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## Madison Junior Nada Zohdy Wins Truman Award

by Tom Oswald, MSU University Relations Office



IT'S not all that unusual for MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon to visit a classroom now and then. But when she stopped into professor **Louis Hunt's** politics and post-colonialism class in March, it was for more than just a friendly visit.

Simon surprised student Nada Zohdy with the news that she is MSU's latest recipient of a Truman Scholarship, a prestigious award given to students who have extensive records of public and community service.

An IR, Zohdy is MSU's 16<sup>th</sup> Truman Scholar, JMC's 11<sup>th</sup>. Students earning the scholarship receive \$30,000 to be used for graduate study.

Zohdy said she was surprised to see the president of the university in her classroom. At the same time, it tipped her off that she just might have won the scholarship.

"I was sort of suspicious," she said. "I just had a feeling I might have won."

After earning her bachelor's degree from MSU, Zohdy plans to earn a master's degree in public policy and a doctorate in comparative government. Her ultimate goal is to work for the State Department or a nongovernmental agency.

"Eventually I hope to work with the State Department on policy issues related to the Middle East. That's where my biggest interest is," she said. "Also for a long time I've been toying with this idea of being a scholar-activist. I think that's something I'd like to try, as well as explore the world of think tanks."

In her time at MSU, Zohdy has been active in a number of public service activities, including serving as vice president and political action chair of the Muslim Students Association; co-founder and campus coordinator of the "Peace over Prejudice" campaign; chapter coordinator of Amnesty International; and co-founder of the Women's Faith Forum.

It was her dedication to public service, said Honors College Dean Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, that made Zohdy so worthy of the scholarship.

"Nada has incredible depth and passion and a remarkable commitment to lifelong public service," Jackson-Elmoore said. "She is already demonstrating the

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Pizza Party Mixer **Sept. 16**  
**Alums invited to meet  
Madison students**



THE JMC Alumni Association and the Career Resources office scheduled the annual James Madison Alumni and Student Pizza Night for September 16 this year. Alumni are always invited to show our students the great community we have at Madison. The event is an informal opportunity to kick off the new school year, welcome new Madison students, meet returning students, and catch up with other local alumni. There is no scheduled program, just an exercise for the students to practice interpersonal skills. The Career Resources office likes to see at least 30 alumni attending to make the program a great success. Please contact Jaimie Hutchison, JMC Field Career Consultant, at [dandersj@msu.edu](mailto:dandersj@msu.edu) or (517) 353-6756 for questions. We look forward to seeing you at these events!



## FROM THE DEAN

One of the most exciting developments at James Madison College is the expansion of opportunities for hands-on undergraduate research. There have always been opportunities for independent studies, and our Field Experience program has more than four decades of success in providing students a hands-on experience of applying what they have learned in the classroom to the real world. Madison from its very beginning has understood the need to foster connections with the wide array of real world challenges that surround us.

But our undergraduate research program is unique. Backed by support from the MSU administration and generous alumni donations, our undergraduate research program gives students seeking enhanced research experiences much needed support. We have helped students conduct research trips throughout the United States and worldwide. We have supported their research presentations at professional and academic conferences. Students receiving college support have studied urban poverty in Venezuela, AIDS in Senegal, popular confidence in key institutions in Poland, and methods of encouraging better school performance among disadvantaged students in South Africa. This past year, we supported a new undergraduate journal on Africa, organized and led by students from the JMC but including contributions from around the country. Most importantly, we have been able to offer extended work with professors inside and outside the college on important public policy questions. Professor Dan Kramer, for example, is working on a National Science Foundation-funded project on the economic and environ-

mental impact on a remote region in Nicaragua which is now connected by a new highway to Managua. This project has supported undergraduate students working in country under faculty supervision to help carry out survey research and other studies. We hope the first Madison students can be at work this coming year.

This undergraduate research project has also supplemented ongoing efforts, such as our traditional honors program, which culminates in a thesis prepared under the guidance of a Madison faculty member and presented at a traditional defense. This program has grown over the last several years to include around a dozen seniors at any one time. In addition, we work with the Honors College to provide a home for freshman and sophomore Professorial Assistants — students working closely with Madison and MSU faculty on scholarly projects.

We have always been serious about research in the classroom, but as part of this initiative, Professors Ross Emmett and Bryan Ritchie launched three years ago a special, senior-level course in which students identify, design, and create policies for addressing a policy challenge of importance to the Michigan economy. Students working with faculty identify a central challenge and build a course aimed at developing a response. Students have looked at the issue of university research corridors, as well as the most promising areas for restarting the Michigan economy. In each of these courses, they have met with government officials, businesses, labor organizations, and analysts to conduct interviews, sponsor policy dis-

cussions, and, in the end, present their own views to an audience of practitioners.

Given Madison's demanding academic program and our longstanding connections with careers in law, public policy, advocacy, and the public sphere, expanding opportunities for our students to have an opportunity to do research of their own is a natural fit with the college. We are expanding the range of research opportunities in the college and are building requests for more support into our appeals to you and other generous donors. We want to give more students the chance to carry out research of their own; to see that research matures into concrete policy recommendations, publications, and presentations; to give students opportunities to link what they learn in the classroom to the work of the county commission, state legislature, Congress, and non-governmental organizations. We believe Madison offers a unique link between the best and broadest educational foundation and meaningful work in public affairs, one that will continue to remain strong as we expand our efforts to support undergraduate research.

### **Sherm Garnett**

Dean, James Madison College  
[garnetts@msu.edu](mailto:garnetts@msu.edu)



**JMCAA Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 26th**  
 2:00pm in Case Hall.

**James Madison College Law Night**  
**Tuesday, October 6**  
 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
 JMC Library  
 Panel discussion allowing students the opportunity to learn about law school and various fields of law from Madison alumni.

**Annual Homecoming Tailgate**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**  
 Case Hall  
 Two hours prior to kick off



**Founders Circle Luncheon**  
**Friday, October 23, 2009**  
 Kellogg Center, MSU  
 Featuring Madison Alumnus and MSU Political Science Professor **Steven Kautz (JMCD '81)** "Every Honorable De-vice": The Democratic Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln"

**Honoring the Career of Professor Katie See upon Her Retirement**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2009**  
 Panel Discussions, Lunch and Dinner

This celebration will provide an opportunity for Katie See's former students, friends, and colleagues to get together to celebrate her time at Madison, with social events and panel discussions organized around a set of enduring issues to which Katie has dedicated her teaching and scholarship. Please include the date on your calendar and consider coming back to campus for this event. Let us know if you think you will be able to attend.



Contact Donna Hofmeister at [hofmeist@msu.edu](mailto:hofmeist@msu.edu) or 517-353-9977 to RSVP or for more information on events.

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capacity to be an engaged scholar who uses innovative ideas, concepts and insights from research to positively impact people, organizations and communities."

Zohdy also served as an undergraduate research assistant in a neuroscience research lab. "She was able to do this because she received a professorial assistantship which is granted to incoming freshman who are invited to join the Honors College and are in the top 1 percent of high school seniors in the nation," Jackson-Elmoore said. "There is something about MSU that creates and fosters an environment where students like Nada and other Truman Scholars, past, present and future, can excel."

Professor **Lisa Cook** was also an invaluable advisor for Zohdy during the application process. Zohdy has had two papers published in peer review journals: The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (2008) and the MSU Undergraduate Historical Journal (2007).

She is a graduate of Rochester Adams High School, where she was leader of the debate team; co-editor of "Expressions" magazine, a publication for Detroit-area Muslim Youth; public relations co-chair of the Michigan Muslim Youth Council; and played on the varsity soccer team. She is the daughter of Hoda Abdel-Aty-Zohdy and Mohamed Zohdy.

MSU has had 16 Truman Scholars since 1979. In 2007 the university was honored as a Truman Foundation Honor Institution which recognizes institutions that have made exceptional contributions to the Truman Scholarship Foundation.

**Madison's majors over 40 years**

**CURRENT**

- IR.....International Relations
- PTCD.....Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy
- SRP.....Social Relations and Policy
- CCP.....Comparative Cultures and Politics

**PAST**

- PE.....Political Economy
- JMCD.....Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy
- ETHNIC.....Ethnic and Religious Intergroup Relations
- METRO.....Metropolitan Studies
- SOCEC.....Socio Economics Policy Problems
- URBAN.....Urban Community Policy Problems
- SR.....Social Relations



# ALUMNI

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

In February of this year, I was honored by again being chosen president of the James Madison College Alumni Association (JMCAA), a position which I had held 12 years earlier. The honor was all the more appreciated for having been unexpected. What was not unexpected was the pleasure of working with a board of directors, Dean Garnett, and a dedicated staff, all of whom share an abiding commitment to the continued success of the college.

It has been a busy year thus far. At the May 9th commencement ceremony, the JMCAA bestowed its Distinguished Alumni Award upon **Randall Smith (JMCD '73)** and the Herbert Garfinkel Honorary Alumni Award (named in honor of the college's first dean and the first recipient of the award) upon **William and Claudia Holland**. And, on May 14th, the association successfully



*William Holland*

hosted the most recent of its traditional receptions for Lansing-area alumni.

As president, I encourage your participation in and support, financial and otherwise, of these endeavors. Why?

In February of 1788, 179 years before Madison College was established, James Madison pondered whether it would be sufficient, having allocated the powers of government among three co-equal branches, "to mark with precision, the boundaries of these departments in the constitution of the government, and to trust to these parchment barriers against the encroaching spirit of power?" With characteristic discernment, he concluded that such barriers would not be sufficient and that "some more adequate defense" would be indisputably necessary.

While Madison's focus was upon the tendency of the legislative branch to encroach upon the executive and judicial branches, his observations were equally applicable to the tendency of government in general to encroach beyond the limits properly assigned to it. Contemporary events – among them the firing of a corporate CEO by the White House and the federal government's acquisition of an equity interest in financial institutions and automobile companies – are but the most recent, albeit unprecedented, examples of a central government which increasingly admits of no bounds.

One abiding bulwark in support of individual liberty is a well-educated citizenry, schooled not in narrow professions, but in the nature and purpose of government. That is precisely what a liberal arts education is intended to bestow and what Madison College does so superbly. The necessity for it has never been greater.

**Frederick Headen (JMCD '78)**

President

James Madison Alumni Association



*Randall Smith*

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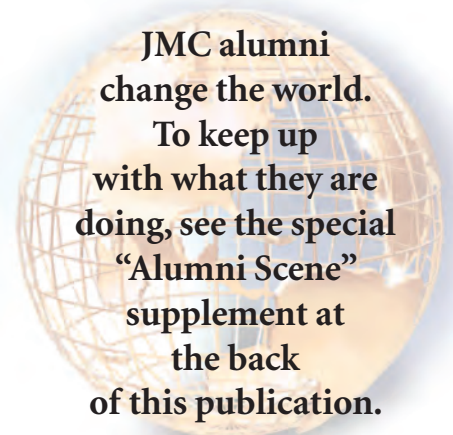
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Farmington Hills, MI



# James Madison College

## “Traveling the U.S. and Abroad” Photo Contest

—A photography competition for Madison students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees, and friends

**Thanks to all of you who entered our first annual photo contest!**

The pictures here represent some of the best images we received. The selection of photos was so impressive that we will create a gallery of all submissions on the JMC website in the near future. A selection of photos will be displayed within Case Hall.



◀ **3rd place:** *Kazakhstan Pride,* Dave Hannon (IR '07)

## INTERNATIONAL



**2nd place:** *India, Downtown Udaipur,* Dan Blue (IR senior)



**1ST PLACE:** *Bangladesh Kids,* Debrah Lee (PTCD/STEPPS '09)

## DOMESTIC



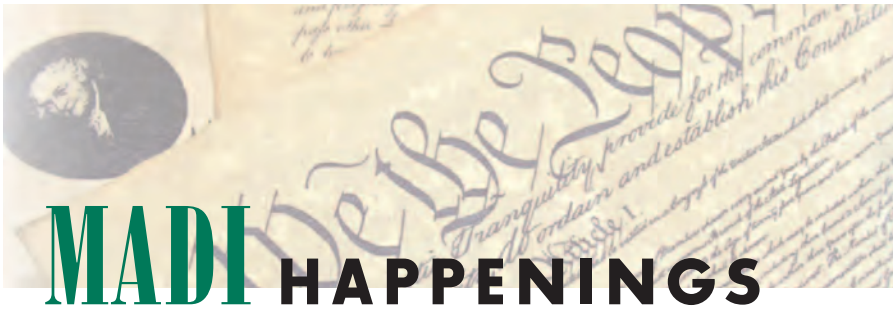
**1ST PLACE:** *“Only one way up from here,”* New Orleans 9th Ward, March 2006, Jennifer Bathgate (PTCD '93)



**2nd place:** *Grant Nelson and Evan Stewart* (PTCD sophomore) contemplating the wisdom of James Madison,” Illinois, Grant Nelson (IR sophomore)



**3rd place:** *“History in the Making,”* 2008 Inauguration Washington DC, Katie Ozog (CCP/SRP)



## MADI programs help make JMC unique at MSU

### MADI MENTORING PROGRAM

The Madison Academic Diversity Initiative (MADI) mentoring program completed its second year this spring semester, boasting 84 participants and a panoply of resounding positive responses. MADI is an extension of the JMC Office of Diversity Programming, supporting its mission to promote leadership and diversity throughout the Madison community and university as a whole. The upcoming mentor class shows great promise for another positive year for MADI.

### JMC FIRST WRITING CONTEST

In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the JMC Office of Diversity Programming co-sponsored the first JMC First Writing Contest with the MSU School of Law. In the spirit of Dr. King, the title of the contest topic was "Give us the ballot and we will no longer have to worry our federal government about our basic rights." The contest was open to all Madison students, but only one prevailed, Charlie Kraiger. The MSU School of Law acknowledged Kraiger at a special reception where he received his award and recited his essay "With Liberty and Justice for All."

### WORLD LANGUAGES DAY

World Languages Day was a one-day mini conference addressing globalization, the importance of learning foreign languages, and the application of foreign language skills to future career opportunities. The event drew over 700 participants from across the state, including students, teachers, and parents. The participants had the opportunity to view over 84 sessions that included over 100 presenters and panelists.

### RACE IN 21ST CENTURY AMERICA: THE 6TH NATIONAL RACE CONFERENCE

The MSU Office of Admissions, representatives from the Race Conference committee, Lyman Briggs College, the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, and James Madison College, collaborated to bring high school students to the National Race Conference to MSU for a sixth year. Over 130 high school students attended the conference, participating in several workshops related to the topic of the conference, "Health Care and Communities of Color."



*Gaby Tanner*  
*Madison Diversity Coordinator*

### JUDGE MARABLE STUDENTS' VISIT 2009

The Judge Herman Marable (Urban '84) "Student of the Month" program hosted a visit for a group of high school students from Flint, MI in April. The students participated in The National Race Conference, accompanied by members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Society, who also scheduled other events for the students to enjoy.

### CASE HALL LEADERSHIP SERIES

The James Madison Office of Diversity Programming, in conjunction with Case Hall Residence Life, hosted the second part of the Case Hall Leadership Program. There were two sessions dedicated to increasing cultural competencies in the spring semester, "Developing Authentic Relationships Across Differences" and "Exploring Transformational Leadership and Multicultural Change." Madison students and Case Hall mentors were the primary participants in both sessions.





MADI Mentors

## Race Conference 2009



## World Languages Day 2009





# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

## JMC sponsors “Race in 21st Century America” conference



*Curtis Stokes*

Organized by Professor Curtis Stokes, the sixth biennial Race in 21st Century America conference occurred April 8-10, 2009 in the Kellogg Center. The theme was Health Care and Communities of Color. The conference's primary sponsor was James Madison College. Keynote speakers included Michael Eric Dyson (Georgetown University), M. Joycelyn Elders (former U.S. Surgeon General) and Evelyn Hu-DeHart (Brown University). In addition to several hundred other attendees, some 150 high school students from a number of Michigan cities participated in the conference, including some brought from Flint, MI by JMC alumnus The Honorable Judge Herman Marable.

Professor Stokes also published his fifth book, *Race and Human Rights* (MSU Press, 2009).

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*Katie See*

### Professor Katie See receives award for distinguished contribution to Honors students.

This award is given annually to a faculty or staff member who has made exceptional contributions to Honors College students through teaching, advising, or mentoring. Such contributions might include designing or teaching Honors classes or sections, offering Honors Options, providing Honors advising, mentoring of professorial assistants, or other exceptional efforts. The recipient receives an honorarium of \$1,000.

## Hold this Date

### KATIE SEE RETIREMENT

Saturday,  
November 14, 2009

Panel Discussions and  
Buffet Lunch  
Case Hall

9:00-10:00 Coffee and pastries  
10:00-3:30 Panels and lunch

**Celebratory Dinner**  
Kellogg Center, Red Cedar Room  
Cocktails: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 7:00 pm

RSVP to Donna Hofmeister at  
hofmeist@msu.edu  
or 517-353-9977

JMC's faculty members work outside the classroom and around the world to foster excellence in thought and action. Read the special "Faculty Scene" supplement to see more of what they are doing now.





*Mohammed Ayoob*

**Mohammed Ayoob** will act as principal investigator for administrative purposes on the project proposal titled “Reporting about Muslim Peoples and Islam: An Online Resource for Professional Journalism Education.” The Carnegie Corporation funded the Social Science Research Council grant for \$88,000 under the rubric “Academia in the Public Sphere: Islam and Muslims in World Contexts.” In June 2009 Ayoob published “The United States and Political Islam: The Dialectic of Hegemony and Resistance”, Middle East Insights No. 3, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore. Also, for five weeks in September and October 2009, Ayoob will visit Baku, Azerbaijan to act as consultant to the newly established Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, to help structure the master of arts program in diplomacy and international affairs.

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**Dan Bergen** and JMC student **Kanika Suri**, and MSU students Ali Barlow and Melissa Beard, were awarded a proclamation by the city of East Lansing for the IVote and YouVote Voter Registration Initiative in November 2008. Suri participated in the program through the fall 2008 class MC 375, Contemporary Developments in American Politics. Bergen has a joint appointment with the College of Communication Arts & Sciences.

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*Anna Pegler-Gordon*

**Anna Pegler-Gordon** was selected by the Organization of American Historians (OAH) to receive an OAH-JAAS Short Term Residency at Nagoya City University in U.S. Ethnic and Immigration History. The OAH and the Japanese Association of American Studies, with the generous support of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, select two U.S. historians to spend two weeks at Japanese universities giving lectures, seminars, advising students and researchers interested in the American past, and joining in the collegiality of the host institution. It is part of an exchange program that also brings Japanese graduate students to the OAH annual meeting. As part of this residency, Pegler-Gordon will attend the Japanese Association for American Studies conference in Tokyo, then travel to Nagoya and Kyoto to give lectures, seminars and presentations to Japanese faculty and graduate students researching U.S. immigration and ethnicity.



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Four Madison students represented the MSU Debate team at the National Debate Tournament on March 26 as members of two qualifying teams. The National Debate Tournament selection committee chose **Garrett Abelkop (IR '09)** and **Carly Wunderlich (PTCD/Chemistry '09)** as one of the top 16 teams during the 2008-09 debate season. **Carlos Eyzaguirre (IR junior)** and **Amit Bindra (IR senior)** qualified by winning all eight of their debates at a district qualifying tournament held recently at Illinois State University.

Juniors **Dan Blue (IR/Economics/Muslim Studies/Arabic)** and **Cory Connolly (IR/Latin American and Caribbean Studies/Economic and Environmental Policy)** have been appointed by the Roosevelt Institution as two of four national senior fellows for 2009. In their role as senior fellows, these exceptional students will work on their own projects and serve as experts within their field. The program recognizes members for their exceptional knowledge in a field of study, excellence in policy innovation, and eloquence in written and oral communication.

The 2009 McGill Model United Nations Conference (McMUN) boasted 13 Madison students who were all award winners and members of MSU's International Relations Organization (IRO):

**Hayes Brown (IR senior), Allie Carter (CCP/SRP junior), Stephanie Hall (IR junior), Megan Holland (IR/CCP sophomore), Monika Johnson (IR/SRP sophomore), Hangli (Han) Lee (IR junior), Michael Mersol-Barg (IR senior), Tom Nally (IR/CCP freshman), Noel Schroeder (IR senior), Kareem Seifeldin (IR/PTCD/Muslim Studies junior), Kelly Steffen (IR senior), Matthew Sunderlin (IR sophomore), and Amanda Vandermeulen (IR/PE junior).**

McMUN is Canada's largest model UN conference and one of the largest on the continent, with over 1400 students and over 60 schools in attendance. MSU represented the countries of Germany, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Luxembourg, and Lesotho, as well as a non-governmental organization, the International Crisis Group, and several individual specialized placements. MSU's IRO ranks among the top model UN teams, including Harvard, the University of Chicago, Boston University, and Stanford University. The officers for IRO this past year were Hayes Brown, President, Benjamin Arbitter, VP for Finance, Hangil Lee, VP for Membership, Monika Johnson, VP for Conference Preparation, and Noel Schroeder, VP for Technology.

## STUDENT CAREER DAY



## Commencement 2009



JMC students are among the best and brightest at Michigan State University! See the special Student Scene supplement for a list of the awards and achievements of our phenomenal student body.



# DEVELOPMENT



## Leaving a Legacy

**Rocky Beckett**

**Director of Development**

Great universities like Michigan State, thrive on challenge and imagination and grow on initiative and success. Each year, thousands of alumni and friends support MSU and James Madison College by contributing their time, talents, and money to our students, faculty, and programs. Private philanthropy is an enormous resource that has enabled the college's outstanding faculty and student body to excel at teaching and learning.

Many donors continue their support beyond their lifetime by including the college in their estate planning. Legacy gifts from an estate by way of will, trust, or life income agreement, allow donors to make a significant gift to the college. Planned gifts can be used at the discretion of the dean, or can be directed toward a specific use by a donor's estate or through an agreement with the college development office.

Often, MSU alumni and friends document their intention to make a future gift to the college. Documenting a future gift is not a binding legal obligation on the donor or their estate and information remains strictly confidential. Documenting planned gifts is important, as it allows the college to recognize potential future donors today. This is also an important process for donors to establish guidelines and detail wishes for the use of their gift.

Another way to link your legacy to the future of James Madison College is to establish an endowed fund. An endowed fund is typically named for the donor or a loved one. Working with the development office, an endowment agreement—guidelines for the use of funds—is established with the college. Once the gift is received, the principle is invested and is never expended. Each year a percentage of interest income from the investment is spent as directed by the endowment agreement, with any unused interest added back to principle.

Endowed funds, whether established with outright gifts or with a planned gift, provide annual funding to the college in perpetuity. If you are interested in learning more about leaving a gift to JMC through your estate or about establishing a named endowed fund, please contact the development office at (517) 432-2117.

## Your Legacy

—A Named  
Endowed Fund

It's easy to direct your future gift through your will or personal trust. Here is a sample charitable bequest language to share with your attorney that will create an endowed fund for James Madison College:

I give and devise to Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum charitable bequest must exceed \$30,000) to be held, administered, and used by the Board of Trustees for the establishment of an endowed fund in support of James Madison College at Michigan State University. The earnings from the fund are to be disbursed by the College per the terms of the completed endowed fund agreement on record at Michigan State University. The endowed fund shall be named the \_\_\_\_\_.

I instruct that all my charitable gifts shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes "income in respect of a decedent" as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

It's just that easy! For additional information about creating an endowed fund in your name or in memory of a loved one, contact Development Director Rocky Beckett at (517) 432-2117.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Single Membership       | \$700 |
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## ALUMNI SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



## In Memoriam

**Andrew Alan Neal (IR/Spanish '04)** of Mt. Pleasant, MI, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at his home. Neal was born June 27, 1982, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Stanley Neal and Susan Jacob. He graduated from H. H. Dow High School in Midland in 2000. Neal earned his J.D. from the University of Miami Law School in 2007. His fondest memory of his academic pursuits was the year he spent studying Spanish at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras. Neal brought much joy and laughter to others and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the Madison community.

## Erratum

**Laura Davis (IR junior)** was elected as Ingham County Commissioner for the 15th district (not the 14th).

**Curtis Hertel (SR '00)** was elected to Register of Deeds, rather than re-elected as Ingham County Commissioner.

**Jesse Sweeney (IR '96)** is the principal of a law firm handling primarily Chapter 13 and Chapter 7 consumer bankruptcy. Sweeney received his juris doctorate from

the MSU College of Law in 1999. He is also an avid runner, participating in marathons, qualifying for the Boston Marathon twice. He resides in Milford, Michigan with his wife and two children.

## 1970s

**Frederick Dilley (JMCD '72)** of



*Frederick Dilley*

Grand Rapids, was elected by the MSU College of Law Board of Trustees to serve a three-year term on its board. Dilley is an attorney specializing in litigation and mediation, and as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, has 30 years of experience in state and federal courts, various regulatory agencies, and in private settings outside litigation. He has served as an adjunct professor of environmental law at Grand Valley State University and as chairperson of the Environmental Law Section Council of the State Bar of Michigan. Dilley received his juris doctorate from Detroit College of Law (now the MSU College of Law) in 1975.

**John (Jack) Finn (Urban '72)** serves as director of the Michigan Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. He joined the division after serving as an attorney and lobbyist with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. He has also worked with Michigan House and Senate staff and is a former member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board. He received his law degree from the Detroit College of Law and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Labor Law Section.

**Chad Spawr (IR '74)**, is a senior partner and operator of Gemini Management Partners LLC, a private consulting practice specializing in organizational development and human resources strategic support processes. Spawr's client base consists of companies seeking initiatives to maximize their employee potential, including public utilities companies. Spawr holds a master of arts, a master of labor and industrial relations, and a master of business administration. He lives in Rochester Hills, Michigan with his wife, Linda, and two sons.

**Amanda Duffy Randall (JMCD '74)** coordinates the master of social work program at the School

of Social Work at the University of Nebraska, and is also the president-elect of the Association of Social Work Boards for the U.S. and Canada. Randall received her master's of social work and doctorate from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. She has three children; Abigail, 27, Jack, 23, and Will, 17. Randall has lived in Omaha since 1974, but always cheers for MSU when the hockey team plays the University of Nebraska – Omaha.

**Terry Terry (JMCD '74)** received the 2008 Outstanding Small Business Award from the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, as president of MessageMakers, a worldwide creative media, communications, and event production firm. The award acknowledges the company's stability, innovation, perseverance, and commitments to both the community and diversity, and is an extension of Terry's 1999 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award. Terry, among the first to move his business into north Lansing in the 1980s, is a chief catalyst in the renewal of Old Town. In 2003, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm recognized Terry's social awareness and civic pride as integral to the revitalization of the community.

**Michael McConnell (JMCD '76)**, federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and a well-known constitutional law scholar, will step down from his role on the bench to rejoin the legal academy and direct the Stanford

Constitutional Law Center at the Stanford Law School. McConnell will serve as Richard and Frances Mallery Professor of Law as well as faculty director. McConnell is the preeminent legal scholar regarding the freedom of religion as well as a veteran of the legal academy, having taught at the University of Utah, S.J.



*Michael McConnell speaking at Madison in spring 2009.*

Quinney College of Law, the University of Chicago, and Stanford Law School. McConnell received his juris doctorate in 1979 from the University of Chicago Law School.

**Christine Bailey (IR '77)** is professor of education at Ferris State University and recently conducted research on the influence of military service on political engagement, linking today's college students with WWII vets through a Carnegie Foundation grant. She was speaker at the 2008 and 2009 American Democracy Project annual conferences in Snowbird, Utah and Baltimore, Maryland as well as presenter at the 2008 and 2009 Lilly Conferences on Excellence in Teaching.

**Neal Newman (Ethnic '77)** has been in Dublin since 1995, after

living in Boston for over 10 years and obtaining a master or arts from Tufts University. He led a community development corporation for many years in Massachusetts and then ran a new EU-financed local development organization in Dublin until 2001. Since then, he has been consulting to the non-profit sector in Ireland and the UK, and four years ago merged his business with Philanthropia, a specialist consulting firm based in Paris focusing on strategic management and fundraising campaigns for large non-profits and charities. After finishing a multi-million campaign for Imaginosity, the first interactive children's museum in Ireland, he is now leading a €25 million campaign for the National College of Ireland, a private third-level specializing in adult and professional education located in the city centre. He and his wife, Orla Kennedy, have two children, Jessica (11) and Conor (16).

**Wendy Kellogg (JMCD '78)** has been on faculty at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University for 15 years. Two years ago she became the associate dean of Instruction and Research. Kellogg conducts research and teaches in the areas of environmental land use planning, urban sustainability, and neighborhood redevelopment. She holds a master's degree in urban planning from The State University of New York – Buffalo, and a Ph.D. in city and regional planning from Cornell University.

**Lawrence Sefa (JMCD '78)** and his wife, Paula Ren'e, are chaplains serving at the Genesee County Jail and the Ionia Prison, in addition to two assisted-living homes. Sefa also works as a utility broker for Consumers Choice Marketing, saving businesses and residences on their natural gas costs.

**1980s**

**Chris Mansour (IR '80)** is the newly appointed director of congressional and legislative affairs for the United States Department of the Interior. Mansour spends much of his time on Capitol Hill, interacting with members of Congress or accompanying Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to meetings with lawmakers to discuss President

Obama's agenda. Prior to his work with the presidential cabinet, Mansour served as chief of staff for Representative Dale Kildee of Flint. Mansour spent 24 years in Representative Kildee's office, starting as an entry-level legislative assistant. Mansour is also a former Genesee County circuit judge. He holds a master's degree in Arab studies from Georgetown University.

**Ellen Marakowitz (IR '80)** currently acts as an adviser to the master's program of the Columbia University anthropology department. She received her doctorate in anthropology from Columbia in 1993 and has been on the faculty since 1995. She is also a senior candidate at the Institute for Psychoanalytic

Training and Research and hopes to develop her own psychoanalytic practice in the coming years. Marakowitz resides in New York with her partner of 19 years, Alicia, and their two children, Ben and Phillip.

**Tom Homan (SOCEC '81)** was named chairman of the Regional Policy Roundtable by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, an influential policy and legislative board. As chairman, Homan establishes strategies and direction for the board, bringing attention to regional projects at the statehouse and on Capitol Hill regarding funding for regional transportation projects and other infrastructure. Homan also serves as manager of the city of Delaware, OH. During his tenure, Delaware has become the leader in the Columbus metropolitan area in household growth, population growth, median income and educational achievement. Homan has a master's degree in public administration from the Wagner School of Public Service at New York University.



*Tom Homan*

**William Keep (SOCEC '81)** has been named dean of the School of Business of the College of New Jersey. Keep previously was professor of marketing at Quinnipiac University as well as



*William Keep*

associate vice president for academic affairs and director of assessment for the institution's School of Business. In addition,



*MSU and Madison alumni appear with **Greg Kelser** as he is honored by Oakland County Commissioners for his service to the county. Pictured left to right are: David Coulter, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, Eric Coleman, Greg Kelser, John Scott, Shelley Goodman Taub, Thomas Middleton, Christine Long, and Commissioner **Bradford Jacobsen (SOCEC '79)**. Alumna and board liaison **Julia Ruffin (SR '90)** took the photo.*

he held the position of dean of the Sprott School of Business at Carleton University and has worked extensively as a marketing consultant. Keep holds a doctorate in marketing from MSU. He is a member of the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Claude VanConant III (IR '81)**, a senior security specialist with the U.S. Air Force, was recently selected as the director of security for Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, CA. Prior to his appointment, VanConant had served on the Bomber Combined Test Force for the B-1, B-2, and B-52 aircraft at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

**Greg Hanson (SOCEC '83)** is an 18-year veteran of the pharmaceutical industry. Recently, Hanson joined a specialty pharmaceutical company, Validus Pharmaceuticals, as a sales representative. The company specializes in acquiring, reformulating, and marketing prescription products relevant to the psychiatry and neurology markets. Hanson and his wife of almost 15 years, Jane, a fellow Spartan, have two daughters, Frannie and Mary. The Hanson family lives in Lutz, FL.

**Thomas VanHare (IR '83)** with Matt Lawrence co-authored the book *Betrayal: Clinton, Castro & the Cuban Five*. VanHare and Lawrence timed the book's release with the 13th anniversary of the events of February 24, 1996, in which two Cuban MiG jet fighters shot down two Brothers to the Rescue aircraft in

international waters, killing four men. Van Hare is also President of TF Hawk, Inc. a military aviation provider.

**Steven Gabel (SOCEC '84)** is the Claims & Litigation Director of USF Insurance Company and Cranbrook Insurance Company (formerly Victoria Insurance Company) based in Farmington Hills, MI. Gabel's work requires that he travel often, gaining valuable national and international experience. Outside of his professional obligations, Gabel dedicates time to the Detroit-area community. He served as a mediator with the Wayne Mediation Association on medical malpractice and general liability panels, as well as a judge at the annual University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Moot Court competition.

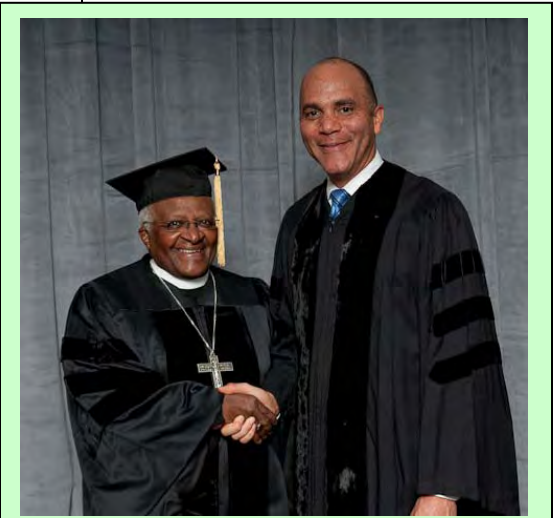
**Ken Krombeen (Urban '84)** has been the city manager of Grandville, MI for the past 13 years. Prior to that he was assistant city manager in Grandville. He is married with 3 children, ages 22, 19 and 17.

**Wallace B. Jefferson (Urban '85)**, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice, was the recipient of MSU's honorary doctor of laws degree during MSU's 2009 undergraduate convocation. That same



*Wallace B. Jefferson*

month, he was also the featured speaker at the Hofstra Law School commencement ceremony held on May 17, 2009, where he also received an honorary degree. Jefferson is the first African American Justice and chief justice on the Supreme Court of Texas. He has served as a justice since 2001 and as chief justice since 2004. Jefferson is currently the first vice president of the Conference of Chief Justices and is scheduled to lead the organization as its president in 2010. As president, Jefferson will



*Wallace B. Jefferson with Bishop Desmond Tutu at MSU's Spring Convocation*

chair the National Center for State Courts, a policy and resource organization in Williamsburg, Virginia. Jefferson received his juris doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law.

**Julie Novak (IR '85)** was named executive director of the East Lansing-based Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) in January 2009.



**Ronald Tenpas (IR '85)** is a partner in the Washington, DC law offices of Morgan Lewis, having formerly served as the U.S. Department of Justice's top environmental attorney as associate deputy attorney general. In his 12-year tenure with the Justice Department, Tenpas worked as assistant



Ronald Tenpas

U.S. attorney, associate deputy attorney general, and U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois before becoming assistant attorney general for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division. Tenpas has also served as an assistant U.S. attorney and branch chief in the District of Maryland, Southern Division, and prior to that as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Middle District of Florida in Tampa.

**Kermitt Brooks (IR '86)** has been named acting superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department by New York Governor David Paterson.

**Lorenzo D'Agostini (IR '86)** is in his 20th year as an attorney, currently serving as director/ shareholder for Levine, Benjamin, PC. D'Agostini earned his juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Law School in 1989. He maintains an interest in local politics while dedicating most of his energy to work and his son's hockey commitments. D'Agostini and his wife, Diane,

reside in Bloomfield Hills, MI with their two children.

**Paul D'Anieri (IR '86)** published "International Politics: Power and Purpose" in *Global Affairs* magazine. D'Anieri is the current dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida, Gainesville. D'Anieri has a great deal of experience in academia, mostly concentrated at the University of Kansas where he was associate dean of international programs as well as humanities, and director of the Center for Russian and European Studies. Additionally, D'Anieri was a visiting scholar at Lviv State University, Ukraine and visiting associate professor at the Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University. He lives in Florida with his wife, Laura, and their five children: Jacey, Courtney, Zachary, Joe and Lily.

**Heather Shaw (Urban '86),** leads the Department of Global Public Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility for Limitless LLC, an integrated real



Heather Shaw

estate development company in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Shaw has extensive experience in New York City politics, having served as special counsel for the Office of the Deputy Mayor and as general counsel for the Department of Business Services. Prior to her employment with Limitless LLC, Shaw worked for

Time Warner, Inc. in the Department of Corporate Responsibility. Shaw earned her juris doctorate from Howard University.

**Scott Sowulewski (IR '86)** is the new director of Human Resources for the Accident Fund Insurance Company of America in Lansing, MI. Sowulewski will oversee



Scott Sowulewski

labor/management relations and overall human resource administration, supervising, motivating and leading in an effort to develop business relationships and see that the needs of customers are met. Prior to his position with Accident Fund, Sowulewski worked for MSU as the director of Employee and Labor Relations, as a regional human resource manager at Graphic Packaging International in Kalamazoo MI, and held assignments with the Kellogg Company, totaling 15 years of experience in the occupational field. He holds a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from MSU. He is an active alumnus as a member of the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors and a current board co-chair of the Friends of the MSU Art Museum.

**Lori Williams (Urban '86)** is an attorney who currently owns a legal referral practice called Your Legal Resource. Williams also

serves as the business development director of the Troy, MI office of Special Counsel, a national legal staffing company. She has two sons, Andrew and Daniel.

**Matthew Rick (JMCD '87)** is vice president and general counsel of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Rick is responsible for running the MEDC's legal unit and supervising outside counsel on MEDC legal matters. In addition, he oversees the areas of contract and grants administration, compliance, internal audit and board relations. Rick also serves as secretary to the executive committee of the MEDC.

**Daniel Martinez (Urban '88)** works as a workforce development program manager with the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA). Before acquiring his position with SEMCA, Martinez was CEO of the Michigan Waterways Council for the Girl Scouts of America. He resides in Flat Rock, MI and has four children and three stepchildren.

**Michelle Gallardo (MM '89)** was appointed in 2008 to the Council for the Fund for Justice and Education, as well as the Presidential Advisory Council on Diversity in the Profession, by the president of the American Bar Association



Michelle Gallardo

(ABA). Gallardo has served in numerous leadership positions within the ABA since 1998 including appointments to the executive councils for both the Young Lawyers Division and the Section of Business Law. Gallardo is assistant general counsel and assistant secretary at Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, a business managed by Ford Motor Company, and has held various positions within Ford Motor Company since 2000.

**Mary Kay Martin Heldman (IR/Spanish '89)** is currently working at TriHealth in Cincinnati, OH as a Spanish coordinator with prenatal Latina families. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati in the School of Social Work. She has just recently published two bi-lingual children's books titled *Near or Far, I Will Love You Forever*; *Cerca o Lejos, Te Amare Para Siempre*. The books deal with the topics of grief.

**David Nelson (JMCD '89)** is the director for the state and federal government markets at Thomson Reuters. Nelson is responsible for strategy, market research, marketing, and relationships with state and federal agencies, partners, and industry thought leaders. He has spent more than 25 years in the U.S. health system, working with policymakers on the front lines of health care delivery. Nelson resides in Ann Arbor, MI with his wife and two daughters.

## 1990s

**Lorne Gold (MS '91)** was selected as one of the state's top divorce attorneys under the age of



Lorne Gold

40 by *Law & Politics* magazine's *Superlawyer* survey. Gold is a divorce attorney with the Bloomfield Hills firm of Adkison, Need & Allen PLLC. Gold's practice focuses primarily on matrimonial matters, offering representation in divorce and separation, custody and parenting time, child and spousal support, and criminal defense. He was the only family law attorney in Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb Counties to receive the designation.

**Marc Trullinger (JMCD '91)** lives in Greensboro, NC and has worked for Citifinancial Services, Inc for 12 years. He received a masters in business administration from UNC-Greensboro.

**Alexander Bassos (JMCD '92)** is attorney trainer for the multi-county public defender in Portland and Hillsboro, Oregon, having practiced criminal defense for almost 14 years. He is the chair of his neighborhood board (a political organization in Portland) and the vice chair of the board of Disability Rights Oregon, a statewide advocacy organization for people who are physically or cognitively disabled. He sits on the Oregon Health

Sciences University and Multnomah County Department of Health Institutional Review Boards, reviewing the ethics of scientific studies that have human subjects. Bassos represents the criminal defense bar on the statewide community corrections commission and the Oregon State Hospital stakeholders' committee and regularly lectures and writes on civil commitments, expungements, and the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system.

**Bradley Collick (IR '92)** joined Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC in February, 2009, practicing litigation in the firm's Royal Oak, MI office. Collick concentrates his practice in several areas of litigation including construction law, contract and business disputes, and landlord-tenant litigation. He has appeared on behalf of clients in various federal and state courts, trial and appellate, as well as in alternative dispute resolution forums, including arbitration, facilitation and mediation. Collick graduated cum laude from Detroit College of Law at MSU in 1999.



*Bradley Collick*

**Mark Emery (JMCD '92)** is an appellate attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski in Washington, DC, working in their U.S. Supreme Court practice. He previously practiced in the firm's San Antonio, TX office before

moving to DC and says that "he had the honor of arguing before James Madison alum Wallace Jefferson, the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court."

**Kendra Howard-Averett (MS '92)** is the executive assistant to David Bing, mayor of Detroit. She also serves on the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Humma Siddiqi (IR '92)** was one of six attorneys elected to membership in Dykema, a leading national law firm. Siddiqi's practice focuses on automotive, toxic tort, and other general litigation matters. She manages the toxic tort litigation nationally for a major automotive manufacturer, involved in key decisions from case inception through trial. Siddiqi received her juris doctorate from Wayne State University and currently resides in Rochester, MI.

**Matt Sundeen (IR '92)** is an attorney working as senior policy analyst and general counsel for The Bell Policy Center in Denver, utilizing his 14 years of experience in government affairs. Prior to his work with The Bell Policy Center, Sundeen worked as director of policy and research at the Center for Policy Entrepreneurship where he researched issues related to education, economic opportunity, and the environment. Sundeen also spent 13 years as a senior analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures where he researched and wrote

extensively about a variety of state legislative topics.

**Elizabeth Brownback (Urban '93)** has been litigating in New York City family courts on behalf of victims of domestic violence since 1999. Brownback joined Sanctuary for Families in 2005 as co-director of the Courtroom Advocates Project. Prior to that, Brownback worked as a staff attorney at Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Law Project, practicing in Brooklyn as a part of the Assigned Domestic Violence Counsel Project. She graduated from the City University of New York School of Law in 1996.

**David Lipsetz (JMCD '93)** has accepted an appointment as the special policy advisor to the assistant secretary for Public and Indian Housing at the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He will move to Washington, DC from New York City, where he was the director of strategic planning and change management for the New York City Housing Authority.

**Laura (Schenck) O'Donnell (JMCD '93)** is the chief compliance officer of Zimmer Holdings, Inc. with global responsibility.



*Laura O'Donnell*

She joined the company in 2005 after 10 years of experience at Baker & Daniels, a law firm in Indiana, where she served as an equity partner on the

labor and employment and litigation teams. O'Donnell earned her juris doctorate cum laude, from the Indiana University School of Law in 1996. She is married to **Brian O'Donnell (MS '92)**.

**Zack Ruderman (IR/Economics/Accounting '94)**

has been working at General Mills for the past eight years. He is currently managing the Honey Nut Cheerios business, which has recently become the number-one cereal in the



*Zack Ruderman*

U.S. It also happens to be the number-one cereal in his household, thanks to his seven year-old daughter and five year-old son. Ruderman, his wife, Marcia, and their children live near Minneapolis, MN.

**Elizabeth (Moylan) Wilson (IR '95)** joined the Smithsonian Institution as the Director of the National Air and Space Society in the office of development at the National Air and Space Museum. She previously worked as the development communications manager at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and as the manager of the Membership and Annual Fund at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. She received a master's in public administration, focusing on nonprofit management, from the University of Michigan. Museums have become a family

affair as her husband, Chris, is the director of Daily Programs at the National Museum of American History. They have a daughter, Norah.

**Greg Bird (PTCD '96)** joined the Office of Government and Community Affairs at Wayne State University as director of State Relations in November 2008. As director of State Relations, Bird serves as the primary contact and principal lobbyist for the WSU in its relationship with the governor, the state legislature, and state departments and department officials. Prior to joining WSU, Bird spent more than 12 years in state government working in the executive branch, both chambers of the legislature, and in the Office of the Attorney General. Most recently, Bird held the position of press secretary to the Speaker of the House and director of communications for the Office of the State Budget. He has also spent time working on political campaigns at the local, state and federal levels.

**Ben Cox (PE '96)** is in the process of developing his screen play, a self-described cross between *Swingers* and *Annie Hall* as well as starting a production company. The *New York Times* featured the former vice president at Goldman Sachs in a December article crediting the creativity of former bankers who had found a second calling. The article suggests that Cox's resourcefulness sets him apart from some colleagues who failed to establish a "back-up-plan,"

having depended on an uninterrupted career in corporate banking.

**Dayne Walling (SR '96)**

emerged victorious in the race for mayor of Flint, MI in August. Walling secured a spot on the August ballot, receiving 44 percent of the primary vote,



*Dayne Walling*

as one of six candidates. In addition to his JMC, Walling holds a bachelor of arts in modern history from St. Peter's College, a master of arts in urban studies from Goldsmith's College, and a doctorate in geography from the University of Minnesota. Walling is also both a Truman and Rhodes Scholar. He and his wife, **Carrie Booth-Walling (IR/PTCD '97)**, have two sons, Bennett and Emery.

**Lynn Gross (SR '97)** took a position as senior corporate attorney, employment law with Office Depot after passing the 2008 Florida Bar. Gross lives in Florida with her husband, Michael, and two children, Tyler and Maddie.

**John Girdwood (PTCD '99)** is executive director of *TurnIntoArt.com*, connecting artists with prospective buyers looking for custom artwork. Also, Girdwood taught political science and history as an adjunct professor for Montcalm Community College, utilizing his master of arts in teaching, social

studies education. He recently published *N. Awakening*, a novel that explores the state of politics in the U.S.

**Letha Miller (IR '99)** is an assistant public defender in Baltimore where she has had over 30 trials. Prior to this position, she lived and worked in Washington, DC for the Stabenow for U.S. Senate campaign, a union, an NGO, and NARAL Pro-Choice America. She received her juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she was managing editor of law review and graduated magna cum laude in 2006. In March 2009, she married Martin Robles and they are expecting their first child in February 2010.

**Joann Schofield (SR '99)** works as the chief deputy clerk for the Emmet County Clerk's Office. Schofield also has experience as a paralegal at the law firms of Ramer, Moore, Schmoll & Martin, PC in Harbor Springs, MI and Bernick, Omer, Radner & Ouelette, PC in Lansing. She resides in Petoskey with her husband Chuck.

**Doug Skrzyniarz (PTCD '99)** and his wife welcomed a second child, Brennan Douglas on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Skrzyniarz is director of Capital Gifts for Wayne State University's School of Medicine.

**Geoffrey Wyatt (IR '99)** recently became an associate at Skadden, Arps in Washington, DC after nearly four years as an associate

at O'Melveny & Myers LLP. Wyatt focuses on class action suits and other aggregate litigation that is typically national in scope. He also has a significant pro bono practice and was involved in the District of Columbia v. Heller case addressing the scope of the Second Amendment. Wyatt has worked as a clerk for the Honorable Gerald B. Tjoflat, United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, and earned his juris doctorate from Harvard.

## 2000s

**Jill McKay Chrobak (IR '00)** is currently a full-time lecturer at the University of Miami. Chrobak teaches a myriad of writing classes including freshman composition, advanced business writing, and a course of her own design, The Rhetoric of Hip-Hop. She received her doctorate in writing and rhetoric from MSU in 2007 and resides in Delray Beach, FL with her husband and infant son, Lucas.

**Stephanie Fries (SR '00)** received her master's in public administration from Wayne State University in May 2008, accepting the position of associate director of Community Affairs at WSU in August of that year. Fries works to build partnerships between the community and the university in an effort to utilize the university's resources for the betterment of the local area. She is also a member of the Detroit Regional Chamber's young professional's group, Fusion, which afforded her the

opportunity to attend the Mackinac Policy Conference in May 2008, the first time young professionals were formally invited to partake in the conference.

**Dennis Rasmussen (PTCD '00)** recently moved to Medford, MA, and begun a position as assistant professor of political science at Tufts University. His first book, *The Problems and Promise of Commercial Society: Adam Smith's Response to Rousseau* (Penn State Press, 2008), received an Honorable Mention for the Delba Winthrop Award for Excellence in Political Science. He is currently at work on a second book entitled *In Defense of the Enlightenment Project*. He is married to Emily Wiemers.

**Ellen VanCleave Klem (PTCD '01)** authored a report for AARP titled, "Power of Attorney Abuse: What States Can Do About It" in November, 2008. The report explores the problem of power of attorney abuse and how state legislatures can protect vulnerable adults. She also was elected to the steering committee of the Washington, DC Bar Estates, Trusts and Probate Law Section. Klem is a staff attorney for the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging in Washington, DC and lives in Arlington, VA with her husband Brian.

**Chris Thomas (IR/Econ '01)** is a founding principal of Fontinalis Partners, a Detroit-based strategic investor and partner to transportation technology



Chris Thomas

companies around the world. He recently earned his master of business administration from the Yale School of

Management, where he served on the honor committee and graduated with distinction in former Prime Minister Tony Blair's seminar on Faith and Globalization. He currently resides in New Haven, CT with his wife Lisa, and is looking forward to returning to Michigan in the spring of 2010.

**Adam Wright (PTCD '01)** is the assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Ohio in Cincinnati, working in the civil division. Wright most recently worked for the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. He is a Truman Scholar and has his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

**Megan McClellan (SR '02)** is completing her second year in the New York City Teaching Fellows program, teaching middle school Spanish in Brooklyn, NY. McClellan planned to receive a master's in adolescent education in May 2009.

**Bob LaFave (PTCD '03)** is the current Village Manager of L'Anse, MI. La Fave received his master of public administration from Grand Valley State University in 2007.

**Jeremy Manson (PTCD '03)** is an attorney for Wiedner & McAuliffe, Ltd., focusing on Civil Litigation. Manson received his juris doctorate from the MSU College of Law in 2006. He works in Chicago where he also resides with his wife Alison.

**Stephen Bartha (PTCD '04)** served two years with Teach For America (TFA) after graduation, teaching secondary English in Baton Rouge, LA. In 2006, Bartha began a master's in public administration at the University of Connecticut and in 2008 the city of Ann Arbor hired him as a management assistant. Bartha's wife, whom he met through TFA, is pursuing a doctorate in education at the University of Michigan. The couple lives in downtown Ann Arbor.

**Courtney Bates (SR '04)** completed her graduate study in 2008 at the University of Colorado, earning a master of urban and regional planning. In addition, Bates was the recipient of the AmeriCorps Education Award, which allowed her to pursue graduate research on community revitalization in the urban west. Bates served as committee chair on the Leadership Council of the 2008 Junior League of Denver. She currently works as a planner for the city of Denver and is a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award.

**Michael Polyak (IR '04)** graduated with a master's degree from the Kennedy School at Harvard. He is working with

Good Harbor Consulting, a U.S.-based strategic consulting firm in Abu Dhabi.

**Katie (Allardyce) Alexander (PTCD/Women, Gender and Social Justice '05)** recently received her master's degree from George Washington University after completing the school's Event Management Certificate Program in 2008. Alexander is currently in transition after moving back to Michigan.

**Joshua Feinberg (IR '05)** graduated magna cum laude from the University of Miami, School of Law in May 2008 and has since passed the Florida bar exam. Feinberg works as a civil litigator at Berman Rennert Vogel & Mandler, P.A., a real estate-based law firm in Miami, FL.

**Sarah Elyse Mars (IR '05)** is working with a federal contractor (Millennium Services 2k+) as a public affairs specialist in the Office of Communications and Knowledge Transfer at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which is helping to inform the current healthcare debate.

**William Jefferson Black (PE '06)** was presented with a Great Lakes Ally of the Year award for his service as an advisor to The Alliance for Great Lakes, the preeminent community organization working to care for the lakes through education, advocacy and clean-up efforts.

**Daniel Broughton (SR '06)** is a graduate student at American

University enrolled in a J.D. Law/M.A. International Affairs joint-degree program through the Washington College of Law and the School of International Service, respectively. Broughton is a graduate fellow, statistical consultant and trainer at the Center for Teaching and Excellence, American University. He is scheduled to graduate with the class of 2010.

**Karissa Chabot (PTCD '06) and Stephen Purchase (IR/PTCD '06)** were married in Norton



*Karissa Chabot and Stephen Purchase*

Shores, MI on June 20th. The couple currently resides in Lansing. Purchase works in the office of State Representative Marc Corriveau and recently partnered with a local development firm to work on a nationwide effort to develop high-speed rail. Chabot graduated from MSU's Rhetoric and Writing Program in May with a master's degree in critical studies in literacy and pedagogy.

**Patrick Gallagher (SR '06)** serves as a trooper for the Michigan State Police, Traverse City Post. In addition to his Madison degree, Gallagher graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

**Andy Hickner (PTCD '06)** is pursuing his master of science in

information at the University of Michigan.

**Sulema Medrano (SR '06)** was part of the championship team in the 2009 National Trial Competition for Region 8 held in the Richard J. Daley Center in Chicago. Medrano represented her school, Chicago-Kent College of Law, the winners of the premier trial advocacy tournament in the United States for the third consecutive year. Medrano also studied criminal justice while at MSU.

**Amanda (Benzie) Moellendick (PTCD '06)** finished her master's in public administration in nonprofit management in the spring of 2008. Moellendick works as an intellectual property assistant for Novak Druce DeLuca & Quigg LLP in Washington D.C. Her last position was with NSF International, a not-for-profit, public health organization. In February 2009, Moellendick married her husband Jordan. They live in Alexandria, VA.

**Jaron Vogelsang (PTCD '06)** completed his Peace Corps service in February 2008 where he served in a remote village in Kenya, working on various community development and water projects. Vogalsang currently works as a refugee caseworker with Church World Service/Joint Voluntary agency based in Nairobi, Kenya. He travels to camps throughout a great deal of continental Africa to assist refugees resettling to the U.S.

**Lauren Beach (SRP, LBS '07)** is pursuing both a doctorate in molecular, cellular, developmental biology & genetics and a juris doctorate at the University of Minnesota. For her dissertation research, Beach studies HIV drug development,



*Lauren Beach*

HIV drug resistance, and the molecular evaluation of retro viruses. Beach is also an active volunteer with Point Foundation's Alumni Committee, and is an at-large board member of three Twin Cities' non-profits: The Bisexual Organizing Project, the Minnesota GLBTA Campus Alliance, and the China AIDS Orphan Project. Beach is the recipient of the Graduate School Fellowship, MCDB&G Fellowship, University of Minnesota Law School Joint Degree Scholarship, and National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention, 2008. After completing her graduate study, Beach plans to obtain a leadership position at the Food and Drug Administration. Beach also graduated with a bachelor of science in microbiology from Lyman Briggs College as well as the cross-collegiate Science, Technology, Environment, and Public Policy Specialization.

**Chelsey Benjamin (SRP '07)** is a writer for the State of Michigan House Democratic Communications office where she

worked as an intern during her senior year. Benjamin works on media for members of the Democratic caucus, including press releases, speeches, and newsletters. As a graduate of the MSU School of Journalism as well as JMC, Benjamin draws on her unique set of skills in her current occupation.

**Erin Fish (IR '07)** currently works on Wall Street for a major life insurance company and this fall will attend Vanderbilt University, Peabody College in pursuit of her master of education in human development counseling. Fish spent her first year out of JMC working for Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

**Jim Leddy (IR '07)** is serving with the Peace Corps in El Salvador. Here Leddy teaches children "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!"



*Head, shoulders, knees and toes!*

**Morgan Randall (SRP '07)** is finishing her service year of AmeriCorps in Massachusetts. Randall is the volunteer coordinator for Social Capital Inc (SCI), a not-for-profit located in Woburn, Massachusetts. SCI works to unite neighbors to create stronger and safer communities

with the idea that neighbors who know each other are better able to address and solve the problems facing the nation.

**John VanDeventer (SRP '07)** works for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) at the international headquarters in Washington, DC as a specialist in the new media department. VanDeventer dedicates his time to the "Change That Works" program, specifically the health care reform campaign, a nationwide campaign to pass health care reform and the Employee Free Choice Act. SEIU works with fellow labor groups, elected officials, and the White House to make its vision for working families a reality. VanDeventer came to SEIU from Governor Jennifer Granholm's office in Lansing, bringing a uniquely Midwestern perspective as an activist from outside the Beltway.

**Daniel Coyle (IR/CCP/Asian Studies '08)** is conducting research in Nepal on a Fulbright Grant. Coyle is studying the effect of international cultural conservation politics on ethnicity. He is also a volunteer English teacher at the Naba Dheepi School for Orphans. After the completion of his research, Coyle hopes to continue his studies within South Asia either through interning, volunteering, or working at an organization dedicated to the resolution of specifically South Asian political and social issues.

**Jessica Emerson (SRP '08)** works in vendor relations support for the Michigan Department of Community Health, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Division. WIC is a health and nutrition program that orients itself around pregnancy outcomes, child growth and development. Emerson also served as a wardrobe intern for BBC Television's "What Not To Wear."

**Jonathan Garvin (PTCD/PE '08)** recently worked as an intern in the office of Congressman Leonard Boswell, representative from Iowa. He has interned at the National Association of Broadcasters as well as a small government relations firm in downtown Washington, DC.

**Evan Fowler-Guzzardo (PTCD/IR '08)** finished his first year as a graduate student at Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, specializing in human resources and organizations. Fowler-Guzzardo is also completing the strategy and operations immersion through Cornell's Johnson School of Management. This summer he interned at the Aetna corporate headquarters in Hartford, Connecticut, creating and implementing a centralized audit process for Aetna's international offices as one of only eight 2009 Aetna Summer Associates. The internship, known for its direct access to company executives, is a perfect example of the compatibility of the Madison curriculum with another field, such as business.



**Kathryn Gillen (SRP, PE '08)**

works as a public policy specialist for Disability Network/Lakeshore in Holland, Michigan. Gillen works closely with local, state, and federal elected officials on public policy issues concerning people with disabilities and the broader community. She is also program manager for two public transportation studies in West Michigan, analyzing the current unmet transit needs of the area and their impact on the community.

**Jeffrey Lakin (PTCD/SRP '08)**

will begin law school in fall 2009 at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Lakin has been serving as a Teach For America corps member since graduation.

**Ging Cee Ng (SRP/PE '08)**

is a research associate in the financial intermediation function of the research and statistics group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Ng's work involves a mix of economic research and policy work, related to recent developments in the regulation of financial markets. In her major long-term research project, Ng assists her economist with examining the loan pricing behavior of lenders and borrowers in pre- and post-crisis periods. Her current policy work involves a historical analysis of macro-level loans and assets and liabilities of banking institutions in the U.S. during recessions to shed light on the idiosyncratic effects of capital injections in the nation's financial system.

**Jordan Silverman (IR/SR/PE '08)**

teaches at a 30-student elementary school in Salasaca, Ecuador, an indigenous Quechua town.



*Jordan Silverman in Ecuador*

Silverman has broad teaching responsibilities, including a low-level math class, a high-level English class, and work in the kindergarten. She has been participating in various volunteering programs throughout Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Belize. After she fulfills her teaching responsibilities in July, Silverman will shift her energies to a teaching organic farm on the coast of Ecuador, returning stateside in January. She hopes to pursue work related to sustainable development in Latin America. For further information on Silverman's experiences abroad, visit: [jordansilverman.blogspot.com](http://jordansilverman.blogspot.com).

**Kristin Sulewski (IR/SRP '08)** is a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Benin in Western Africa, teaching English for the equivalent of seventh and eighth grade. Sulewski is one of four Peace Corps volunteers in Benin to work with officials of the nation's Ministry of Education on editing, revising, and rewriting the national English curriculum for the first three levels of secondary school. Sulewski and her colleagues have finished the second level, but she still has the

responsibility of rewriting the first level and presenting it for basic editing and feedback.

**Kelly Tebay (IR '08)** is on the finance team for Lieutenant Governor John Cherry's Gubernatorial Campaign for 2010. Tebay specializes in the fundraising aspect of the campaign.

**Tasonja Frantz (IR '09)** served as gold bar recruiter for the MSU Army ROTC and has begun six months of officer training. Frantz is a full-time officer in the ordinance branch of the U.S. Army, primarily concerned with doing maintenance dealing with munitions. Her first duty station will be Fort Hood, Texas.

**Kari Jaksa (IR/PTCD '09)** is in graduate school at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies pursuing a master's degree in international relations, international economics, and African studies. She specialized in Global and African Studies at MSU.

**Katie Johnson (SRP/German '09)** is a policy associate at the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), where she previously served as policy intern. In addition to policy issues, Johnson is responsible for IT operations as well as the redevelopment of the organization's website. Johnson's long-standing interest in housing issues led her to pursue a position with CEDAM.

## FACULTY SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



[Yael Aronoff](#) published an article entitled “From Hawks to Peacemakers: A Comparison of Two Israeli Prime Ministers,” forthcoming in *Israel Studies Forum* 24:1, summer 2009. Aronoff also reviewed the book *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges, forthcoming in *Peace and Change*. In March, she presented a paper entitled “Predicting Peace: The Domestic Contingencies for Reaching an Israeli-Palestinian Agreement,” by invitation to the Democracy, Religion, and Conflict: the Dilemmas of Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking Conference. She also participated on several panels and in workshops to prepare papers for an edited book sponsored by the Project on Democracy in the Middle East,

## JMC partners with MSU Grad School to teach teaching

The Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program (IIT) is a partnership between the Michigan State University Graduate School and James Madison College. The [IIT program](#) is directed by [Colleen Tremonte](#), with other core Madison faculty being [Constance Hunt](#) and [Linda Racioppi](#).

The goal of the IIT Fellowship Program is to broaden and enrich the professional development experience of a diverse group of graduate students by placing them within an environment, James Madison College, with an established tradition in excellence in undergraduate teaching. Selected fellows work closely with a core group of Madison faculty to engage in structured discussions on pedagogy and practice, on interdisciplinary course design and curriculum development, and on general interaction with undergraduates. They also work with core faculty to investigate theoretical and practical applications of interdisciplinary inquiry and research.

The new fellows for 2009-2010 are **Robin Blom**, journalism/College of Comm. Arts, **Cristian Donareveco**, history and sociology/College of Social Sciences, **Sara Hillman**, second language studies/College of Arts and Letters, **Lindsay Neuberger**, communications/College of Comm Arts, **Sarah Reed**, psychology/College of Social Sciences. Returning is **Stefanie Kendall**, teacher education/College of Education. During the 2008-09 academic year, two fellows, **Fredy Rodriguez-Mejia** (anthropology) and **Jose Gomez Moreno** (Chicano & Latino studies and American studies) worked with three JMC students throughout the spring semester on preparing papers and presentations given at the MSU Latin American Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Research Conference in April.



Anne Bailey (CCP/Economics senior) presenting at the MSU Latin American Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Research Conference in April after working with the IIT fellows.

Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

[Mark Axelrod](#) spoke in March as part of the World Affairs Council of West Michigan's Great Discussions Lecture Series. Aquinas College hosted the lecture series talks where participants discussed issues ranging from climate change opening up Canada's Northwest Passage to the new green economy in Michigan. As one of eight experts hosted by the lecture series, Axelrod presented "Rising Powers: India, China and Africa," detailing the rise of Brazil, Russia, India, and China on the world stage.

[Ilana Blumberg](#) gave a paper "Sacrifice and Suicide in *A Tale of Two Cities*." in June at the Dickens International Conference at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She has an article coming out in *Victorian Literature and Culture* called "'Love Yourself as Your Neighbor': The Limits of Altruism and the Ethics of Personal Benefit in *Adam Bede*."

[Andaluna Borcila](#) published "Accessing the Trauma of Communism: Romanian Women on U.S. Television News?" in a special issue of the *European Journal of Cultural Studies* focused on Media, Globalization and Post-Socialist Identities. She was also an invited contributor to *Revolutia Romana Televizata: Contributii La Istoria Culturala a Mediilor* (The Televised Romanian Revolution:

Contributions to the Cultural History of Media). The Romanian version of the book, which includes Borcila's piece, "Debutul Televizual al Postcomunismului" (The Televizual Debut of Postcommunism) was published in May. The English version of the book is forthcoming.

[Siddharth Chandra](#) has been appointed as a professor in James Madison College and as the new director for Asian studies in the International Studies and Programs department.

[Lisa Cook](#)'s article "Metals or Management? Explaining Africa's Recent Growth Performance" was published in the May 2009 issue of *The American Economic Review*. The paper attempts to identify the relative contribution of luck, natural resources, and better economic management to the rise in output per capita since the late 1990s. Cook also presented the paper at the American Economic Association meetings in San Francisco in January 2009 and the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington DC in April. Cook also presented her research on innovation in Russia and in the Soviet Union at several venues, including JMC, Duke University, Harvard University, Stanford University, the University of Michigan, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Moscow State University, the University of California, and Santa Barbara, as well as the Economic History

Association meetings in late summer 2009. She chaired and participated in the panel, "Global Economic Crisis and Recovery: Michigan in the Eye of the Storm," a Madison and College of Social Science-sponsored alumni and friends event, held in Washington DC in the spring of 2009. Cook participated in another panel on the economic and financial crisis at the Eli Broad School of Management at MSU in April. She was selected by the Obama administration to serve on the Presidential Transition Team from November 2008 to January 2009 as a member of the Economy and International Trade team. In her role with the administration, Cook headed the review of the World Bank and the Office of International Affairs at the Treasury Department. Cook also attended the Inauguration. Additionally, in a national competition, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) selected Cook as an Innovation Policy and the Economy fellow. The year-long fellowship came to a close in the spring of 2009. The NBER also selected Cook to receive a \$100,000 grant sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Cook will use the grant to support research on the Nigerian economy through 2011. She also testified as an expert on development economics based on her research published on recent trends in African economic growth, focusing on U.S. and Africa trade relations and economic recovery in the U.S. and Africa.

Early in 2009, [Ron Dorr](#) marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln by writing two brief essays and teaching three classes on Lincoln, his life, and images of Lincoln in his time,



in historians' views, and in our time. Dorr was also busy writing reviews of literary and historical

works as well as books on religion. The reviewed titles include: *Hamlet*, *The Glass Menagerie*, Todd Davis' book of poems, *Some Heaven*; Eudora Welty's memoir, *One Writer's Beginnings*; *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky*, *Little Heathens*, *Gospel of Mark*, and *Acts of Faith*.

In March, Dorr published an



essay and gave a talk on his

recent journey to Israel, focusing on Galilee, Jericho, Jerusalem, Masada, and the Dead Sea (see photos). Dorr was active in the Madison community as well. He joined several Madison students and faculty in the 20-hour marathon public reading of *Crime and Punishment* in February. The event commemorated Dorr's first reading of the book as a junior at Grinnell College in 1960.



*Rita Kiki Edozie with Desmond Tutu*

[Rita Kiki Edozie](#) with Desmond Tutu at a reception May 2009. Tutu was MSU's commencement speaker and also met with a group of Madison students and faculty.

[Ross Emmett](#) published *Frank Knight & the Chicago School in*

*American Economics* in January 2009. Emmett has been busy with conference paper presentations as well. In June, Emmett presented "History of Economics and History of Science: A Comparative Look at Recent Work in Both Fields" at two events: the History of Economics as History of Social Science workshop, "The Chicago Workshop Model: Normalizing or Fragmenting Scientific Collaboration?"; and at the History of Recent Economics conference at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. He also presented "Specializing in Interdisciplinarity: The Committee on Social Thought as Chicago's Antidote to Specialization in the Social Sciences" at the History of Economics Society meeting.

Emmett also presented the work at the History of Political Economy conference at Duke University in May. In January, he presented, along with PTC senior **Laura Kovacek**, "Man and Society in Adam Smith's Natural Morality: The Impartial Spectator, the Man of System, and the Invisible Hand" at the "Adam Smith as Theologian" conference in Edinburgh, sponsored by the Templeton Foundation. Emmett also presented "Is the Chicago School a Creative Community?" at the "Creative Communities: Bloomsbury and Others" conference at Duke University in October 2008.

[Connie Hunt](#) published "The Persistence of Theocracy: Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*"

in “Perspectives on Political Science”, winter 2009. She also delivered a paper, “Eros and Techne in Ishiguro’s *Never Let me Go*,” at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association convention in April 2009.

[Louis Hunt](#) was a visiting scholar in October 2008 at the Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies in Sarnath, India. The Indian Government and the Tibetan Government in Exile established the Institute in 1967 to preserve Tibetan culture, and research Indian literature and scientific works which have only been preserved in Tibetan translation. In January 2009, the Institute was officially designated as the Central University of Tibetan Studies. During Hunt's stay at the Institute he studied classical Tibetan, worked on Buddhist political thought, and delivered a lecture to the faculty and students of the institute.

[Louise Jezierski](#) and [Jonas Zoninsein](#) presented papers in Salvador, Brazil in July 2009 at a conference sponsored by the Federal University of Bahia.



*Louise Jezierski presenting*  
Jezierski presented "Local Cultures and Regional Cultures: A Comparative Understanding of Niche Markets and Identities in

the Global Economy." Zoninsein presented "Is Brazil prepared for multipolarity?"



*Enjoying Brazil!*

[Ramazan Kilinc](#) published a chapter, “State and Muslims in France: Secularism, Islamophobia, and the Headscarf Ban” in the collection, *The Different Faces of Political Islam*. Kilinc wrote the work in Turkish. In addition, Kilinc’s article, “International Norms, Domestic Political Survival and Foreign Policy: Turkey and the UN



*Ramazan Kilinc*  
Alliance of Civilizations” will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Insight Turkey*. Aside from writing, Kilinc has been actively attending conferences, presenting on Turkish policy issues. He presented his chapter from *The Different Faces of Political Islam* at the Fifth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics at Calvin College. He also attended the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago where he presented “Islam, Secularism, and Democratization in Turkey: The Relevance of

Consensus Building.” Kilinc wrapped up the conference circuit with a stop at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta for the Alliance of Civilizations: Turkey at the Crossroads of Cultures Conference, where he presented “Bargaining Identities: Explaining Turkish Foreign Policy Discourse of the Alliance of Civilizations.”

[Benjamin Kleinerman’s](#) *The Discretionary President: The Promise and Peril of Executive Power* will be released in September 2009 by the University of Kansas Press. In the book, Kleinerman questions what role discretionary executive power should play in a constitutional order, examining its ability to either save or destroy the Constitution. George W. Bush’s use of the war on terror to justify the creation of a unitary executive, acting outside and even against the law, provides the catalyst for the study, which traces the dilemma from Hobbes through Lincoln. The book delineates the tough distinctions that citizens need to make between the necessary exercise of extraordinary powers and the dangerous aggrandizement of unnecessary power.

[Eric Petrie](#) published the chapter "Aristotle and Liberalism" in a book entitled *The Arts of Rule: Essays in Honor of Harvey C. Mansfield*, by Rowman and Littlefield Press, February 2009.

[Linda Racioppi](#) and [Katie See](#) co-edited *Gender Politics in Post-Communist Eurasia*, published by the MSU Press. Reflecting on

two decades of experience, the book offers new and important insights into contemporary global gender politics by leading scholars from Central Asia, Europe, and the United States — into the contemporary dynamics of gender politics in a critical area of the world.

### Katie See Receives Honors College Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honors Students

This award is given annually to a faculty or staff member who has made exceptional contributions to Honors College students through teaching,



[Katie See](#)

advising, or mentoring. Such contributions might include designing or teaching Honors classes or sections, offering Honors Options, providing Honors advising, mentoring of Professorial Assistants, or other exceptional efforts. The recipient receives an honorarium of \$1,000.

### New publications

[Susan Stein-Roggenbuck's](#) book *Negotiating Relief: The Development of Social Welfare Programs in Depression-Era Michigan, 1930-1940* was published in August 2008 by The Ohio State University Press. She is also among the first group of 15

fellows in a new MSU initiative, the Walter and Pauline Adams Academy for Instructional Excellence and Innovation, providing a cross-disciplinary cohort of instructors with opportunities to further their development as excellent teachers whose instructional decisions are rooted in the robust research literature on effective teaching and learning.

[Lynn Scott](#) delivered a paper in March 2009 on James Baldwin's civil rights essays at Suffolk University. In September 2009, her article "Challenging the American Conscience, Re-imagining American Identity: James Baldwin and the Civil

Rights Movement" will appear in *A Historical Guide to James Baldwin* edited by Douglas Field and published by Oxford University Press. She will also chair a session on James Baldwin at the American Studies Association in November 2009. *James Baldwin and Toni Morrison: Critical and Theoretical Perspective* (Palgrave 2006), which she co-edited with Lovalerie King, will be released in paperback later this year.

[Ken Waltzer's](#) article, "Opening the Red Cross International Tracing Service Archives," appeared in the *John Marshall Journal of Computer and Information Law* 21:6 (Winter,



**Professor Ken Waltzer** (second from right), lectured at a special MSU event, "Telling the Story: The Rescue of Children and Youths at Buchenwald," held at the Holocaust Memorial in Farmington Hills with 300 people, including many former Madison students, in the audience. He appears here with survivors of Nazi concentration camps. From left: Abe Pasternak, Michael Weiss and Paul Molnar, all Auschwitz and Buchenwald survivors; furthest right: Frank Kussy, Theresienstadt and Auschwitz survivor.

2009), the first scholarly article on the recently opened Holocaust archive. Waltzer also had the opportunity to deliver a paper, "No Angel at the Fence," with a translator, at the First International Forum on "Schlieben: A Forgotten Concentration Camp," in Schlieben, Germany in April 2009. He plans to chair two panels at the Association of Jewish Studies meeting in Los Angeles, California in December 2009, one panel on "Writing Holocaust History with Holocaust Testimonies and Memoirs," in which he will present a paper on "Schlieben: A Forgotten Buchenwald Aussenlager," the other panel on "Contemporary Anti-Semitism: Inversions in the Radical Critique of Israel," in which he will serve as respondent. Waltzer continues working on his book on the rescue of children and youths at Buchenwald and is talking

with literary agents and trade publishers. He was also a special guest at a summer ceremony marking entrance of the late Fyodor Michalitschenko into the list of Righteous among the Nations at Yad Vashem. In his research at the Red Cross International Tracing Service archive in June 2008 in Bad Arolsen, Germany, Waltzer discovered that Fyodor was Rabbi Israel Lau's protector in block 8, the children's block, at Buchenwald. Lau had been looking for Fyodor from Rostow for 60 years but could not find him. With the opening of the records, Waltzer was able to discover his protector and informed Lau. Israel Lau is now chair of the Yad Vashem Council, which is honoring the late Fyodor.

[Richard Zinman](#) published "Thinking about the Founding" in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, vol. 36,

issue 2 (Winter 2009). Zinman's article is a review of two books by Alan Gibson, *Interpreting the Founding and Understanding the Founding*. Zinman also published (with **Steven Kautz - JMCD '81**), Arthur Melzer, and Jerry Weinberger) *The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism*, a collection of essays based on papers delivered in a lecture series and at a conference organized by the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy in MSU's Department of Political Science. The collection is the eighth volume in the series published by the symposium. In addition to writing, Zinman also participated in three conferences: "On Leo Strauss's *Thoughts on Machiavelli*" in Claremont, CA in December 2008, "James Madison and the Extended Republic" in Indianapolis in April 2009, and "Journalism and Liberty" in Essex, CT in May 2009.

# STUDENT SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



## Mark Steven Dobson, II



Mark Steven Dobson II

(PTCD/Spanish '09) represented MSU's Class of 2009 as the student

speaker at the undergraduate convocation at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

## Yvette Efevbera (IR/African Studies '09)

is attending the public health master's program at Harvard University. She was also accepted at Johns Hopkins University and



Yvette Efevbera

received a Fulbright Fellowship to implement a project at the Nyaka AIDS Orphan School in southern Uganda, which she had to decline to attend the graduate program at Harvard. Additionally, she was one of two finalists to receive the Featherstone Award and the David Wiley Africa Education Award at MSU. As a result of her exceptional academic achievements, USA Today acknowledged Efevbera in the April 29th edition as a member of the 3rd All Academic Team.



Krystle Kay Forbes and WGI Winter Guard International

**Krystle Kay Forbes (CCP senior)** was a member of the WGI (Winter Guard International) Independent A Champion, State of Art Winterguard. State of Art Winterguard is a competitive performance sport that incorporates dance, weapons (in the form of rifles and sabers), and flags into a creative, themed presentation set to music. State of Art is in its third season of competition, now representing MSU internationally as a division of the Spartan Marching Band.

**Daniel Kuhn (IR/Muslim Studies senior)** had the tremendous honor to deliver a

speech on the UN floor. UN Watch, where Kuhn interned in the Human Rights Council, gave Kuhn the rare opportunity to speak on behalf of the NGO. Kuhn's work with UN Watch stems from an internship at the UN Headquarters in Geneva that he began in the spring of 2009. He spent the rest of the summer working at the Jerusalem Post.

**Dan Redford (IR senior)** participated this summer as one of 30 fellows in the Initiating Mutual Understanding through Student Exchange (IMUSE) program in Beijing, China. Redford spent two weeks collaborating with



students from the U.S. and China in group discussions, cultural activities, speaker events, guided tours, and public service work. The IMUSE opportunity is not Redford's first trip to China, having spent two months the previous summer in Tianjin taking Chinese language classes through an MSU study abroad program. His participation in the IMUSE program will be the culmination of a three-month trip to China, beginning with study at Shanghai University to complete his 400-level Chinese language courses.

**Grant Rumley (IR/Muslim Studies/Arabic sophomore)** traveled to the West Bank Palestine this summer as part of the Michigan Peace Team.



*Grant Rumley in a AIDS clinic in Haiti*

Founded in 1993, the Michigan Peace Team aims to empower people to engage in active, nonviolent peacemaking, offering nonviolence training workshops. Rumley's tasks abroad included walking Palestinian children to school, living with Palestinians, and potentially "interpositioning," which requires a peacekeeper to diffuse soldier-citizen conflicts by placing their own body between

the two antagonists. The trip to the West Bank is Rumley's fourth trip abroad, having already traveled to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Tijuana, Mexico, to work with individuals in dire need.

## Student Awards

### University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)

**Megan O'Brien (SRP /Urban Planning '09)** won an MSU UURAF award for her oral presentation, "Squatter Settlements in Latin America: Santa Elena, Venezuela and Lima, Peru." The presentation was a culmination of O'Brien's research efforts, having completed her MC 400/401 internship in Santa Elena in Venezuela last summer.

**Professor Louise Jezierski** was O'Brien's advisor throughout the process.

**Jennifer White (SRP/PTCD senior)** won an MSU UURAF award for her oral presentation, "Assessing the Access to Healthcare: The African-American Infant Mortality Rate." White's project began as her McNair/SROP research endeavor last summer under the advisement of **Professor Louise Jezierski**. White's work beyond the McNair/SROP requirements helped the project reach its full potential. She conducted research at Johns Hopkins University this summer, working on an ecological study concerning the utilization of preventive screenings for women's health.

### Other Winners

- Allison Burkholder (IR senior)
- Martin Fox (CCP/IR senior)
- Laura Kovacek (PTCD senior)
- Chelsea Ridenour (CCP junior)
- Christopher Smith (IR sophomore)
- Carli Zyskowski (CCP junior)

### MSU Undergraduate Research Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Studies (April 22, 2009) – Student Presenters:

- **International Relations**
  - Leah Cameron (senior)
  - Cory Connolly (senior)
  - Olivia Courant (junior)
  - Amelia DeVivo (senior)
  - Ann Marie Gordenier (senior)
  - Ashley Hoomstra (senior)
  - Benjamin Muz (senior)
  - Jennifer Seager (senior)
  - Jessica Wayne (senior)
  - Angela Wharton (junior)
- **Comparative Cultures & Politics**
  - Anne Bailey (junior)
  - Laura Ditzler (junior)
  - Kristen Sheppard (junior)
  - Kanika Suri (junior)
- **Political Theory & Constitutional Democracy**
  - Kyle Druding (PTCD senior)
  - Jacob Rubin (junior)

**Lily Klinger Memorial Award Rebecca Fitzgerald (CCP/SRP junior)** received The Lily Klinger Memorial Award for 2008-2009. The award funds internships and study abroad opportunities for Madison students. Continuing Klinger's commitment to

humanity and urban communities, Fitzgerald intends to become involved with a participatory community development organization called Mesa de Concertacion para la Lucha Contra la Pobreza.

#### **JMCAA Award**

**Elizabeth Marzotto (CCP/Western European Studies sophomore)** and **Sarah Wilson (SRP sophomore)** are the recipients of the JMC Alumni Association Study Abroad Scholarship.

#### **Rylan Cotter Memorial Award**

**Nicole Iaquinto (SRP senior)** received the Rylan Cotter Memorial Award, created by the Cotter Family in honor of their daughter, a JMC student who passed away unexpectedly last year. The family donated money in her memory to support student study abroad, especially in Africa. Iaquinto's study next spring at the University of KwaZulu-Natal is exactly the kind of program that Cotter's family wishes to support. Iaquinto had the pleasure of meeting Cotter before her passing and feels honored to represent such an amazing individual in her studies.

#### **Smith Zinman Award**

**Jeremy Blaney (IR/CCP/Muslim Studies senior)** is the recipient of the Smith-Zinman Award for Study Abroad, to support his study in Ghana this summer.

#### **Hoekstra Award**

**Mitchell Rivard (SRP/IR junior)** is the recipient of the Douglas Hoekstra Memorial Award. Professor Hoekstra, a long-time faculty member at JMC, was instrumental in the field of American politics and study of the presidency. His family established an internship award in his memory to support student internships in the field of American politics. Rivard's internship with the Michigan Democratic Party fits the award well, as well as the ambitions Professor Hoekstra had for Madison students.

#### **Academic Honors**

- ***Intercollegiate Athletics Honor Roll***
  - Janet Hanchett – Women's Track & Field
  - Mischelle Nelson – Volleyball
  - Daniel Yonker – Men's Track & Field
- ***JMC Honors Program Graduates***
  - Marc Allen
  - Yvette Efevbera
  - Theodore Madsen
  - Jessica Ports
  - Brian Riedy
  - Jessica Schoenherr
  - Doug Schraufnagle
  - Ryan Smith
- ***Graduating with High Honors***
  - Yvette Efevbera
  - Danielle Ferry
  - Julia Fruman
  - Alica Kildau
  - Megan Kurzawa
  - Tricia McCarthy
  - Ashleigh Parkhurst
  - Noel Schroeder

#### **National Scholarships Nominees**

- ***Rhodes Scholarship Nominee***
  - Yvette Efevbera
- ***Marshall Scholarship Nominee***
  - Yvette Efevbera
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