

A Day Honoring the Legacy of Peter Lyman

2008 Fall Founders Circle Luncheon and
Panel Discussion

Friday, October 24, 2008
Kellogg Center, MSU

featuring

Mizuko “Mimi” Ito

Cultural Anthropologist of Technology Use and Research Scientist at the School of
Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California

Luncheon Presentation

11:45am – 2:00pm

“Networked Publics and Participatory Media Culture: What Kids Are Doing Online”

Panel Discussion Featuring Madison Alumni

2:30 - 5:00pm

Reflecting on Peter’s Legacy / Memories from the Audience
Moderated by Professor Richard Zinman

Cocktail Reception

5:00pm

Mizuko Mimi Ito is a cultural anthropologist of technology use, focusing on children and youth’s changing relationships to media and communications. Together with Peter Lyman, Michael Carter, and Barrie Thorne, she led a research project supported by the MacArthur Foundation, “Kids’ Informal Learning with Digital Media,” a three year ethnographic study of kid-initiated and peer-based forms of engagement with new media. She is also conducting ongoing research on Japanese technoculture, looking at how children in Japan and the US engage with post-Pokemon media mixes. She is a Research Scientist at the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California, and a Visiting Associate Professor at Keio University in Japan.

Peter Lyman (1940-2007) helped to found James Madison College and served as a Madison faculty member from 1967 to 1987. He later served as Professor in the School of Information at UC Berkeley, an interdisciplinary school combining computer science and social science in research and teaching about emerging information cultures and tools. He received his BA from Stanford University in Philosophy, MA from Berkeley in Political Science, and PhD in Political Science from Stanford. His research fields included the ethnographic study of online social relationships and communities, educational software, technology transfer from research communities to businesses. In 2004 he completed a study of how much new information is produced every year and a study of the metaphors that guide information policy.

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Panelists

Lew Borman (JMCD '72) is a long- time public relations professional having worked for years in politics and currently in health care as part of the corporate communications team at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. In the field of politics, he worked as communications director for Lt. Governor Bev Perdue (currently running for Governor), served as press secretary for the first Jewish woman Mayor of Pittsburgh, Sophie Masloff, and worked as an aide to former Senator Birch Bayh in Washington DC. He also worked as director of two small community Jewish Federations. Borman is a graduate of James Madison College, Michigan State University in JMCD and did graduate work in communications at University of Maryland. He is married to Wendy Gratz Borman and is father of two great children--Elliot, a student at NC State and Kira, a high school senior in Chapel Hill.

Karen Chaney (JMCD '80) is currently Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Ethics at Olivet College, returning to Michigan after many years of living on both the east and west coasts. Her area of study at James Madison College was in Justice, Morality, and Constitutional Democracy (JMCD). She has a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a doctoral degree in social ethics from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. While at the GTU she also served as a fellow at the Center for Ethics and Social Policy. Her doctoral work examined concepts of global justice emerging from debates regarding agricultural protectionism at the World Trade Organization. She has taught in the areas of biomedical ethics, the ethics of social and political reconciliation, western philosophy, and ethics in Christian history. In her position at Olivet College, she is developing a religious studies and ethics program, as well as teaching courses in western philosophy. Prior to coming to Olivet, she has taught in the areas of biomedical ethics, the ethics of social and political reconciliation, and ethics in Christian history.

M. Sean Fosmire (JMCD '76) is an attorney and shareholder in the law firm of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C. in Marquette, Michigan. He practices in the areas of civil litigation, defense of physicians and hospitals in professional liability litigation, defense of individuals and businesses in product liability, construction, environmental, and employment litigation. He received his JD from the Washington College of Law at the American University in Washington, D.C. Sean has been active in professional and community organizations and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Defense Trial Counsel and serves as the Technology Chair. He was born in Detroit, MI, is married to Barbara Fosmire and they have two children, Sara and Laura.

Joe Knippenberg (JMCD '77) is Professor of Politics at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA, where he has taught since 1985. He received his M.A. (1978) and Ph.D. (1986) from the University of Toronto. In addition to publishing in a variety of scholarly venues on a variety of scholarly topics, he fulminates at No Left Turns (<http://noleftturns.ashbrook.org>), the blog of the Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, where he is an Adjunct Fellow, on the pages of *The City: A journal of Christian Thought*, where he is a Contributing Editor, and in a monthly column for www.culture11.com. He cherishes the education he received at James Madison College, and attempts to encourage and protect places that offer it by serving on the Council of Scholars of the American Academy for Liberal Education, the only national accrediting agency specifically for liberal arts colleges and programs. He lives in Dunwoody, GA. He and his wife, Lee, home school their two children, Liam (13) and Charlotte (almost 11 she would tell you).

Eric Petrie (JMCD '80) is a professor in the field of Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy at JMC. He was an instructor and teaching fellow at Harvard University for several years while completing course work for his doctorate. His dissertation was entitled "Aristotle's Liberalism: Political Virtue and Its Restraints" and won the Toppan prize at Harvard. Professor Petrie has taught courses in the Theory and Practice of American Liberal Democracy and Classical Political Philosophy. He received a 1994 Olin Research Fellowship in Political Theory and an MSU Teacher -Scholar Award in 1997.

Moderator

M. Richard Zinman studies political philosophy and American political thought. He began teaching at James Madison College in 1969. Since 1989, he has also served as executive director of the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, a research center in the Department of Political Science at MSU. He has edited and contributed to seven volumes of essays published by the Symposium: *Technology in the Western Political Tradition* (1993), *History and the Idea of Progress* (1995), *Multiculturalism and American Democracy* (1998), *Democracy and the Arts* (1999), *Politics at the Turn of the Century* (2001), *The Public Intellectual: Between Philosophy and Politics* (2003), and *Christopher Hitchens, Thomas Jefferson: Author of America* (2005). In 2005, the Symposium received a \$500,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the first such grant awarded to Michigan State University. Professor Zinman has received the State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award (1991), the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award (1995), and the Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students (2005).