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Most university graduates look back on their college days with fondness. They think about friendships formed, fun experiences, and personal and academic growth.

Kyle Fitzgibbons is no exception, but his ties to CI run much deeper.

During his senior year, he took an interdisciplinary course that explored the political, historical and cultural forces that caused conflict throughout Ireland's history. The class included an 11-day trip to the Emerald Isle that has affected the course of his life ever since.

In addition to gaining perspective on what he was learning, Fitzgibbons discovered a love of travel. He also started dating Megan Lund, '09, another student in his group.

The two fell in love and have lived and worked in three countries, as well as visited more than 20 others together. They stopped briefly at CI to get married in 2014, and have the distinction of being the first couple to marry at the Broome Library. CI Planning President Dr. J. Handel Evans (predecessor to Dr. Rush) officiated the ceremony.

"It was wonderful and special to us because CI really does embody our personal history as a couple and our shared values of learning, public institutions accessible to all, and aesthetic beauty and modernism," says Fitzgibbons.

The author of four books, Fitzgibbons received his M.Ed. in TESOL, Literacy and Culture* from the University of San Diego. He currently teaches economics and serves as Humanities Department Chair at Stamford American International School in Singapore. He also leads the school's annual 10th-grade trip to Cambodia.

"I oversee curriculum that focuses on everything from history, economics and geography to psychology, government, philosophy, business and even art history," says Fitzgibbons. "Thanks to the liberal and interdisciplinary nature of learning I experienced at CI, it's easy for me to bounce among these subjects to determine what's meaningful and purposeful for our students."

* TESOL stands for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

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