

# Alumni News



**e will be adding Alumni News** as we hear from graduates. Please send us updates so we can let readers know what you've been doing.

- **Jody (Bobbitt) Zolli** ('87) works full-time as a Principal Technical Writer at SeaChange International in Acton, Mass. She lives in Hudson with her Pete, her stepdaughters Emily and Erica, and her son Leo.
- **Jenith (Murphy) Charpentier** ('95) works part time as a Senior Medical Writer at Charles River Laboratories and was recently appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women in Worcester. Jenith is an Assistant Editor for *Ballard Street Journal*, a new semi-annual publication of poetry. In 2005, she won second place in the *Worcester Magazine* poetry contest for her poem "Hooked." She lives in Worcester with her husband Joe Charpentier ('96) and their three daughters, Mahli, Vivienne, and Anyssa.
- **Harrison Rips** ('96) worked at a number of technical writing jobs after graduation, gravitating towards projects involving the online distribution of technical publications. Eventually he was tapped to become a web UI developer for Kenan Systems (now CSG Systems.) Since then he has honed his software skills and recently was promoted to Principal Software Engineer at his current company, Brix Networks. Harrison served with combat engineers in the Massachusetts Army National Guard from 2003-2005 and currently volunteers with the Central Massachusetts Search and Rescue Team. He lives with his wife Annika Nilson (ME '99) and daughter Linnea in the Blackstone Valley region.
- **Wes Jones** ('97) is a freelance artist. His art has appeared on the promotional materials for the Open Gaming Convention and various gaming products. He lives in Chelmsford. A gallery of his recent work is viewable at <http://hwango.deviantart.com>.
- **Anthony Minto** ('06) lives in Brooklyn, NY and is currently an editor at IAG Research, which tracks viewer brand recognition and advertising trends. He is also in his fourth year of performing at the Improvolution! school of improvisation ([www.improvolution.org](http://www.improvolution.org)), where he teaches classes, writes, and performs weekly with the Das Lederhosen troupe, which appeared in a Comedy Central Internet commercial for Sony Hand Cams. Tony collaborates with a friend to produce [www.spoiledsports.net](http://www.spoiledsports.net), a New York sports satire designed to anger Red Sox fans daily. He hopes to produce a popular cartoon series. You can find a sample of Tony's animation writing at [www.writesafe.com](http://www.writesafe.com).
- **Joe Scherpa** ('98) is a software design lead at IBM, designing IBM's enterprise level instant messaging product Lotus Sametime. He is married and lives in Colorado.
- **Alyssa (Brokaw) Brito** ('01) is married to Ruben Brito, lives in Worcester, and works at Abbott Bioresearch Center as a research associate. She says she is not working in the field of writing right now but loved the program while she was a student.
- **Ken Gagne** ('01) taught technical writing for two years at the Mass Academy and is currently finishing a second major in Humanities and Arts to add to his WPI degree. Ken was recently promoted from associate editor to editor-in-chief of Juiced. GS, a quarterly

newsletter about vintage computers [www.juiced.gs](http://www.juiced.gs). Ken has also performed in community theater productions and is on the board of directors of Calliope Productions in Boylston and the Glee Club Associates, the alumni organization for the WPI Men's Glee Club.

- **Gillian Orlick** ('02) has been working as a Technical Writer for Burst Media in Burlington, MA, which is an Internet advertising company. Previously, she worked for their Publisher Services department. Gillian is getting married in October to Kevin Candiloro ('02).
- **Kathleen Gardner** ('03) works as a Medical Writer at Charles River Laboratories in Worcester writing preclinical toxicology reports. She will complete her American Medical Writers Association certification in Editing and Writing in June after attending the Southeastern Chapter's Conference. Katie volunteers weekly as a Playspace Activity Leader at the Daybreak Domestic Violence Shelter in Worcester, and is engaged to be married in July of 2007 to James Pietrovito ('03).