Magazine online exclusive at www.iit.edu/magazine/online_exclusive.

Peer Support for the Nation’s Protectors
Assistant Professor of Psychology Jonathon Larson is working in partnership with colleagues in Lake and McHenry counties to transform community mental health services for veterans returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as earlier conflicts. Their unique peer-based program focuses on providing needed services and training community providers for expanded outreach.
Even the most astute zoologist would find it difficult to monitor an animal’s every leap and bound. A new project between IIT and the Brookfield Zoo is lending extra sets of eyes—those of zoo-goers—to the task, helping to translate their observations of zoo animals into a database on animal behavior.

With a seed grant from the National Science Foundation, Associate Chair of Computer Science Cynthia Hood’s pilot project, Zoo-Based Socio-Technical System, is allowing zoo patrons to serve as citizen-scientists via a Web-based application for mobile devices. The prototype launched last February at the zoo’s okapi exhibit followed by the Seven Seas dolphin exhibit this summer. With further funding, the app could be expanded for use across exhibits and on a wider variety of devices.

Desired outcomes of the pilot project include:

- Data collected by citizen-scientists that can be compared to the data that is being collected by zoo researchers
- Measurements of how mobile users interact with the application and with each other that provide insight into the relationships between social outcomes and network decisions
- Understanding whether giving zoo visitors opportunities to more closely observe animals will enhance their zoo experience
- Studying ways that zoo-goers can form networks around interests or proximity and actively participate instead of just being information consumers.
An IIT project-dedicated server is located in a remote area of the exhibit. Wireless measurements ensure that app Wi-Fi activity does not interfere with the electromagnetic spectrum utilized for zoo network functions, such as gift shop transactions and admissions.

Zoo visitors access the pilot app on their own mobile devices or through volunteers carrying iPads connected to the server at the exhibit.

After viewing a screen introducing the okapi with a fun fact and its taxonomic placement in the animal kingdom, visitors choose one of two “environment” paths where they can learn more about okapi—in the wild or the zoo’s Habitat Africa exhibit.

A spectrum analyzer collects data, measuring energy in the wireless spectrum, while a network protocol analyzer searches for delays in the system that might discourage visitor usage.

Before exiting the app, visitors can record their observations related to okapi behavior sightings.
Describing the structure—composed of pagelike layers of zinc, glass, and wood—Ronan says, “It unfolds much as a poem might unfold. You may have to go back to it many times to really comprehend it.” Visitors enter the building through a garden, which Ronan says acts to blur distinctions between public and private space, providing a transcendental setting within the heart of the city.

The Poetry Foundation is but one structure in Ronan’s oeuvre in the Chicago area. His designs share a unifying quality—their ability to galvanize change within their communities—and have won multiple awards for excellence in community design.

Ronan’s recently completed Gary Comer College Prep forms a campus with the Gary Comer Youth Center, designed by Ronan in 2006. The charter high school features a striking bright-green façade, providing a cheerful counterpoint to the Grand Crossing area’s forlorn surroundings. Chicago Tribune Architecture Critic Blair Kamin described the building as “a
beacon of optimism” for the residents of Grand Crossing. The youth center rooftop features an outdoor garden that functions as a horticulture classroom for the students. “It is very gratifying to go back to the youth center now and see what the roof garden has become,” Ronan says. “There’s a full-time gardener who really loves her job and has been instrumental in getting grants, expanding the possibilities beyond our wildest dreams.” The garden project has been significantly enlarged, encompassing a quarter mile of plantings, and greenhouses are being used as teaching centers where students learn about growing food.

Another structure, likewise situated in an impoverished area of Chicago, is Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School, located in the Austin neighborhood. Ronan’s design recapitulates the Jesuit philosophy of learning, with the structure’s various components representing internal organs—the library symbolizing the brain, the gymnasium the lungs, and so forth. The chapel, the heart of the building, is incorporated into the structure rather than standing apart to reflect the Jesuit belief that spirituality is an integral part of education, not separate from it.

Christ the King won first place honors in the 2011 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Architectural Excellence in Community Design. Some of the award proceeds were used to send inner-city students to IIT’s summer architecture program.

—Richard Harth

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John Ronan’s homepage at IIT: www.iit.edu/arch/faculty/ronan_john.shtml
John Ronan Architects: www.jrarch.com
Pawar to the People

As staffers buzz around the new 47th Ward office, cleaning desks, arranging chairs, and checking the clock, the new alderman glances around the room once more at his just-assembled collections of donated office furniture and neighborhood art.

It’s been only four months since Ameya Pawar (M.P.A. ’07) pulled off a stunning election-night upset of Tom O’Donnell, the rival candidate hand-picked by the ward’s retiring 37-year incumbent, Gene Schulter.

Pawar, 31, won by promising an approach to governing that would be based on transparency, responsiveness, and community engagement. Tonight, at his first 47th Ward open house, his challenge is to begin to turn those promises into action.

The first residents through the door are Helene Ortega and Barbara Rila, both of whom have lived in the 47th Ward for decades. Ortega heads straight for the alderman.

“Congratulations!” she says. “I told all my friends to vote for you. Now, what are you going to do for the seniors?”

Soon, Pawar, Ortega, and Rila are looking at ward maps. Ortega is pointing out streets with troublesome potholes, and Pawar both notes the locations and explains that he’s placed a freeze on re-paving projects until he’s able to coordinate with local utility providers to avoid duplicating the work.

Pawar knows that a large part of being an alderman is dealing with people who want things from you—residents, businesses, nonprofits, city council members, and the mayor, among others. He insists that he’s prepared for the challenge of putting his approach to work in a real-world context.

“It’s easy, as a candidate, to look in and think everything is broken,” Pawar says. “Once you’re inside, you see it’s not so. A lot of aldermen would say my approach is not new, and that greater transparency and responsiveness are things they wanted. But the bureaucracy can be hard to navigate.”

When Pawar returned from a 10-week stint in India as a State Department Scholar in 2009, he decided to run for alderman. He had previously developed a theory for community governance called “Social Intelligence” along with some fellow University of Chicago graduate school classmates, and he asked them to help with the campaign. (Pawar has a master’s degree in threat and response management from U of C in addition to his IIT master’s degree.)

Charna Epstein agreed to help with Pawar’s campaign. She says the 47th Ward is an ideal community for putting Social Intelligence to work.

“In our ward, we have a lot of people who are really invested in community and in sharing information. That means [Pawar] can actually make an impact,” says Epstein, who is now Pawar’s deputy alderman and chief of staff.

One 47th Ward resident promises to be particularly vital to Pawar’s success: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Pawar predicts Emanuel will rely on the city council more than his predecessor, Richard M. Daley, did.

The open house, however, isn’t about the mayor or other power brokers. It’s a chance for Pawar to meet residents like Ortega and Rila. He is learning quickly how many different directions an alderman gets pulled.

Pawar isn’t overwhelmed, though. As various homeowners, businesspeople, parents, and seniors raise their concerns, he listens, takes notes, and asks questions. During the campaign, Pawar introduced an iPhone app that allows residents to relay service requests to the ward office. Pawar’s Social Intelligence model is based on real-time feedback and participatory democracy, so the issues these residents raise aren’t a nuisance; they’re critical data points and opportunities that will allow Pawar to show that he can make a difference.

Leaders in the 47th Ward say he’s gotten off to a promising start.

“[Pawar] has done a really good job of inviting community involvement and encouraging a collaborative process to solve the issues facing our neighborhood,” says Melissa Flynn, executive director of the chamber of commerce for Lincoln Square, a 47th Ward neighborhood.

Pawar hopes that someday Social Intelligence will transform communities far beyond the 47th Ward. He also understands it’s a long, slow process—one that starts at a ward-office open house, talking about potholes and planning a bright future.
Sky is the limit. IIT President John Anderson surveys Main Campus and the Chicago skyline from his 19th floor office in IIT Tower.
NOW THAT Richard M. Daley has left City Hall after a 22-year term as Chicago’s mayor, perhaps he’ll spend some time retracing his steps, recalling the Chicago that he knew when he became mayor in 1989.

He’d hardly recognize the corner of State Street and 35th Street.

That intersection, and the rest of the IIT campus, is radically, positively different than when Daley took office. The university has been transformed during his tenure, beginning the year he took office, when IIT received an $8 million grant to transform its campus and neighborhood. That touched off two decades of exceptional growth, and now there is brimming confidence and surging optimism on campus.

HERE’S HOW IIT HAS CHANGED.
CERTAINLY, if you’re describing the changes to IIT’s Main Campus, you have to include the extraordinary buildings: the Helmut Jahn-designed student residence, State Street Village (2003); The McCormick Tribune Campus Center, designed by Rem Koolhaas (2003); and the renovation of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe’s landmark S. R. Crown Hall (2005).

But the transformation of IIT isn’t only physical, it’s cultural. At SSV, the entryways are punctuated by the contrast between corrugated metal and birch trees—not to mention an array of flyers promoting student activities and organizations. The bold colors and angles of MTCC are striking, but what really grabs your attention is that hundreds of students are on hand at lunchtime. Some are spinning records at campus radio station WIIT, some are setting up trick shots on pool tables, while others are meeting in conference rooms or working at computer stations. At Crown Hall, the renovation has revitalized Mies’ original architecture and makes the interior more visible to passersby, allowing them to see not only the building’s glass-and-steel facade, but also the student projects inside.

One reason that Main Campus is more active is there are more students: 2,437 full-time undergraduates in fall 2010, up from 1,794 in 1991. The shift is even more dramatic among graduate students, with 2,221 full-time grad students on Main Campus in fall 2010, compared to 546 two decades ago. (Fall 2011 enrollment figures were unavailable as of press date.)

“More people want access, and more people want to be social,” says Angela Ng (CE ‘11), outgoing president of the student activities organization Union Board, which weighs event requests from more than 100 student organizations.

Walk through campus on a spring afternoon and, as you enjoy the new landscaping, you’ll probably also have to dodge Frisbees—the disc golf course can draw a crowd, as can Ultimate Frisbee games at Siegel Field.

“The growth we’ve had is fantastic; some of the changes that have happened on campus in the last few years have been hugely successful,” says Brian Kibbe (MMAE 5th year), former student body president. He says the task now is to make on-campus activities a focal point of the IIT experience.
Where the action is.  
“I felt like I needed to be [on campus], or I’d miss out,” says Angela Ng (CE ’11), former president of IIT’s Union Board. [Inset] Union Board weighs event requests from more than 100 student organizations. Abby Vargas (CAEE 4th year) checks out student event flyers in The McCormick Tribune Campus Center.
Building a buzz.
The Starbucks at 35th and State is a gathering place for IIT students and faculty, as well as the university’s neighbors. [Right] IIT Vice President for Community Affairs and Outreach Programs Leroy Kennedy gets his caffeine fix.
IN 2001, police served as escorts for David Baker and the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Board up 17 unlit flights of stairs in the Stateway Gardens projects adjacent to IIT. It was clear to Baker, IIT’s vice president for external affairs, that this was no way to live, and that there had to be a better alternative.

Ten years later, the buildings are gone. They’ve been replaced by a mixed-use, mixed-income development that includes condos, duplexes, and single-family homes where CHA residents live alongside professionals and IIT students. Three staples of college-town retail businesses have also opened on 35th Street: a coffeehouse, a sandwich shop, and a pizza place. (According to IIT Vice President for Community Affairs and Outreach Programs Leroy Kennedy, Mayor Daley himself stood in IIT Tower a decade ago, pointed down at the intersection, and proclaimed that it should have a Starbucks; now it does.)

IIT graduate students Tabitha Ponte and Bobby Zylstra are sitting by the windows in the Starbucks that now stands at the corner, reviewing plans for their nonprofit named 26Lab, which trains high school students in architecture, engineering, and construction by putting them to work on real-world projects in Bridgeport and Bronzeville. IIT’s Idea Shop hosted the pilot program.

There is still plenty of need, as well as plenty of opportunity, to serve in this neighborhood. But Ponte and Zylstra agree that the community already has changed to the extent that they feel they can make a difference—as opposed to, say, a decade ago, when the buildings at the south end of campus were damaged from spillover violence from the public housing projects, and Baker encouraged students not to venture too close to 35th Street.

Now, the area “is on the brink of significant transformation,” Ponte says. One milestone came in 2000, when the City of Chicago relocated its police headquarters to 3510 South Michigan Avenue. Another came in 2007, when the demolition of the Robert Taylor Homes public housing towers was completed.

IIT has also reached out to its neighbors by building relationships with community organizations and supporting initiatives such as 26Lab. The university also helps to run a charter middle/high school, the Perspectives/IIT Math and Science Academy.

For Baker, it has been a rewarding journey as he and IIT’s leaders have gone from “wringing our hands about our location” in the 1990s to now excitedly envisioning the next steps for the revitalization of Bronzeville, Bridgeport, and the campus itself. It has been a collective effort between the campus and community, and the university has spearheaded numerous projects to enhance local parks, homes, schools, and roadways.

Longtime residents have noticed the change as well. The neighborhood is “a melting pot, and [the physical changes] have stirred it very effectively,” says Leonard McGee, president of the Gap Community Organization, noting that IIT students and faculty are much more visible east of campus nowadays. He says the community has a ways to go, but is on the right track: “We’re moving down the road. We’re not moving real fast yet, but we’re moving down the road, and I think there is a genuine commitment on [IIT’s] part to be even more involved and more engaged.”

Baker agrees: “It’s been a radical change. We’ve transitioned to the point where now the only question is, ‘What is this neighborhood going to grow up to be?’”
“In a couple of years, [A GREEN CAMPUS] will be a litmus test,” says Joseph Clair (M.S. MAE ’95), IIT’s director of campus energy and sustainability. “Colleges will have to meet a certain standard to be considered by students of this generation.”

IIT is on pace to far exceed that baseline. The Princeton Review rated IIT one of the two greenest university campuses in Illinois last year. Campus projects range from an award-winning recycling program to a food-composting program, to bicycle rental stations that arrived in the spring, and 10 electric-vehicle charging stations.

Other eco-friendly initiatives apply IIT’s engineering focus to advancing sustainable technologies. Most prominent among these is Perfect Power, a joint project of IIT and the U.S. Department of Energy that is replacing the power grid on campus with a series of micro-grids that will be more efficient and more reliable. The first of four phases is complete, and project leaders estimate that the university will save between $500,000 and $1.5 million annually on its energy bills. Perfect Power also will benefit the IIT graduate students who have the opportunity to research the system.

The university also installed a small wind turbine next to Stuart Field at the north end of campus in July so that engineers can study its operation and reliability.

Clair believes the greening of Main Campus also reflects a growing sense of connection between the university community and its surroundings.

“People are taking care of the neighborhood and the campus, and people take care of things when they feel a sense of ownership. As an alum, my sense is that IIT seems to care more about being here than it used to,” he says.
Winds of change. Professor and Principal Investigator of the IIT Wind Consortium Mohammad Shahidehpour sizes up the advanced wind turbine installed on Main Campus in July.
DAVID HACKER is looking for dead spots at the southern edge of IIT’s Main Campus at 35th and State streets. Once upon a time, it would have been easy enough; back then, IIT’s students and faculty didn’t often venture to this corner, which it shared with the Chicago Housing Authority’s Stateway Gardens projects. But now, the area is bustling with the activity of students, shoppers, homeowners, and even the employees of high-tech businesses at IIT’s tech-business incubator, University Technology Park.

Hacker is the director of engineering for ProOnGo LLC, a software company that makes an expense-tracking app for mobile phones. And the dead spots he’s seeking aren’t visual, but instead are gaps in the cellular network: He’s testing a new version of the ProOnGo app for BlackBerry.

The company moved to IIT in 2008. Chief Executive Officer Phil Leslie chose the location even though he isn’t an IIT grad. He was drawn to UTP because its proximity to campus provided him access to the skilled programmers who study at IIT. At any given time, ProOnGo employs from two to seven IIT graduate students, offering them a chance to write the code behind the apps in the phones of ProOnGo’s 250,000 registered users.

“We get to be the center of attention here a little bit, and that’s fun,” says Leslie. “Our interns are pumped to be able to write iPhone code that ships to real customers. It’s a matter of pride.”

ProOnGo is just one of the businesses based at UTP. The biotech firm Chromatin, Inc., which has raised more than $10 million in funding, is also there. Cleversafe, Inc., a cloud security firm, grew from three to 35 employees while at IIT; now based in downtown Chicago, the company raised $31.4 million in funding last year.
Chicago Express. “It seems like I run into someone from IIT anytime I go out in Chicago,” says Brian Kibbe (MMAE 5th year), former student body president. The new Metra stop makes it even easier for IIT students to experience city life at its fullest.

There are several compelling views from the platform at the new Metra stop adjacent to IIT’s Main Campus. Look east, and you can see the shops of Park Boulevard, the mixed-use residential and retail development at 35th and State streets. Look west, and you can see the outfield bleachers at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox. South, you can see down the Dan Ryan expressway for what seems like halfway to Indiana. The northern view, of course, is of Chicago’s skyline.

The cumulative, panoramic impression is of a campus that is ideally situated within a developing neighborhood and a world-class city.

Already, the State Street bus and two recently renovated “El” lines (Red and Green Lines) run through the heart of campus. The Dan Ryan also makes Main Campus easily accessible by car.

Now the Metra, a commuter train, provides an even faster mode of transportation to campus from the suburbs. The new Metra stop, which opened in April, “confirms that IIT is one of the most conveniently located urban universities in the country,” according to Vice President for External Affairs David Baker. “We have gone from being perceived as an outlier in the 1990s to now being in the center. People are realizing, ‘Wow, it’s so easy to get [to IIT] from anywhere in the city.’ This Metra stop is the next step.”
The Honorable Stuart Nudelman (LAW ’72) retired from the Cook County Circuit Court in 2006, ending a 21-year career on the bench. His retirement didn’t signal a farewell to public service, however. Nudelman, 65, currently is at work on two of the highest-profile matters of his career: the Catholic Church’s sexual abuse scandal, and the re-examination of Chicago police torture and coercion cases.

The church cases came to Judge Nudelman in 2007; since then, he has served as both an arbitrator and mediator in disputes between abuse victims and the archdioceses and dioceses in Chicago and around the country. As special arbitrator, Nudelman handled a group of cases for the Archdiocese of Chicago that resulted in settlement payments to victims.

Nudelman acquired his second set of high-profile cases in April 2009, when he was named special prosecutor for a group of decades-old cases. These cases are being re-evaluated in light of a federal court’s finding that former Chicago police commander Jon Burge coerced confessions at two police stations on Chicago’s South Side. As special prosecutor, Nudelman evaluates requests for retrial or other relief, and must determine whether a case is likely to fall apart if the defendant’s confession is thrown out.

**Nudelman shares his thoughts on both cases with IIT.**

**IIT: Do you think about the broader public good when you’re working on high-profile cases that affect large groups of people?**

Stuart Nudelman: So far as the cases involving the church, as well as the Burge cases, absolutely. In those cases, the aspect of how the outcome will affect the public good, or how it will affect future allegations of torture and coerced confessions by police officers, or allegations of sexual abuse by priests or other people within religious hierarchies—considering that aspect is huge.

You do think about what effect your decision will have, if you’re a judge or arbitrator, or what your work as mediator is going to do to try to resolve some of those issues. In those instances, you look very often beyond the particular case before you.

I was a judge for 21 years, and that helps with my approach. As a judge, you weigh how a decision is going to affect the parties before you, and then sometimes when the case involves public issues, you also have to weigh how the outcome is going to affect the public in general or how it’s going to affect the future of that particular dispute if there are other disputes like it.
IIT: Does the breadth of your focus change depending on your role?

SN: As a special prosecutor, you can’t look beyond your particular case. Each case has to be looked at individually. So even while there are allegations of mass abuse of prisoners during interrogations, you still have to look at each individual case and not judge all the cases together. That’s paramount to working in any level of the criminal justice system.

IIT: The Burge cases are decades old. Without the confessions, how do you determine whether there’s enough remaining evidence to pursue a new trial?

SN: You look at each case to determine, first, what kind of evidence was used in the prosecution and ultimate conviction of the defendant. If it was primarily or solely based on the confession, and it appears there is evidence that that confession was coerced, and then you also find that there’s really no other substantive evidence to get a conviction, and then you add to that the fact that it’s a 25-year-old murder case, then sometimes a decision is made that there’s no purpose to go any further.

On the other end of the scale, you get cases where the confession may have been coerced, but there is such a plethora of other evidence—eyewitnesses, physical evidence. There’s still more than sufficient evidence for a finding of guilty, even without the confession. Those are the ones that you pursue as a special prosecutor, though of course a judge ultimately makes the decision about whether to grant a post-conviction hearing or a new trial.

In between those two extremes, there are cases where you talk to the other side to find out if maybe it’s time for a plea on certain charges. If the person has done 25 years in jail, then perhaps there’s a way that the incarceration ends as one of the terms of a plea agreement, and some cases can resolve that way.

IIT: You’ve worked closely with many victims of sexual abuse in cases involving the Catholic Church. Besides money, what do those victims most often find helpful in settling their cases?

SN: The cases do ask for money damages, certainly. All the parties I’ve worked with agree that certainly money is an aspect. Very often you need more than that, though: you need counseling, and you need to find out how to repair relationships between certain parishioners and the church.

The other aspect of it, and this is also from both parties’ point of view, is looking at ‘How do we make sure this doesn’t occur again.’ That broader goal has to be something you’re concerned about, something that’s part of your thinking.

IIT: What’s your sense of the effectiveness of the resolution in these cases from that broader, public-good perspective? Has good come from the handling of the Burge and archdiocese cases?

SN: In both cases, I believe there’s been a tremendous change in various dioceses and archdioceses around the country relating to the problem of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic Church, as well as within other religious institutions. They are much more aware of the problem, and they are dealing with it appropriately. They’ve always taken it seriously, but until now there’s always been some necessity or want on their part to keep it within the church; they realize now that this is an issue that the public and the authorities need to be involved in. I think there’s been a tremendous change in their attitude toward these cases and in their willingness to be open.

In the Burge cases, there’s no question there’s a difference with what took place 20 and 30 years ago compared with what takes place today in police stations or other places where questioning is done. We’re using more recording devices today, we’re using video cameras, so that process is more open. And people are not held in custody for 24 or 48 hours without some contact with an attorney. Through the exposing of these cases, there’s been a tremendous amount of public good achieved, and I think it’s continuing.
1940s
Raymond Horvat
(EE ‘46), Charleston, S.C., turned 86 in March 2011. His wife of 57 years recently passed away.

William Jenkins
(EE ‘48), Portland, Ore., retired from the USMCR and the Bonneville Power Administrations. His rank is Colonel MUMCR (Retired) and his career was electrical power engineering and electric power utility contracts management.

Alexander Tseng
(IE ’49, M.S. EE ‘50), Palo Alto, Calif., head of engineering for ORENCO Hydropower and president of ORENCO, Inc., was named one of the 20 Most Influential People in Dam Engineering by International Water Power & Dam Construction magazine.

1950s
Theodore Brown
(CHEM ’50), Estero, Fla., recently presented a plenary lecture entitled “The Voice of Science” at the University of Sydney, Australia, as part of an international conference on The Authority of Science.

Morton Nemiroff
(CHE ’50), Kailua, Hawaii, has lived in Hawaii for more than 50 years and has been an IIT admissions volunteer for 35 years. In November 2010, he represented IIT at the Hawaii College and Career Fair 2010, he represented IIT at the 50th anniversary of the university.

Thomas Katsahnias
(CHE ’51), Munster, Ind., retired after presiding over the Board of Trustees of Calumet College of St. Joseph for 25-plus years.

Herbert Lindberg
(ME ’52), Penn Valley, Calif., now retired, was the longtime director of research on structural dynamics and explosions at Stanford Research Institute International. He is the co-author of Dynamic Pulse Buckling. He and his wife, Mary Pagels Lindberg, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in June 2011.

James Albrecht
(IE ’53, M.S. ’55), Baltimore, Md., received the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences 2011 Award of Merit and the Paul A. Funk Recognition Award. He became president of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary Board in May 2011.

Thomas Dolan
(ME ’56), Dipomo, Calif., has 40 years of experience in the aerospace industry. He is an avid long-distance runner who has completed 75 marathons and 52 ultra-marathons (50–100 miles), including the Badwater in Death Valley, Calif.

John Hollender
(PSYC ’59), Decatur, Ga., is a medical consultant to the State of Georgia, Disability Adjudication Services. He enjoys family, friends, gardening, volunteering, and reading with a men’s book club from his church.

1960s
John Vinci
(ARCH ’60), Chicago, was honored as a “Legendary Landmark” by Landmarks Illinois for his decades-long contributions to preservation and restoration. He is the first architect to receive the honor.

Richard Chadwick
(PS ’62), Honolulu, was named a Mentorship Award Winner 2010 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he is a professor of political science.

John Kincad
(LL.B. ’63), Wheaton, Ill., a partner at Mirabella, Kincaid, Frederick & Mirabella, LLC in Wheaton, was one of seven Illinois attorneys named as 2011 Laureates of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Academy of Illinois Lawyers.

William Johnson
(LL.B. ’66), Northfield, Ill., president of Johnson & Bell, Ltd. in Chicago, was one of seven Illinois attorneys named as 2011 Laureates of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Academy of Illinois Lawyers.

Carolyn Krause
(LL.B. ’66), Mount Prospect, Ill., retired from the Illinois State House of Representatives in 2008 after 16 years.

Jerome Levenstein
(LAW ’66), Coral Gables, Fla., is retired. Michael, his only child, attends the University of Pennsylvania.

Jerry Ward
(M.S. ENGL ’66), New Orleans, is a recognized authority on the author Richard Wright. Ward is the recipient of a 2011 Richard Wright Literary Excellence Award.

Harold Mech
(EE ’67), Albuquerque, N.M., a principal staff engineer, retired from the CTS Electronic Components Group (formerly Motorola Ceramic Products Group) in December 2010 after a 46-year career.

Thomas Hirsch
(ARCH ’68), Madison, Wis., was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. Out of a total AIA membership of more than 80,000, there are fewer than 2,700 members with this honor.

Michael O’Rourke
(CE ’68), Clifton Park, N.Y., won the 2011 Walter P. Moore Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for his contributions to the development of structural codes and standards that have advanced the science of snow load engineering, both nationally and internationally.

1970s
Floyd Babbitt
(LAW ’72), Buffalo Grove, Ill., retired after 33 years as a commercial litigator at Thompson Coburn in Chicago.

Frederica Darena
(M.S. PHYS ’72), Bethesda, Md., was recognized for contributions to the fields of computer and information science and engineering or computer technology with a 2011 IEEE Computer Society Technical Achievement Award.

Scott Petersen
(LAW ’72), Chicago, is with Holland & Knight, working in the area of foreign and domestic trademarks, copyrights, and domain name issues. He is on the board of Ministry Mentors, an organization that provides mentoring to ordained clergy.

Lawrence Abramovitz
(LAW ’73), Chicago, volunteers his services for low-cost legal counsel. He was recently honored by The Center of Concern with the Dee Heinrich Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ernest Blomquist
(LAW ’73), Palatine, Ill., received a Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Lexis Nexis/ Martindale-Hubbell, the highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards. He is the editor and an author of the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education two-volume book on Defending DUI and Related Cases.

Frederick Branding
(LAW ’73), Lake Zurich, Ill., is a principal at Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Bode Matz PC, Washington, D.C., for which he litigates food and drug cases out of the Chicago office. He and his family recently completed the restoration of a home, now known as The Shady Oaks Bed & Breakfast, on the east shore of Lake Zurich.

James Gatziolis
(LAW ’73), Chicago, was named a top attorney in Illinois for 2011 by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine. Gatziolis works for Quarles & Brady LLP and practices business, corporate, and tax law.

Dennis Schoville
(LAW ’73), San Diego, and his partner were named as winners of the Street Fighter of the Year Award by the consumer attorneys (Plaintiff’s Bar) of California for success in Buell-Wilson v. Ford Motor Company. The case involved the plaintiff’s jury award for compensatory and punitive damages arising out of design flaws in her Ford Explorer.

Glen Bower
(LAW ’74), Effingham, Ill., visited with former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III in Dixon, Ill., on January 15. From 1976–78, Meese and Bower served together on the National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; they were appointed to the committee by President Gerald R. Ford.

Robert Gill
(LAW ’74), Sarasota, Fla., was named among the Florida Super Lawyers in the field of eminent domain law and was included in the 2010 Florida Super Lawyers Magazine. He is a partner at Adams and Reese in Sarasota.

Brian Rubin
(LAW ’76), Buffalo Grove, Ill., spoke at the Autism Society of America’s National Convention in Dallas, and to attorneys at the Lake County (Illinois) Bar Association in Lake Forest, Ill.

M. Anita Donath
(LAW ’78), Elmhurst, Ill., closed her family law practice in Naperville, Ill., after 27 years in private practice.

Dorothy French
(LAW ’78), Wheaton, Ill., was sworn in as a Circuit Judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit on December 6, 2010. Her daughter, Kate, is expecting her first child in May 2011.

Lynne Taylor
(LAW ’78), Palos Park, Ill. Her son, Maximilian Smith, is a student at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, graduating in 2012.

Bruce Kohen
(LAW ’79), Highland Park, Ill., retired in spring 2011 after more than 30 years at Anesi Ozmon Rodin Novak & Kohen, Ltd.
1980s

James Beard  
(LAW ’80), Chicago, has worked at DLA Piper since 1982. His son, Nick, graduated from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law last spring and is working for Brown, Udell, Pomerantz & Delrahim, Ltd.

Richard Beuke  
(LAW ’80), Chicago. His eldest son, P. J. Beuke, just completed his first year of law school at John Marshall Law School and made the Dean’s List.

Jean Capper  
(LAW ’80), Glencoe, Ill., is a special-education teacher at Newberry Academy, part of Chicago Public Schools.

David Heisler  
(LAW ’80), Glencoe, Ill., joined Xerox Corporation in Rosemont after the Xerox/GE joint venture he was supporting was sold to Xerox.

E. Beth Jensen  
(LAW ’80), Green Oaks, Ill., is a consultant at Praxis Management International, LLC.

Charlotte Kaplow  
(LAW ’80), Falls Church, Va., retired from the FDIC on December 31.

Robin Kite  
(LAW ’80), Madison, Wis., continues work as a senior legislative attorney at the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau in Madison, where she drafts legislation and provides advice and counsel to the legislature.

Leslie Klein  
(LAW ’80), Scottsdale, Ariz., was sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court during a January 2011 Washington, D.C. trip organized by the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law alumni office. He was admitted into the Arizona bar and is spending more time in his Phoenix office.

Kathy Kosnoff  
(LAW ’80), Minneapolis, has been on contract with the Minnesota Department of Education as a mediator in special-education disputes around the state. She also has been hired by FEMA as an equal rights officer and recently completed the training program.

Timothy Kosnoff  
(LAW ’80), Issaquah, Wash., reopened his own firm in Seattle, Kosnoff PLLC.

Vincent Lavieri  
(LAW ’80), Naperville, Ill., has been of counsel to Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrana for the past seven years, with his practice focusing on commercial litigation and general representation of businesses.

Rose Mancini  
(LAW ’80), Park Ridge, Ill., is senior vice president and general counsel in the Consumer and Mortgage Lending Division of HSBC North America. She has been with HSBC for more than 25 years.

Bruce Marshak  
(LAW ’80), Northbrook, Ill., is first vice president at JPMorgan Chase, providing litigation support to the in-house legal team in defending home loans-related lawsuits.

Colleen McLaughlin  
(LAW ’80), Wheaton, Ill., was installed as president of the DuPage County Bar Association.

Chris Muth  
(LAW ’80), Cincinnati, has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati.

Susan Redfield  
(LAW ’80), Long Beach, Calif., serves on the board of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation. She chairs the endowment committee of Assistance League of Long Beach, a volunteer group of nearly 1,000 women who make community activism effective, efficient, and fun.

Mark Standefer  
(LAW ’80), Arlington Heights, Ill., has been with United Stationers Supply Co. as associate general counsel for seven years.

Steven Stender  
(LAW ’80), Glencoe, Ill., is a partner in the real estate department of Much Shelist.

Richard Vittenson  
(LAW ’80), Lincolnshire, Ill., recently completed his year as chair of the Chicago Bar Association’s Entertainment Committee, and has joined the Executive Committee.

Juliana Garner  
(ARCH ’81), Kalamazoo, Mich., works at Byce & Associates, Inc., where she serves as project manager on commercial, detention, and industrial projects.

Thomas Samson  
(LAW ’81), Chicago, is retiring from the City of Chicago’s Department of Law.

Peter Birnbaum  
(LAW ’83), Chicago, president of Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. in Chicago, was one of seven Illinois attorneys named as 2011 Laureates of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Academy of Illinois Lawyers.

Anne Burke  
(LAW ’83), Chicago, an Illinois Supreme Court Justice, recently co-authored with Justice Charles Freeman the concurring opinion in the case of Maksym v. Board of Elections Commissioners of the City of Chicago, which concerned Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s residency.

Terry Campo  
(LAW ’83), Alexandria, Va., was featured in the New York Times about his role as lead counsel for Alaska U.S. Senate candidate Joe Miller, who ran against write-in incumbent Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Katherine Dedrick  
(LAW ’83), Hinsdale, Ill., is a partner at Childress Duffy, a national firm specializing in insurance recovery and coverage issues. In December 2010, she published the book The 10 Things I Wish Someone Would Have Told Me, about women’s personal and professional life issues.

Thomas Gresson  
(LAW ’83), Reston, Va., is chair of the Virginia Bar

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Association Health Law Section. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Radiology Business Management Association.

Terrence Lavin (LAW ‘83), Chicago, is ending his first year as a justice on the Illinois Appellate Court. He has written more than 50 opinions and Rule 23 Orders.

Scott Levin (LAW ‘83), Elmhurst, Ill., was named to Illinois Super Lawyers and Illinois Rising Stars 2011. He practices business litigation with Howard & Howard at its Chicago office.

Carla Pappalardo (LAW ‘83), Wyckoff, N.J., spent the past year as a labor relations consultant to Morton Salt and acted as the chief spokesperson/negotiator for Morton Salt’s merger with a German company.

John Caslione (LAW ‘84), Evanston, Ill., is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business. He is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of the chaotics research and management consulting network firm Chaotics Strategies Group, LLC.

Pauline Dembicki (LAW ‘84), Evanston, Ill., was appointed to the Evanston Commission on Aging.

Dimitris Lois (CHE ‘84), Athens, Greece, was named as chief executive officer of Coca Cola Hellenic Bottling Company S.A. (Coca Cola Hellenic).


David Pyrce (M.B.A. ’84), Murrieta, Calif., was appointed chief executive officer and member of the Board of Directors of Nexsun Corp., a leading developer of advanced renewable energy and biofuels projects worldwide.

Catherine Sanders (LAW ‘84), Lemont, Ill., has been working as an assistant state’s attorney for the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office for almost 26 years. She is currently a wing supervisor in the Felony Trial Division.

Jeffrey Conen (LAW ‘85), Milwaukee, Wis., was recognized by The Wisconsin Law Journal for leading the Wisconsin Trial Courts in facing review on appeal in 2010. He presides in the Homicide/Sexual Assault Division of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

William Ensing (LAW ’85), Highland Park, Ill., is the principal of Ensing Law Firm, Ltd., a boutique firm concentrating on wealth succession and preservation.

Kurt Lloyd (LAW ’85), Chicago, recently endowed the foundation Help Injured Kids, which was set up to provide families who have an injured child with online support resources. He is the recent founder of the Lloyd Law Group, where he continues to practice plaintiff’s personal injury and wrongful death law. In 2010, he was chosen as an Illinois Super Lawyer for the fifth consecutive year.

Justina Molzon (LAW ’85), Bethesda, Md., a pharmacist and attorney, and a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, received a University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award.

John Locallo (LAW ’86), Chicago, is president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

David Bell (LAW ’87), Los Angeles, married artist Jennifer Moran.


Mae Byrne (LAW ’87), Vienna, Va., worked with the State Department and recently returned from
13 months in Afghanistan-Bagram Air Field.

→ Timothy Cavanagh (LAW ‘87), Chicago, founding partner of Cavanagh Law Group, was named one of the Irish Legal 100 for 2011.

Scott Cipinko (LAW ‘87), Marietta, Ga., rejoined Consumer Credit Industry Association as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Alan Karpel (LAW ‘87), Wilmette, Ill., started Hetherington, Karpel, Bobber & Miller, LLC, a worker’s compensation and personal injury firm, with Matthew W. Miller (LAW ‘03) and two other attorneys.

Karen McCadle (LAW ‘87), Blue Island, Ill., works for LYNX Services, LLC, with a focus on insurance regulatory and licensing matters. She was appointed governance chair for the Securities and Insurance Licensing Association.

Thomas Orr (LAW ‘87), Trumbull, Conn., retired from his position as senior vice president of General Reinsurance Corporation in August 2010 after 29 years with the company.

Kelvin Bulger (LAW ‘88), Chicago, is one of three executive producers on a new national television series “The Good Time Kids.”

Kenneth Goetz (LAW ’89), Glendale Heights, Ill., is a solo practitioner in Chicago and the western suburbs, concentrating in bankruptcy.

Daniel Sugre (LAW ‘89), Libertyville, Ill., is a sole practitioner.

1990s

Stephen Krull (LAW ‘90), Ann Arbor, Mich., was named executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary for Con-way Inc.

Roderick Sawyer (LAW ‘90), Chicago, was elected alderman of Chicago’s 6th Ward.

Keith Turner (LAW ’90), Pacific Palisades, Calif., received the 2010 Sparkplug Award from the Pacific Palisades Community Council.

Daniel Whitman (M.A.S. ARCH ‘91), Chicago, is the founder of a for-profit social enterprise called GlobaTap. Over the past year, GlobaTap has been installing sleek, IDEO-designed steel water refilling stations in San Francisco.

Howard Rosenblum (LAW ’92), Silver Spring, Md., was selected as the chief executive officer of the National Association of the Deaf.

Mark Brown (LAW ’93), Highland Park, Ill., is a coach of the undergraduate national mock trial team for Northwestern University. He practices in plaintiff’s personal injury and medical malpractice as a partner with Lane & Lane, LLC.

Kim Campbell (LAW ’93), Bloomington, Ill., was appointed McLean County chief public defender after eight years as first assistant state’s attorney.

Rachel Cowen (LAW ’93), Chicago, joined the firm DLA Piper as a partner in the labor and employment practice division.

Carlos Olarte Garcia (LAW ’93), Bogota, Colombia, renamed his law firm Olarte Moure after the departure of two partners.

Karen Pinkert-Lieb (LAW ’93), Chicago, was selected by Leading Lawyers Magazine as the No. 1 female divorce lawyer in Illinois.

Marjorie Sher (LAW ’93), Highland Park, Ill., has her own law firm in Lake County, Illinois, where she practices primarily family law.

Sheri Stegge (LAW ’93), Concord, Calif., is a human resources business partner at Kaiser Permanente Human Resources.

Jun Tang (M.A.S. ARCH ’93), Lisle, Ill., lead architect with HDR’s Federal Program, has been awarded the prestigious Society of American Military Engineers Urbahn Medal.

Karen White (LAW ’93), Downers Grove, Ill., joined SmithAmundsen’s Chicago office as a partner in financial services.

William Wolf (LAW ’93), Arlington Heights, Ill., is a member of the Cook County Public Defender’s Office assigned to the Homicide Task Force. Last November, he was sworn in as president of the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Philip Bonoli (LAW ’95), Los Angeles, is a partner with the Los Angeles office of LeClairRyan, a national law firm.

Robert Emanuel (LAW ’95), Chicago, joined the law firm Much Shelist as a principal in the litigation and dispute resolution practice group.

Timothy Engling (LAW ’95), Northfield, Ill., was promoted from senior counsel to principal at Miller Canfield.

Lerry Knox (MET ’95), Chicago, was awarded the Marshall Memorial Fellowship for 2011 through the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Jeffrey Kopiowoda (LAW ’95), Wilmette, Ill., rejoined Funkhouser Vegosen Liebman & Dunn Ltd. in February 2011, after spending nearly seven years as the global head of legal affairs for an international group of financial services companies.

John Ladd (LAW ’95), Alexandria, Va., is executive managing director of Carmen Group, Inc., the government affairs and consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Lorden (LAW ’95), Boulder, Colo., manages his real estate brokerage business, Buyers’ Slice Realty, in Boulder. He started the company Reel Fun, which teaches fly-fishing to middle and high school students across the United States.

Jan Nguyen-Lesser (LAW ’95), Huntington Beach, Calif., has been a deputy public defender with the Los Angeles Public Defender’s Office for 13 years.

Allison Rich (LAW ’95), Tallahassee, Fla., joined Florida State University as the senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator.

Stephanie Roodman (LAW ’95), Chevy Chase, Md., is an affordable housing developer and in-house counsel for a not-for-profit developer in Montgomery County, outside of Washington, D.C.

Scott Schutte (LAW ’95), Chicago, joined the Chicago office of Morgan Lewis as a partner in the litigation practice and a co-chair of the firm’s Class Action Group.

Richard Fingard (LAW ’96, LL.M. ’97), Chicago, was named director and senior counsel at Newedge USA, an institutional futures commission merchant and broker-dealer.

Lisa Wortman Gaspero (LAW ’96), Lisle, Ill., and her husband, Carmen Gaspero (LAW ’97), opened their own law practice, Gaspero & Gaspero. They welcomed their fourth daughter last July.

Amanda Howland (LAW ’96), Lake Zurich, Ill., was chosen as one of 10 women to participate in the 2011 Illinois Women’s Institute for Leadership training program, founded by Loretta Durbin.

Derek Leckow (LAW ’96), Chicago, was named vice president, investor relations for DENTSPLY, a designer and manufacturer of professional dental products.

Scott McKenna (LAW ’96), Tinley Park, Ill., celebrated his 10-year anniversary with civil defense firm Best Vanderlaan & Harrington in Chicago. He and his wife, Tricia, welcomed their second child, daughter Colleen McKenna.

Michael Siem (CHE ’96), Brooklyn, N.Y., was named as principal at the law firm Fish & Richardson. He will continue to focus his practice on pharmaceutical litigation related to the Hatch-Waxman Act, in addition to litigating cases in such areas as chemical processes and biotechnology.

Miriam Stein (LAW ’96), Chicago, is a partner at Artenst & Lehr LLP specializing in corporate bankruptcy. She was just appointed as a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee in Lake County, Illinois.

Katherine Stenander (LAW ’96), Chicago, and her husband, Rob, welcomed triplets last July.

David Yuen (LAW ’96), Chicago, married last November.

Brian Ziff (LAW ’96), Scottsdale, Ariz., was selected to lead the national litigation practice for Clark Hill PLC.

Thomas Reynolds (LAW ’97), Milwaukee, Wis., left the full-time practice of law last September to partner with a former client and start a new company in the analytical instruments industry, Anattu, LLC.

Erik Andersen (LAW ’98), Chicago, was elected to the position of partner at Cassiday Schade LLP.

Robert Brevelle (CS ’98, M.S. ’98), Rowlett, Texas, is vice president of business development for Airborne ISR for DRS Defense Solutions.

Howard Huntington (LAW ’98), Mount Prospect, Ill., and his wife, Ellen, welcomed their first child, Heidi Catherine, last year.

Nathan Lollis (LAW ’98), Chicago, and Deborah (Dencer) Lollis (LAW ’03) recently married.


Howard Rosenburg (LAW ’98), Chicago, joined Kopecky, Schumacher & Bleakley, P.C. as a partner.

Linda Wagner (M.D.S. DSGN ’98), Bothell, Wash., joined Carbon Design Group as director of research.

Brian Barrett (LAW ’99), Joliet, Ill., was appointed as an associate judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Christine Crane (LAW ’99), Deerfield, Ill., manages the Family Law Division with AzulaySeiden Law Group, an immigration law firm in Chicago.
Sara DeBlaze  
(LAW ’99), Chicago, is senior counsel and global immigration director for Aon Corporation.

Michelle DeLise  
(LAW ’99), Chicago, is in-house counsel for State Farm.

Margaret Fernstein  
(LAW ’99), Chicago, became partner at the firm SmithAmundsen, LLC.

Mitchell Friedman  
(LAW ’99), Wilmette, Ill., is a partner at Morici, Figlioli & Associates specializing in personal injury and worker’s compensation cases.

Jennifer Hayward  
(LAW ’99), Washington, D.C., and her husband welcomed their first child in March 2011.

Yarema Melnyk  
(LAW ’99), Chicago, was elected to partner at Cassiday Schade LLP.

Anand Rao  
(M.S. ENVE ’99), Chicago, joined Lincoln Financial Group as vice president of digital strategy and user experience.

Sharese Shields  
(LAW ’99), Atlanta, opened The Shields Law Firm, LLC. The firm practices primarily in the areas of employment law, personal injury, and criminal defense.

Sara Weinberg  
(LAW ’99), Chicago, was named a partner at Jackson Lewis LLP.

2000s

Alia Caravelli  
(LAW ’00), Chicago, became a founding partner at Blair I Caravelli Law. She devotes her legal practice to family law.

Melody Farance  
(LAW ’00), Spokane, Wash., was elevated to partner with the law firm of Stamper Rubens, P.S.

Lisa Jaklitsch  
(LAW ’00), Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., joined the legal department at International Business Machines (IBM). She is a senior attorney in the IBM Intellectual Property and Strategy Department.

Lydia Lazar  
(LAW ’00), Chicago, was appointed a partner for recruitment and career development for The University of Chicago’s Harris School of Public Policy Studies.

Eric Madiar  
(LAW ’00), Roselle, Ill., is the chief legal counsel to the Office of the Senate President in Springfield.

Paul Miller  
(LAW ’00), Chicago, and his wife, Lindsie, welcomed twins in February 2011. He also began a new job as vice president at Grovenor Capital Management, L.P.

Evelyn Nackman  
(LAW ’00), Alexandria, Va., is an attorney-advisor for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration working on the Deepwater Horizon multi-distict litigation. She welcomed her third child last February.

Therese King Nohos  
(LAW ’00), Chicago, was promoted to counsel with Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, where she practices in the firm’s litigation group. Chicago Magazine named her an Illinois Outstanding Young Lawyer for the second year in a row.

Michele Katz Rosenblum  
(LAW ’00), Chicago, was awarded a 2010 Corporate Women of Achievement Award by the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Terence Smith  
(LAW ’00), Flossmoor, Ill., joined the firm DLA Piper as a partner in the labor and employment practice in April.

Nancy Westwick  
(LL.M. ’00), Algonquin, Ill., was appointed to the new role of chief compliance officer with R.J. O’Brien & Associates.

Stephanie Bayer-Long  
(LAW ’01), Littleton, Colo., is managing partner at Estill and Long, LLC.

Bernadette Freeman  
(LAW ’01), Chicago, is an appellate administrative law judge for the State of Illinois—Beneft Appeals.

Jeffrey Kahn  
(LAW ’01), Denver, founded Continuum Search Partners, a retained search firm focusing on national clients in the healthcare and industrial sectors.

Valerie Neymeyer-Tynkov  
(LAW ’01), Chicago, and her husband recently celebrated their 10th anniversary. She is in solo practice.

Stavros Giannoulis  
(LAW ’02), Chicago, practices litigation at Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered.

Deborah Laughton  
(LAW ’02), Lake Forest, Ill., was elevated to the board of directors of McAndrews, Held & Malloy Ltd.

Jared Palmer  
(LAW ’02), Chicago, is general counsel and corporate security director for AFN, LLC, a third-party logistics provider headquartered in Niles, Ill. He married Manya Paunovic last July.

Keith Pearson  
(LAW ’02), Richardson, Texas, works at the firm of Wright Ginsberg Brusilow, P.C. in Dallas in the area of commercial bankruptcy.

James Sarnoff  
(LAW ’02), Chicago, concentrates his practice in real estate tax law at Sarnoff & Baccash.

Matthew Sidor  
(LAW ’02), Chicago, married Nicole Harding Sidor last September.

Charmagne Topacio  
(LAW ’02), Northlake, Ill., is a business litigation partner at the Chicago office of Tressler LLP.

Christian Voigt  
(LL.M. ’02), Boston, was admitted to the New York state bar last June. He is the senior head of global sports marketing and sports law for PUMA North America Inc.

Matthew Weller  
(LAW ’02), Chicago, was made partner at Cassiday Schade LLP.

Kathryn Woodward  
(LAW ’02), Oak Park, Ill., is the director of global business practices and compliance for Sara Lee Corporation, where she focuses on corporate compliance, including anti-corruption and privacy. She and her husband, Marco...
Nasca, welcomed their first child, Matthew, in November.

Tiffany Brown
(LAW ’03), Salt Lake City, joined the office of Jones Waldo in spring 2010. She practices in the firm’s domestic and family law practice group.

Earl Johnston
(LAW ’03), Lake Forest, Ill., is tax diarymount of Packaging Corporation of America.

Tonda Lee
(LAW ’03), St. Charles, was promoted to partner with SmithAmundsen in April 2011.

Deborah Dencer Lollis
(LAW ’03), Chicago, and Nathan Lollis (LAW ’98) married in September 2010.

John Marhoefer
(LAW ’03), Chicago, is founder of Intelligent Generation LLC, a company that uses proprietary software and networking technologies to efficiently manage distributed producers and storage of renewable energy. IG is a new tenant at University Technology Park at IIT and a participating company in the Illinois Smart Grid Regional Innovation Cluster.

Matthew Miller
(LAW ’03), Chicago, and Alan Karpel (LAW ’87) recently started a worker’s compensation and personal injury firm with two other attorneys. Hetherington, Karpel, Bobber & Miller, LLC opened its doors in August 2010.

Jordan Paradise
(LAW ’03), Newark, N.J., is an associate professor of law at Seton Hall Law School teaching food and drug law, administrative law, and law and the life sciences.

Thomas Posey
(LAW ’03), Chicago, was named a partner at the law firm Franczek Radelet.

Robert Reiter
(LAW ’03), Huntley, Ill., is the new secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Federation of Labor. He joins fellow alumnus and president of the federation, Jorge Ramirez (LAW ’97).

Richard Schroeder
(LAW ’03), Chicago, is now with the law firm of Paul B. Episcope, LLC, where he works in medical malpractice and personal injury. He married last October.

Schroeder was recognized as a Rising Star in Super Lawyers Magazine for 2011.

Seth Darmstadt
(LAW ’04), Chicago, was selected as a 2011 Illinois Rising Star in business litigation by Super Lawyers Magazine. He writes regularly for the “Climbing the Ladder” column in Chicago Lawyer magazine.

Patrick Ellis
(LAW ’04), Grand Rapids, Mich., was promoted to associate principal attorney with Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valittu & Sherbrook.

Gregory Ginex
(LAW ’04), Chicago, was promoted to partner at Bollinger, Ruberry & Garvey.

Jorge Mihalopoulos
(LAW ’04, M.S. EM ’06), Chicago, was selected as a 2011 Illinois Rising Star in environmental litigation by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Cheryl Norman
(LAW ’04), Chicago, is the lead Chicago White Sox correspondent and a contributor for the 9Sports.com network. 9Sports.com is run entirely by women and covers all teams in the NHL, NBA, MLB, and NFL.

Jia You
(LL.M. ’04), St. Louis, is an associate with Armstrong Teasdale.

Marcie Zinn
(Ph.D. PSYC ’04), Dublin, Calif., recently joined a research team at Stanford University Medical Center, Department of Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine. The goal of the team is to define what chronic fatigue syndrome is and confirm it as a medical syndrome in its own right.

Lindsay Anderson
(LAW ’05), Chicago, was appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to serve as the chair of the Campaign Finance Reform Task Force. She currently serves as Governor Quinn’s legislative director/legislative counsel.

Kimberly Edwards
(M.B.A. ’05), Chicago, graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Ph.D. in policy studies in urban education. She is currently employed with the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations as its director of education.

Howard Abrams
(LAW ’06), Chicago, is a plaintiff’s personal injury attorney at the law firm of Benjamin and Shapiro, Ltd.

Sarah Abrams
(LAW ’06), Chicago, is an associate attorney at Trbiler Oprett & Meyer, P.C., practicing primarily in the areas of professional and general liability defense and coverage litigation.

Michael Demetriou
(LAW ’06), Chicago, is an associate at SNR Denton. He recently welcomed his second child, Leo.

Clair Forster
(LAW ’06), Chicago, serves as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan in the Northern District of Illinois.

Rosemary Frenza
(LAW ’06), Ann Arbor, Mich., joined Legacy Law Center, an Ann Arbor firm conducting estate planning and administration, Medicaid and veterans’ benefits planning, elder law, general probate law, and mediation.

Olga Gutierrez
(LAW ’06), Chicago, is the executive director of legislative and government affairs at City Colleges of Chicago.

Cherish Keller
(LAW ’06), Chicago, celebrated the birth of her daughter last April. She is an adjunct professor at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Nicholas Logan
(LAW ’06), Faliro, Greece, and his wife celebrated the arrival of their first daughter in October 2009. Logan works with Tsakos Shipping and Trading S.A., a Greek ship owner and manager, providing general commercial counsel and assisting in the acquisition and sale of ships.

Kyle Mazurek
(LAW ’06), Spring Lake, Mich., joined the government affairs staff of Comcast Cable–Michigan Region as a government affairs associate.

Patrick Spangler
(LAW ’06), Chicago, is an associate at Vedder Price P.C. in the firm’s labor and employment and benefits groups. He was recently recognized by Legal 500 as part of a report ranking Vedder Price in the top 10 labor and employment firms in the country.

Abigail Staudt
(LAW ’06), Chagrin Falls, Ohio, married Karl Maersch in January. Staudt is an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Erik Aasland
(LL.M. ’07), Oslo, Norway, joined the law firm Rader DA. He is senior associate within the M&A/corporate/financial services department.

Michael Aschenbrenner
(LAW ’07), Chicago, was named chair of the Technology and Privacy Practice Group at Edelson McGuire LLC in Chicago. He and his wife, Dannie, married last September.

Andrew Baker
(LAW ’07), Oak Park, Ill., joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP as a senior knowledge analyst. He and Ashleigh Jurkoshek (LAW ’07) married in May. Jurkoshek is counsel at Orbitz Worldwide, Inc.

Sara Bastani
(LAW ’07), Denver, is employed by the State of Colorado Juvenile Parole Board and by the Department of Human Services Office of Appeals issuing final agency decisions.

Gerald Bekkerman
(LAW ’07), Chicago, started his own firm in 2010 focusing on plaintiff’s personal injury litigation. He is currently engaged to Jenny Maurer.

Katherine Carly Crouch
(LAW ’07), Chicago, is an associate at Grotefeld Hoffmann Schleiter Gordon & Ochoa, LLP. She has a nationwide practice in insurance subrogation and product liability work.

Michael Damergis
(LAW ’07), Chicago, is employed at Ernst & Young in Chicago. He and his wife, Amber, married in September 2010.

Kelly Gawne
(LAW ’07), Western Springs, Ill., joined Lebow, Malecki & Tasch, LLC in Chicago as an associate.

Paul Haidle
(LAW ’07), Chicago, was the June 2010 Advocate and Pro Bono Attorney of the Month as selected by Illinois Legal Advocate.

Daniel Hanichak
(LAW ’07), Chicago, works in the Special Prosecutions Division of the Narcotics Unit at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, trying high-level gang and drug cases. He was recently hired as a professor at DePaul University, teaching criminal justice in the undergraduate program.

Nathan Hinch
(LAW ’07), Bloomington, Ill., joined the firm Mueller & Reece, LLC as an associate, concentrating in the practice of real estate, business, construction, and environmental law.

Matthew Jenkins
(LAW ’07), Chicago, and his wife had a son, Andrew Knight Jenkins, born in July 2010.

Patrick Kelly
(LAW ’07), Naperville, Ill., is an associate at Helm & Wagner, focusing on eminent domain law.

Heather Kissling
(LAW ’07), Chicago, was made a partner at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun, LLP.

Michael LaMonica
(LAW ’07), Brookville, Ill., is a senior associate at Lindner & Lindner, Ltd., practicing in the area of class litigation and personal injury.

Zach Hartnett
(BA ’07), Morehead City, N.C., is a Harrier jet pilot with the United States Marine Corps.
Rachael Levy
(LAW ’07), Chicago, works at the Whiting Law Group.

Steven Markoff
(LAW ’07), Chicago, was named a partner at Markoff Krasny LLC, a creditors’ rights and collections law firm.

Fiona McEntee
(LAW ’07), Chicago, opened her own law practice The McEntee Law Group, P.C., a full-service firm that focuses exclusively on immigration law, in 2010.

Xuekai Qian
(LL.M. ’07), Beijing, is a partner in the Beijing Zhongsheng Law Firm, practicing in the areas of mining investment laws, M&A, commercial laws, and international commercial arbitration and litigation.

Joseph Silvia
(LL.M. /LAW ’07), Chicago, joined the legal department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as counsel.

Margaret Battersby
(LAW ’08), Chicago, is an attorney/guardian ad litem with the Cook County Office of the Child Support Enforcement Division.

Allison Gans
(LAW ’08), Chicago, is a litigation associate at SNR Denton.

Lindsay Mack
(LAW ’08), Deerfield, Ill., is an assistant state’s attorney in the Child Support Enforcement Division.

Frances McAlmon
(LAW ’08), Chicago, is currently an assistant state’s attorney assigned to a felony narcotics courtroom.

Meghan Paulas
(LAW ’08), Chicago, was selected to serve as the chair of the 2010–11 Board of Directors for the Chicago Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society. Paulas and her fiancé, Ryan Abbott, plan to marry in April 2012.

Antonio Senagore
(LAW ’08), Chicago, is an attorney with Fisk Kart Katz & Regan, Ltd.

Kelly Armstrong
(LAW ’09), Chicago, joined Romanucci & Blandin, LLC as an associate practicing personal injury law.

Cheryl Balough
(LAW ’09), Chicago, is a member of Balough Law Offices, LLC.

Wayne Bradley
(LAW ’09), West Chicago, Ill., was promoted to partner with the intellectual property firm McAndrews, Held & Malloy Ltd.

Thomas Doggett
(LAW ’09), Rockford, Ill., joined the Law Offices of Marino & Simonetti, which concentrates in representing plaintiffs in personal-injury cases.

Matthew Kovalcik
(LAW ’09), Chicago, joined the law firm Much Shelist as an associate in the litigation and dispute resolution practice group.

Matthew Levinstein
(LAW ’09), Chicago, joined Greenberg Traurig, LLP’s intellectual property and technology practices as an associate.

Matthew Minder
(LAW ’09), St. Louis, is a member of the Bryan Cave LLP intellectual property practice.

Benjamin Tull
(LAW ’09), Downers Grove, Ill., is a staff attorney in the Chicago office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, and a member of the firm’s litigation department.

Nicholas Beard
(LAW ’10), Chicago, is an associate at Brown, Udell, Pomerantz & Delrahim, Ltd. working within the litigation group on matters involving contracts claims and real estate.

James Cagle
(LAW ’10), Downers Grove, Ill., is corporate counsel for OfficeMax.

George Coleman
(M.P.A. ’10), Chicago, was selected as a 2011 Defender Men of Excellence by the Chicago Defender newspaper. He was accepted into the Executive Program at Harvard University.

Erik Doolittle
(AE/ME ’10), Waterford, Conn., accepted a position as auxiliary ship systems engineer with General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton.

Timothy Hirzel
(LAW ’10), Battle Creek, Mich., joined the law firm K&L Gates LLP as a patent prosecution attorney.

Mark Hoffman
(LAW ’10), Chicago, is an attorney in the labor and discipline unit of the Chicago Board of Education.

Chong Jiang
(LL.M. ’10), Beijing, passed the New York bar exam in July 2010 and is now a partner at Kaipu Law Firm in Beijing.

Nicholas Polk
(LAW ’10), Chicago, is a manager of mediation services at the Center for Conflict Resolution, a nonprofit that provides free mediation services throughout Cook County. Polk also runs an independent art gallery in Logan Square called HungryMan Gallery.

Katya Manak
(LAW ’10), Normal, Ill., is as an associate at the Chicago family law firm of Stein & Stein, Ltd.

Steven Mroczkowski
(LAW ’10), Naperville, Ill., was admitted to practice in Illinois and in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is an associate attorney at Sosin Arnold & Leibforth, Ltd.

Michelle Myers
(LAW ’10), Chicago, is an associate with Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C., working with the regulatory, claims, and insurance coverage team.

Joseph Opron
(LAW ’10), Washington, D.C., is in-house counsel for the North American Securities Administrators Association and a part-time candidate for an LL.M. in securities and financial regulation at Georgetown University Law Center.

Maria Richardson
(LAW ’10), Chicago, is an associate attorney with the international trade law firm Page.Fura, P.C.

Alexander Tsinman
(LAW ’10), Skokie, Ill., and two colleagues launched a new law firm, Axia Law, LLC.
For information about the upcoming alumni events listed here and other alumni activities, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 312.567.5040, alumni@iit.edu, or alumni.iit.edu.

**Homecoming 2011**

**Friday and Saturday, September 23–24, 2011**
IIT Main Campus
Chicago

Join alumni, friends, and current students to celebrate more than a century of Tech Traditions. Homecoming weekend activities include:

**GATHER IN THE BOG**
The popular Bog is the site of a student gift dedication and alumni mixer at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 23.

**SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL ACTION**
Watch IIT men’s soccer at Stuart Field and women’s volleyball at Keating Sports Center on Friday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

**GUNSAULUS SOCIETY BREAKFAST AND SEMINAR**
Join the Gunsaulus Society for breakfast at University Technology Park followed by a brief seminar on planned giving opportunities at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 24.

**GOLDEN SOCIETY REUNION**
The Golden Society Luncheon will be held in Hermann Hall at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 24. This reunion recognizes alumni who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their IIT graduation. Members of the Class of 1961 will receive Golden Society medallions, be recognized for this anniversary milestone, and have a chance to visit with former classmates and current students.

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE!**
On Saturday, September 24, bring the whole family to the Renaissance Faire carnival at IIT’s Morton Park at 5 p.m. Interact with current students and catch up with old friends while enjoying food, games, and the annual golf cart parade.

**Alumni Association Marathon Group**
**BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON™**

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**
7:30 a.m. (marathon start time)

Attention athletes! Are you running in the 2011 Chicago Marathon? Tell us who you are so we can cheer you on as you pass IIT! A banner featuring the names of competing students, faculty, staff, and alumni will be on display along the marathon route through Main Campus.

**PUMPKIN LAUNCH**

**Saturday, October 15, 2011**
IIT Main Campus
Chicago

Student groups show off their launch contraptions. See which one can hurl a pumpkin the farthest.

**2012 ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE**
**Monday, October 31, 2011**

Do you know alumni who have achieved amazing things, helped IIT, or changed the world? Of course you do! Recognize them by completing an online nomination form at http://alumni.iit.edu.
1) Interactive Classroom  IIT School of Applied Technology Dean Bob Carlson and Sylvia Footlik hold a ribbon to dedicate SAT’s new Irving M. and Sylvia Footlik Foundation Interactive Classroom on May 23. They were joined by Bob Footlik (IE ’68).

2) LEGO Rule! More than 500 participants contributed to the LEGO City masterpiece erected in S. R. Crown Hall.

3) A young builder looked through a LEGO spyglass while another contemplated his design at LEGO Day, held in S. R. Crown Hall on July 23.


5) Mid-America Club  Chicago alumni gathered at the The Mid-America Club on June 9.

6) Arboretum Fun  On June 18, IIT alumni families enjoyed a day outside at Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill., with Talon, the IIT mascot.

7) AIA Convention Reception  Members of the Class of 1981 joined IIT College of Architecture Dean Donna Robertson at an alumni reception on May 12. The event was held in conjunction with the AIA 2011 National Convention and Design Exposition at the Napoleon House in New Orleans.

8) Boys of Summer  Donors gathered at U. S. Cellular Field on July 11 to “Play Ball for IIT,” a tribute to IIT’s 2011 Henry Heald Award recipient, John A. Canning Jr. The event raised more than $550,000 for IIT STEM scholarships. Players included [left to right] Patrick S. Harbour, President John Anderson, IIT University Regent Craig Duchossois, and Don Schumacher.

9) Robotic Theater  Visitors viewed the Chicago Robotic Theater exhibit It All Comes Back in S. R. Crown Hall this summer.
So how did the high school students you know spend summer vacation this year? Hitting the beach? Getting together with friends? Going to concerts? Playing computer games?

Are they up for something more exciting for summer 2012? Something that can give them a competitive edge when applying to college?

Like building a “green” city? Working with wind turbines? Figuring out what can live in the Chicago River?

IIT. Where the coolest kids in Chicago spend the summer.

Go to summer.iit.edu and see why IIT will be the summer place to be in 2012.
obituary

Geoffrey C. Fear
M.S. MET ‘51
Inverness, Ill.

From 1975–2006, Geoffrey C. Fear’s career was centered on angel food cake pans, cookie sheets, and various other domestic and commercial bakeware and aluminum foil containers in his roles as president, chief executive officer, and chairman of Chicago Metallic Products. Fear helped to grow the company in size, and in 1996, it became the world’s largest manufacturer of commercial baking pans. Today, CMP is part of Russell T. Bundy Associates, Inc., and continues to maintain the world’s largest inventory of bakeware. Fear was a division president of Canada’s Alcan Aluminum Ltd. and along with three colleagues, decided to purchase CMP when Alcan divested the company.

Fear was a member of the Department of Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering Advisory Board, and in 1999, along with his wife, Janet, established the Fear Fellowship Endowment. A member of the Philip Danforth Armour Society, Fear received a Professional Achievement Award from IIT in 2004 and an Award of Merit two years later.

Michael L. Abramson
M.S. DSGN ’77
Chicago

While Steven Spielberg, Ron Howard, and Oprah Winfrey were among Michael L. Abramson’s notable subjects, it was perhaps the clientele of several Chicago South Side blues clubs during the mid-1970s that brought the celebrated photographer his greatest acclaim. Abramson received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of his documentary project, which captured a unique time in the city’s cultural history. More than 100 black-and-white images are featured in Abramson’s book Light: On the South Side. Published in 2009, it was paired with a period soundtrack, which was nominated for a Grammy Award.

Abramson graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and was working in the financial industry when he decided to take a photography course. It became his passion and inspired Abramson to move to Chicago to enroll in the graduate program at the Institute of Design, where he studied under Arthur Siegel. Abramson taught documentary photography part-time at IIT for a short period and traveled the world as a commercial portrait photographer and photojournalist. His work appeared in the New York Times, Forbes, Sports Illustrated, and other publications.

Abramson is survived by his longtime partner, Midge Wilson, his mother, a sister, and a brother.
PLAN FOR Transformation

By Marcia Faye

In 2000, the Chicago Housing Authority launched the nation’s largest public-housing redevelopment effort, the 10-year Plan for Transformation. As part of the plan, CHA’s mid- and high-rise buildings were demolished to make way for new housing. Stateway Gardens, an eight-tower complex that stretched along State Street between 35th Street and 39th Street, began at the south edge of IIT Main Campus.

Today, Park Boulevard, a revitalized 33-acre “super-block” featuring CHA mixed-income housing, green space, and commercial businesses such as Starbucks and Jimmy John’s, anchors the corner of 35th and State. Over time, the CHA Master Redevelopment Plan proposes 885 housing units onsite in the form of affordable rental units, condos, duplexes, townhomes, and single-family dwellings.

IIT Main Building can be seen in the distance beyond a demolished Stateway Gardens high-rise.

PHOTO: Visiting Assistant Professor David Schalliol, IIT Department of Social Sciences, took this photo and others for his photo series Chicago Housing Authority’s Plan for Transformation (2003–Present) (http://davidschalliol.com/cha).
A lot has stayed the same at IIT for the past hundred years. Smart, talented students from around the world keep coming here to study engineering, design, business, applied technology, architecture, law, psychology, and science and letters. Our faculty continue to perform research that has transformed our economy, the environment, and our cities. Being “good enough” has never—and will never—be good enough at IIT. It is a place that will always value imagination, innovation, and new ideas.

A lot has also changed at IIT over the past century. In 2010, the Princeton Review named IIT one of Illinois’s two greenest university campuses. IIT's Institute for Food Safety and Health is conducting studies using large volumes of microorganisms that are potentially dangerous to humans. More than a third of our students are women, IIT Main Campus is home to a state-of-the-art wind turbine, and University Technology Park includes nine research centers and 22 startup and growth companies in life sciences, clean energy, and information technology.

At IIT, we are committed to educating men and women who can manage change—today, tomorrow, and 25 years from now. Looking forward is what we do—and that will never change.
Nominations for the 2012 Alumni Awards

Do you know an IIT graduate who is considered a leader or even a legend? If so, let us know who deserves recognition. Nominations are due by Monday, October 31, 2011, with the recognition ceremony being held on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Please visit http://alumni.iit.edu/nominations to see award descriptions and submit your nominations.