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Dylan Fischer and Carri LeRoy
Dylan and Carri are co-authors on an article published in the journal *Ecology* 89 (3*)* 2008. The article is titled "Plant–Soil–Microorganism Interactions: Heritable Relationships Between Plant Genotype and Associated Soil Microorganisms."

Char Simons
Char was named distinguished alumnus of the year by Indiana University's West European Studies Department and was the keynote speaker at WEST's Career Night in Bloomington, Indiana. She also recently completed a piece on Islam in Europe for the Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam, and had a column published in The Olympian's Religion page on ritual and mourning (March 29th). Also, the next issue of the Middle East Studies Association Newsletter features a collage of cover photos taken by Char and some of the students in the Silk Roads program while in Egypt, Jordan and Turkey.

Michael Vavrus
Michael was the keynote luncheon speaker at the Washington Educators for Social Justice Conference on May 3 in Seattle. The title of his talk was "A GIS [geographical information system] for Educational Justice."

Cheryl Simrell King
Cheryl was selected as the Public Administration Educator of the Year by the Evergreen chapter of ASPA (American Society for Public Administration), which includes most of western Washington. Mary Van Verst, Program Development and Evaluation Coordinator for the Washington Commission for National and Community Service in Olympia, nominated Cheryl because her "work on bridging the divide between academics and practitioners is noteworthy, along with helping public organizations to become more open to citizens and their own employees."

Andy Brabban and Betty Kutter
Andy and Betty are co-authors on a new paper detailing their continuing efforts to develop a phage-based treatment to control the human pathogen *E.coli* O157:H7. This is the 7th paper as part of their collaboration with Todd Callaway at the USDA-Texas A&M. The paper is titled "Bacteriophage isolated from feedlot cattle can reduce *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 populations in ruminant gastrointestinal tracts."