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James Madison College



Oginsky family sets the bar

Daniel Oginsky grew up in the Flint, Mich., area and remembers heading to MSU to attend James Madison College. "I was afraid I would not cut it at college and I studied really hard," he says, "I felt like I really blossomed then, and it was one of the best years of my life." While at MSU, Daniel met his wife, **Anna Hodges Oginsky**. She also grew up in Genesee County, and graduated from MSU from the College of Arts and Letters.

Anna and Daniel each appreciate their education and experiences at MSU, and they are active supporters and participants in the MSU community. Earlier this year, with the largest cash gift ever given to James Madison College, they created the Oginsky Family and Friends Scholarship Endowment for James Madison College at MSU. The scholarship endowment, which is pledged to be at least \$200,000, will support scholarships for students attending Madison – with a preference for students graduating from high schools in Genesee County.

Daniel credits his Madison College and MSU education with opening his eyes to a broader world and solidly preparing him to pursue future career opportunities. "My political theory coursework with Professor Doug Hoekstra and others taught me how to be a critical thinker, and I use those skills all the time in my job as a business leader," he says. Also, "I am so grateful I had the chance to learn writing in Professor (now Associate Dean) Julia Grant's class...the ability to clearly communicate complex ideas is very important, and she really helped me out." Beyond coursework, Daniel says the people he met were a huge part of his education.

"I was lucky to meet great friends, who I have shared so many experiences with, but who also challenged me, taught me a lot, and helped me grow."

In establishing the scholarship endowment, Daniel said, "I am grateful for the opportunity I had to be at James Madison College and MSU, and I want to help more kids – especially kids from where I grew up – get the same chance." Anna said, "If we can help support students who later could help support their own communities, I feel like we are investing in a bright future for our hometown areas and beyond."

Donna Hofmeister, recipient of MSU's 2012 Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award, is shown (left to right) with JMC Professors **Constance Hunt**, who received the 2012 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award, **Daniel Kramer**, recipient of the 2012 MSU Teacher-Scholar Award, and **Dean Sherman Garnett**, at a college reception in their honor. [See story on page 7.](#)

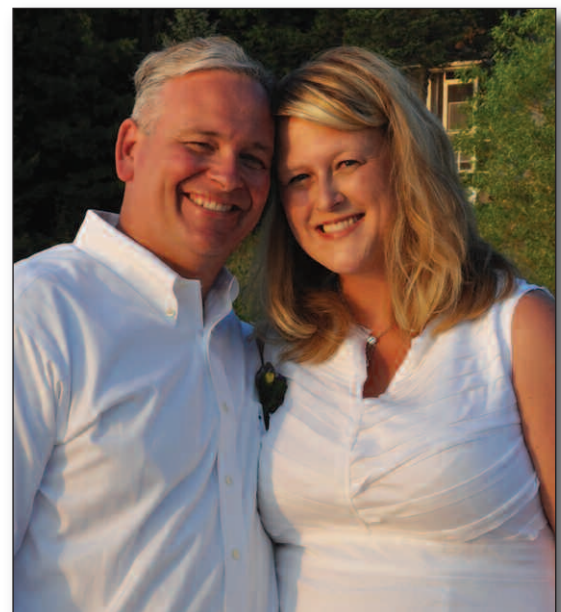


Jackie Stewart, 1953-2012

Beloved and longest-serving Madison staff member, Jackie Stewart, passed away on July 10 at age 58. She was born October 4, 1953 in Lansing and had resided here with her family her entire life. Jackie had a fierce love for her family and her

precious cats and enjoyed time spent with them and her friends. She was very passionate about her career with Michigan State University, serving in the James Madison College for 41 years.

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Daniel and Anna Hodges Oginsky

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Dean Sherm Garnett

Norm and Julia

This year saw an important transition for the Dean's Office. Professor Norm Graham stepped down as associate dean after serving 12 years in this position (and a couple as acting dean before that). He made innumerable contributions to the college during that time and saved me from too many missteps to recount. I came into this job from a Washington think tank, and Norm helped me understand Madison College from something other than the student's perspective I had cherished from my time at the college in the mid-1970s. He taught me about the budget and faculty governance. He taught me how the college functioned and pretty much all of its important morés. Most importantly, he taught me by example how deeply the faculty are attached to the college and how they love it every bit as much as the students do.

During his time as associate dean, Norm remained director of the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies [CERES], taught regularly, coached the MSU archery team, and probably helped repair the boiler a time or two. He has given unfailingly sound advice, never abandoning me when I failed to take it or got myself into some snafu that he would have easily avoided. He was a driving force behind Muslim Studies and our Science Technology Environment and Public Policy specializations. He worked out new options for students to take the Uzbek and Kazakh language, guiding one of them to receive the first undergraduate Fulbright ever for someone with Uzbek, rather than Russian, as his or her research language. As valuable as Norm has been in the administrative realm, what I noted from the very beginning was how he would not let his many obligations interfere with his teaching. He taught fewer classes of course, but he relished them. He kept his office hours inviolable. These were for the students, not administrative issues.

Best of all, Norm is not going away. He remains in a nearby office, devoting more time to teaching and to CERES. He is hard at work on a project for a new university in the Caucasus, organizing a symposium in China, and traveling to all the exotic places I used to go to before I became dean. He will still help out with oversight of our Study Abroad programs, and he has already been elected to serve on the Reappointment and Tenure Committee.

Professor Julia Grant is already well known to Madisonians. She has been an outstanding faculty member since her arrival in 1990, teaching a wide range of great courses in writing and Social Relations and Policy. She has won awards for her teaching and widespread acclaim for her scholarship on the history of the American family, education, and childhood. She is currently finishing up her third book. She has served widely in the university, as interim co-director of the Center for Gender in a Global Context and chair of the Women's Advisory Committee to the Provost. In the college, she has served in many roles, most recently as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. She is respected throughout the college for her teaching and collegiality, so I was delighted that she emerged as a candidate to replace the irreplaceable Norm. She is already hard at work, helping to guide the college's recent self-study to completion, improving our faculty mentoring system, and serving in the new role as Faculty Excellence Advocate. The latter is designed here and throughout the university to encourage the best practices in recruiting, sustaining, and nurturing a strong, diverse, and excellent faculty. She has jumped head first into budget and university issues. She is humane and sensitive in dealing with people. In short, also irreplaceable.

The only problem I had with this transition was in November, when Norm was in Kazakhstan and Julia was writing, leaving me to fumble along and realize how much I needed both of them. I discovered how little I could do without the work and support of others. Madison College is and always will be a community of students, faculty, and staff devoted to each other. Change is inevitable, as a valued person leaves while another steps into a new role. That's how things ought to work. Norm accomplished great things while associate dean, and I am sure that Julia will also accomplish great things. They will likely be different things, reflecting the challenges of the day and also the different strengths and inclinations of the two as individuals. But they will leave Madison a better place, just as Norm's work as associate dean has done.

Sherman W. Garnett

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JMC EVENTS



CHICAGO-AREA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION

Thursday, September 20, 2012, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Hosted by Alumnus David E. Stevenson at Williams Montgomery & John—233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6100, Chicago, Illinois 60606

ANNUAL FOUNDERS CIRCLE DINNER

September 27, 2012—MSU Kellogg Center

Featuring Peter Clement, Deputy Director for Intelligence for Analytic Programs, CIA and MSU Alumnus, presenting "The Role of the Intelligence Community in US Foreign Policy Decision-making"

ANNUAL JMC HOMECOMING TAILGATE

October 13, 2012, 9:30am to noon—Case Hall South Pointe Dining Hall

FREE, but please RSVP to [Donna Hofmeister](#) MSU Pompon team to perform at 10:15am *Note: Lyman Briggs and RCAH are holding a Homecoming tailgate at the same time in a tent outside of Case Hall. JMC is loosely part of this event, and welcome to visit the tent, but we are continuing our tradition of holding our tailgate inside South Pointe Dining Hall.

JMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 27, 2012, 11am—North Case Seminar Room (369L)

Contact Kim Allan for more information, allank@msu.edu



James Madison College announces "Traveling the U.S. and Abroad" Photo Contest:

Open to Madison students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees, and friends

JMC EVENTS

2012 Photo Contest

Our friends and associates from JMC are among the most traveled people on the planet. We WANT to see your photos and share your memories. Enter the contest and let's see where you have been!

International and domestic photos are welcome and will be judged by a panel of Madison students, faculty, staff, retirees, and alumni. A first, second, and third place photo will be chosen in either category and honorable mention photos may be chosen.

In judging the photos, preference will be given to artistic merit and a demonstration of the relevance to JMC. Prizes will be modest but recognition will be given to awardees throughout the Madison community. The winners will have their work presented in the JM Scene newsletter and they may be enlarged and displayed in JMC public areas and offices. An electronic photo gallery will be created within the JMC website for display of winning entries, including honorable mentions. Winning entries may also be featured at other Madison events.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for our last contest. We appreciated the wide-ranging subject matter and fine work of all submissions. Congratulations to first, second, and third place winners, Kristin Sulewski, Rachel Kulasa, and Laurie Cummings, respectively. Honorable mentions are also shown here.

Photos taken in previous travels may be submitted.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR 2011-2012: OCTOBER 31, 2012.

Judging will be completed and winners will be notified by the end of the calendar year. Entries must be in high resolution digital JPEG files or printed format. Prints must be high-resolution (minimum 300 DPI) and at least 5" x 7" in size. Submissions must be accompanied with text indicating the name of the photographer, the date and location of the photograph, and a preferred caption.

- Entrants must have an official connection with JMC, defined as a JMC student, faculty, staff, retiree, alumnus and/or donor or active friend. Entries from individuals involved in competition planning or judging, and entries from professional photographers, are not eligible to win, place, or receive prizes although they may earn an honorable mention.

- Entries must be the original work of the entrant
- A maximum of three total photographs per entrant
- A first, second, and third place photo will be chosen in either category. An indeterminate number of honorable mention awards will be made as well.

Send to Kim Allan,
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James Madison College,
 Case Hall, 842 Chestnut Rd.,
 Room 360 S., East Lansing,
 MI 48825.

Call **517-353-331**,
 with questions.



2ND PLACE
 "Chinese Canals"
 Shangai by Rachel Kulasa



3RD PLACE
 "People of Rural India
 Pose for a Rare Photo"
 by Laurie Cummings

"Floating Market" by Phillip Tularak



"Never Stop Learning" Library of Celsuis,
 Ephesus, Turkey by Jessica Coleman



"New Matryoshka" Amsterdam, Netherlands
 by Chen Wang



"Camera Shy" Murchison Falls, Uganda
 by Alexis Interrante

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

See also the [Alumni Spotlight](#) section!

President's Letter

Greetings fellow Madisonians!



Peter Spadafore

I can't believe we're already talking about opening day of classes for the college and the beginning of another great Spartan football season. It seems just yesterday that we welcomed the most recent graduates of James Madison College into the esteemed ranks of the Madison alumni at the Wharton Center.

I'm proud to serve as the president of the JMC Alumni Association and encourage each of you to get involved in as many ways as possible. The college offers many opportunities for alumni to get involved with the current students including Alumni Pizza Night, the annual Career Day and the Alumni Assistance List. Our strength as an institution rests in our numbers and collegiality. Helping the future generations of Madisonians make those connections is key to the success of our program.

As much as our reputation as an institution has stayed constant, there are many things that are ever evolving. Leaders at the college have been working over the years to ensure that students of today are offered relevant curriculum and attend classes and live in modern facilities. If you haven't had a chance to visit the newly renovated Case Hall, it's certainly a must for any former campus dweller. I'm sure that Rocky Beckett would be happy to arrange a tour the next time you stop in to discuss your planned giving.

On a sad and personal note, I'd like to publicly honor Jackie Stewart for her countless contributions to the Madison family. Jackie worked for JMC for 41 years, joining the family right out of high school and serving in many capacities, including most recently as the executive assistant to Dean Sherman Garnett. I knew Jackie as a friend and colleague from my days as a student assistant at the College. She was a constant presence and cared deeply about each student. She will be missed and I ask that you keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Again, I urge you to get involved: join the Alumni Association, volunteer at events or bring an intern into your office. Visit jmc.msu.edu to find out more.

Peter Spadafore, President
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Madisonian Rebecca Farnum, Truman Scholar: From First Lady Intern to British Scholar

From a story by *Kristen Parker, MSU Media Communications*

Rebecca Farnum, who graduated from MSU spring 2012, and who once served as an intern for First Lady Michelle Obama, will take her passion for environmental justice to the United Kingdom this year as one of two students from Michigan to be named a 2012 Marshall Scholar.

Farnum, of Mt. Pleasant, earned one of 36 coveted Marshall Scholarships. She is MSU's 13th and JMC's 8th Marshall Scholar.

A member of both James Madison College and Honors College, Farnum was engaged in undergraduate research her entire academic career. She recently graduated in interdisciplinary humanities in the College of Arts and Letters; international relations in JMC; and anthropology, and global and area studies in the College of Social Science. Last year, because of her environmental activism and academic work, Farnum earned the title of Udall Scholar. Passionate about equality and diversity, she co-founded Campus Interfaith Council.

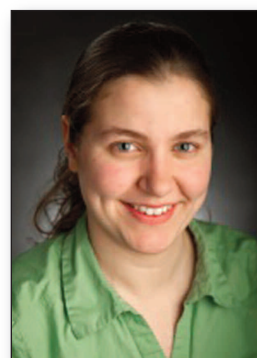
"Feeding people can feed peace," Farnum said. "Helping to ensure equality, through mechanisms such as access to food and water, can help make societies more stable and productive. But do nations need to cooperate around issues of food and water, or can focusing within the state allow for everyone to have sufficient access?"

Building on a strong global relations foundation, Farnum will pursue a master's degree in water policy and international development at University of East Anglia in Norwich. The following year, she will study nature, society and environmental policy at University of Oxford in Oxford.

Marshall Scholars conduct postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom, financed by the U.K.'s Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to strengthen relationships between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.

Farnum was a key player in starting The Center for Gender in Global Context's first undergraduate research showcase, said Julia Grant, associate dean and professor of social relations and policy at JMC. In addition, she worked with Grant to design MSU's first study abroad program examining global lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. The program kicked off this summer in The Netherlands.

"Marshall Scholars are chosen based on academic merit, leadership potential, and ambassadorial potential," Farnum said. "The selection committee was impressed with my strong interdisciplinary background and clear focus on the issue of food and water security. At MSU, I enjoy networking and building bridges between different groups of people."



Rebecca Farnum

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



Left to right, Scott Westerman, James Blanchard, Janet Blanchard, Douglas Laycock, Teresa Sullivan, Sherman Garnett

Teresa Sullivan (below) receiving the MSU Distinguished Alumna Award from the MSUAA of Metro DC from JMC Dean Sherman Garnett



Teresa Sullivan (SOCEC '70), president of the University of Virginia, was the recipient of the MSU Distinguished Alumna Award at the Michigan State Alumni Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. in March 2012.

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Before Daniel attended law school, then Dean Bill Allen asked him to lead the college's field experience program on an interim basis. Daniel became a familiar figure in the hallways, and the Madison faculty and staff came to appreciate his intelligence, warmth, and humor. After receiving his law degree from George Washington University Law School, Daniel developed his area of expertise in energy law. He now serves as the senior vice president and general counsel for ITC Holdings Corp in Novi, Mich. ITC owns and operates electric transmission lines and facilities in Michigan and several other states. After graduating from MSU, Anna earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. Currently, Anna is building a series of recreational and therapeutic workshops known as Heart Connected (www.heartconnectedhub.com). Anna and Daniel live in Brighton, Mich., with their three children.

If you would like to learn more about the Oginsky Family and Friends Scholarship, including sending a donation, please contact Rocky Beckett at (517) 432-2117 or beckettr@msu.edu.

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Madison's majors over 43 years

CURRENT

IR..... International Relations

PTCD..... Political Theory and Constitutional
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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

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

See also the [Faculty Spotlight](#) section!



Julia Grant

JULIA GRANT is the new associate dean at JMC. She's taught at JMC for over 20 years. She received her doctorate from Boston University, where she directed the Women's Studies Program, and worked in a nonprofit agency providing social services in a community setting. She's taught in the Humanities, Culture, and Writing Program and in Social Relations and Policy, ranging from the Politics of Disability to Education Policy and Sexual Politics. She received a Spencer Fellowship, a Lily Teaching Fellowship, and the Teacher-Scholar Award. Her published work includes *Raising Baby by the Book: The Education of American Mothers* (Yale, 1998), *When Science Encounters the Child: Perspectives on Education, Child Welfare, and Parenting* [Teachers College, 2001], and a forthcoming book from Johns Hopkins entitled *The Boy Problem in Urban America*. She has published articles on the history of childhood and gender, masculinity, and sexuality. Former director of the Center for Gender in Global Context, she created a joint study abroad program between James Madison and Women and Gender Studies in the Netherlands. Her greatest joy has been guiding and advising students as they move through James Madison College to rewarding jobs and personal lives. She looks forward to continuing to reshape the vision of JMC to meet the challenges of the 21st century, to broaden opportunities for students and faculty, and to be a spokesperson for James Madison as an exemplar of high quality undergraduate education in a large land grant university.



Linda Racioppi

LINDA RACIOPPI won the 2012 Ralph H. Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs. Racioppi's nomination was supported by both the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and JMC for her accomplishments and working collaboratively across the university to advance international studies. Racioppi has been a professor in JMC for more than 20 years. She dedicated her professional career and scholarship to advancing international research and teaching programs on gender and social issues, focusing on post-conflict countries in Central Asia, South Asia and Europe. She helped the Asian Studies Center develop a portfolio of activities that go beyond the traditional curricular arena and reach into the domain of institutional and team building. As team leader of the gender component of the USAID-funded regional Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Program in Central Asia, Racioppi is helping to leverage synergies at MSU. As a researcher, Racioppi spent years addressing difficult world challenges, examining conflict within and across borders in important hotspots like Sri Lanka and the former Soviet Union.

Her research pushes the boundaries of many disciplines, with thorough analysis of women's movements and other marginalized groups in conflict and post-conflict situations. Her ability to move among a wide range of subjects led to important findings that were previously obscured by disciplinary boundaries. Through her sustained commitment and dedication, Racioppi brought MSU to the world, and the world to MSU students. She actively advanced Ralph Smuckler's vision of engagement for MSU globally by helping to build stronger communities around the world.

New faculty



Galia J. Benitez

GALIA J. BENITEZ recently defended her doctoral dissertation from Indiana University at Bloomington, where she completed a joint doctorate in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the Political Science Department. She holds a bachelor of science from Universidad de los Andes in Colombia and a master of arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from Indiana University. Her dissertation project uncovers the political networks between companies and government in

negotiating Mercosul's Common External Tariffs. Her research falls at the nexus of international relations, political economy, public policy, and Latin American politics.

RODRIGO PINTO earned his doctorate in government and politics at the University of Maryland. He received a graduate certificate in environmental policy at the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE) in Brazil, and completed his bachelor of arts in political science and economics at the University of Richmond. His teaching and research examine transnational relations, political economy, Latin America and the Caribbean, social movements, environmental and resource politics, development, and Lusophone Africa. Building on his publications and conference presentations on similar topics, Professor Pinto's dissertation is entitled *Activist Globalization: How Markets, Societies and States Empower Cause-Oriented Action in Transnational Relations*. As an instructor at the University of Maryland prior to joining Madison, he previously taught courses concerned with global environmental politics and sustainable development. In 2011-2012, he taught the senior seminar Transnational Relations for a Cause (MC 492) and the course Politics, Society and Economy in the Third World (MC 320) as well as leading the Madison study abroad program in Brazil, and advising toward a senior thesis on Haiti.



Rodrigo Pinto

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

DONNA HOFMEISTER was one of six recipients of MSU's prestigious **Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award** for 2012. The winners each receive \$2,500. Hofmeister coordinates all special events in JMC, providing a critical resource for managing the wide array of events the college hosts. Some events she has planned are the Founders Circle, alumni events from homecoming to law and graduate school mentoring, and graduation and honors awards. Hofmeister keeps the central calendar, making sure that rooms, refreshments and other resources are available for events and ensuring that everything is flawless. Hofmeister is a person who is attracted to the mission of the college and is always looking for ways in which she can contribute to it. She is the confidant of student employees, offering a wider vision of the workings of the college, while at the same time



Donna Hofmeister

offering her indispensable support to their advisers—the faculty members of the JMC. She is trustworthy, gives meticulous attention to her work, and is willing to assist when others are out sick or when there are not enough hands to do

a job. Her temperament and concern for others is a large reason for the overall positive tone of the office, making her crucial to the success of a strong college. Dean Sherman Garnett said, "As dean I have come to see the central importance of staff of character, dedication and commitment to excellence, people like [Hofmeister], who deserves recognition." The award is named in honor of the late Jack Breslin, a student leader, honored athlete, top administrator and steadfast advocate of Michigan State. Selections are made on overall excellence, supportive attitude, contributions to the unit or university that lead to efficiency and effectiveness, and valuable service to the university.



Jasmine A. Lee

Her personal mission is to connect youth with their communities as a way to empower their inner leader. In addition to youth work, she has spent over five years engaged in diversity work and training, as well as leadership development for youth and college students. Lee is an active volunteer and community member, and actively supports the 21st Century Program at Sexton High School and the Y-Achievers program at the Westside YMCA.

JASMINE A. LEE, MSW, is Madison's new coordinator of diversity programming. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Eastern Michigan and the University of Michigan, respectively, and has a special interest in community engagement, diversity and working with at-risk youth. She has designed and implemented mentor programs, leadership development workshops and volunteer training. Her program design for a youth mentoring program was published in the *McNair Chronicles*. Her

Jackie Stewart [continued from page 1](#)

She was the recipient of MSU's prestigious Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff award in 2007, which exemplified her commitment to James Madison College. Stewart was the executive assistant to the dean of James Madison College, skillfully managing calendars, pending actions and major college business. She prepared materials for faculty meetings, supported college committee work and interacted with faculty, staff, students and visitors with tact, discretion and a pleasant demeanor. Stewart was a driving force for new ways to conduct

faculty searches and tenure committee work and served as the unofficial historian of the college, helping others to understand how the college evolved and how it relates to change.



Left to right: Jackie with Madison staff in 1998, I to r, Donna Hofmeister, Former Dean Bill Allen, Jackie, Debbie Mills

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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James Madison College 2012 Commencement

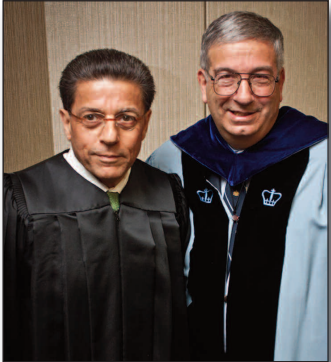
Students and New Grads

A new class of JMC graduates is ready to make a world of difference.

James Madison College recognized 235 new grads as they walked across the Wharton Center stage to receive their diplomas at the college's 42nd spring commencement ceremony on May 5, 2012. The celebration was a testament not only to the hard work and dedication of the graduating students and their professors, but also to the support of countless James Madison College alumni, faculty, parents, and friends, whose donations to the JMC Annual Fund and endowments provided financial support and special educational opportunities for all Madison students.

The JMC Alumni Association presented alumnus **Charles Kalil** with the Distinguished Alumnus Award and Professor **Michael Schechter** with the Honorary Alumnus Award for 2012. **Kary Moss**, Executive Director of the ACLU of Michigan, was the JMC commencement speaker. **Annie Norris** was the student speaker.

Watch a video of [JMC's commencement](#)
View [scenes of commencement](#)



Alumnus Charles Kalil with Professor Michael Schechter



Madison Faculty



Alumna Kary Moss



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9th Annual Student/Alumni Career Day



JMC's annual Career Day event was held in January and presented in partnership by the JMC Student Senate, JMC Alumni Association, and JMC Career Services.

JMC would like to offer a special thank you to our Career Day sponsors: Anderson Economic Group, **Ann Marie (PTCD '98)** and **John**

Lindley (PE '00), Next Step Test Preparation, and Public Sector Consultants.

View the photo gallery from [Career Day 2012](#)

Parade of Honors Program

Read about all the wonderful accomplishments of our students acknowledged at the annual [Madison Parade of Honors Program](#) in April and view the photos.



Madison students win national debate title

The Michigan State University debate team of **Kaavya Ramesh (IR/CCP/Chinese sophomore)** and **Evan Hebert (IR sophomore)** recently won the **Freshman-Sophomore Nationals** title. They also were named one of the top 16 debate teams in the country – the youngest team to receive that honor. En route to winning the tournament, they defeated teams from the University of Iowa, Northwestern University and the University of Michigan. During the championship round against U-M, the team debated the issue of human rights in Bahrain, specifically the political implications if the United States were to intervene.



CCP Research Showcase

The Comparative Cultures and Politics major presented its first Student Research Showcase in January in the Madison Library. Over 20 papers were presented, including: "The Hybridity of the Automobile as a Cultural Product in China," by **Sean Goebel**; "Women's Status in Iceland: How Misleading the Gender Gap Can Be," by **Joyce Lee**; "Mail Order Brides and the American Nation," by **Caitlin Slicker**; and, "Debates Among the Ruins: Examining the Discourse of Ruin Photography in Detroit, Michigan," by **Laura Klinger**. Faculty discussants included **Yael Aronoff**, **Andaluna Borcila**, **Jennifer Goett**, **Louise Jezierski**, **Linda Racioppi** and **Stephen Rohs**.

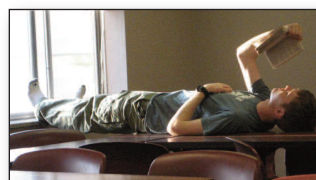


JMC Senate Charity Ball

This year's Ball honored **Professor Matthew Zierler** and proceeds benefitted the Refugee Development Center of Lansing. See [photos](#).

Ninth Annual JMC Marathon Reading

James Madison College students and faculty gathered in March for one of the college's most entertaining traditions. For the last nine years, JMC students and faculty have gathered on a winter Saturday to read an entire book aloud, enjoy a great work of literature, and strengthen the sense of community within JMC. The 2012 book was *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. Past years' texts have included *Moby Dick* (2004), *Midnight's Children* (2005), *Leaves of Grass* (2006), *On the Road*



(2007), *Pride and Prejudice* (2008), *Crime and Punishment* (2009), *Slaughterhouse-Five* (2010), and *Dune* (2011).

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Madison Students Win 2012 MLK, Jr. Advancing Inclusion through Research Awards

The awards were created to build a body of work authored by students that supports the MSU and MLK, Jr. ideals of inclusion, diversity, and helping marginalized populations, and are available to students in James Madison College, the Residential College of Arts and Humanities, Lyman Briggs College, and the Honors College. First



place, **Annie Norris (PTCD '12)** and **Chelsea Yondo (CCP '12)**; second place, **Leah Steinhauser (CCP senior)**; and third place, **Jermayne Hairston (SRP junior)**. Dean **Sherman Garnett** said, "We are pleased that....Madison students were so well-represented in the competition. It dovetails well

with JMC efforts to encourage scholarly attention to issues of diversity and inclusion." Both Norris and Yondo spent three months learning

Spanish and interning at an alternative school for child laborers during summer 2012 in Peru. Norris would like to practice public interest law, representing women and children in Non-profits. Yondo is interested in becoming involved in education in low-income communities in the coming



years and also plans to continue her education in public policy and international studies. Steinhauser spent the summer studying abroad in South Africa. She is the president of MSU International Justice Mission, active with leadership roles in her church, volunteers with youth in the community, and is a resident mentor at MSU. She is very passionate about ending human trafficking and plans to



pursue a career in trafficking prevention in the United States. Upon graduation she plans to work with NGOs in the United States, and eventually attend either law school or graduate school for social work or public policy. Hairston is proudly listed on James Madison's Dean's List.

Along with her studies she works in President Simon's office as a student assistant, she enjoys playing golf and her involvement in the MSU Midnight Golf Alumni chapter, and is a devoted executive board member on Holden Hall's Black Caucus. Her academic interests include Arabic and African American studies alongside her Madisonian education. Although she is not definite in her career plans, Hairston is looking forward to a future where she can focus her time on service and business.

JMC Has Record Number of First-Year Students on the MSU Dean's List

In February James Madison College hosted a reception for all Dean's List first-year students. The college acknowledged this superior scholarly accomplishment earned by 83 first-year JMC students with a reception on February 1st. They were also introduced to additional educational opportunities available at MSU. The Dean's List honors all full-time undergraduates in the University who earn a 3.50 or better grade-point average for the courses totaling 12 or more credits for a given semester and for which grades have been recorded under the numerical grading system.



Madison Hosts the first Washington DC Career Exposure Tour

The JMC Career Services office hosted the first trip for 24 Madison students during spring break 2012. The trip was a tremendous learning and networking experience for the students, allowing them to learn what successful alumni have done with



their degrees. Thank you to all our wonderful alumni and their staff who hosted the college and made the students feel welcome and a part of the Madison community. View the [photos](#) from the trip.

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In Memoriam

Rachel Kahan (IR '07) passed away April 27, 2012 after a battle with cancer. Rachel went to the Washington, D.C. area in the spring of 2007 while participating in the MSU Semester Study Program, where she interned at the Atlantic Council of the United States. Leaving only long enough to walk at graduation, where she received her bachelor of arts in international relations from JMC, Kahan immediately took a permanent position at the Atlantic Council. Later, she joined The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith where she spent two years, then worked most recently with The Bonner Group. During that time, she became involved in the MSU Alumni Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., the D.C. Spartans. In 2009, she was appointed secretary of the organization and remained in the position until her passing. Over the years, Rachel contributed to many MSU events, including MSU game watches, University Row Gold Cup, and was an overall cornerstone of the D.C. Spartans organization. In addition, she gave back to the program that brought her to Washington – the MSU Semester Study Program - by participating

in alumni panels, giving advice to current interns, and attending as a representative of the D.C. Spartans. She touched many lives with her energy, passion and dedication and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her mother Jane, father Sid and younger sister Jessie.

1970s

David Hicks (JMCD '71) moved to Liverpool, England immediately following his graduation from JMC in 1971 and has lived in that area ever since. He has spent 26 years at the Liverpool Community College where he leads the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work program and recently became senior lecturer at Liverpool John Moores University's Centre for Social Work in a strategic role to develop student placements across the Merseyside region. He married Catherine Gray in 1970 and they have four children.

Michael Fabian (JMCD '75) was one of 25 recipients of the "[Leaders in the Law](#)" award for 2011, selected by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. Fabian is an attorney with the firm [Fabian, Sklar & King PC](#) in Farmington Hills, Mich. Fabian is also an

editor and contributing author of the book [Michigan Insurance Law and Practice](#).

John Heffern (IR '76) was unanimously approved by the



John Heffern

Senate Foreign Relations Committee to serve as U.S. ambassador to Armenia, after his nomination in May 2011. Heffern is a career

diplomat who has spent much of his career working in East Asia. Heffern has served as deputy political counselor at the U.S. embassy in Tokyo, Japan, a political counselor at the U.S. Mission to NATO and deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy Jakarta, Indonesia.

Michael Ryan (Urban '78) is practicing law representing financial institutions in commercial loan workouts/bankruptcy.

Neal Newman (Ethnic '79) is president of [Two Ten Foundation](#) in Waltham Mass., an organization offering financial assistance, counseling, community resources and

scholarships to those working in the footwear industry. There are no fees required, or membership needed to benefit from these services. Newman most recently served as managing director of Philanthropia International, has previously been executive director of the Community Counseling Service in Ireland, and held a variety of senior leadership positions in philanthropic organizations in the Boston area.

1980s

Sanford Perliss (IR '80)

published *A Thousand Invisible Cords: An American Lawyer's Unorthodox Journey*. [In this memoir](#), Perliss narrates a fascinating and surprising insider's journey into the world of criminal and immigration law in the multicultural melting pot of Southern California. A former Los Angeles County deputy district attorney, Perliss became the first American lawyer licensed by the People's Republic of China to open a foreign law office in Central China, Sichuan Province, City of Chengdu. He practices criminal defense in Alhambra, Calif.

Jeff Sluggett (JMCD '81) is a partner in the new law firm of Bloom Sluggett Morgan, P.C., located in Grand Rapids, Mich. The firm specializes in public sector/municip



Jeff Sluggett

al law, real estate, and riparian/water law, and represents clients throughout West Michigan and the lower peninsula.

Darryl Wilburn (Soc/Econ '81)

is the CEO of Touch.Nology Holdings, LLC in San Francisco, Calif, which focuses on military families during and after deployment, and service members overseas, building resilience with a patented tool kit.

Anne Mervenne (Urban '82), Michigan Political Leadership Program co-director, and CEO of Royal Oak-based Mervenne & Company, has been appointed to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Board of Directors. Previously, she served for 12 years in the



Anne Mervenne

administration of former Gov. John Engler as director of appointments, executive director of the Michigan Women's Commission, director of the Governor's Southeast Michigan Office, and special adviser to the governor and chief of staff to the first lady. Mervenne is a member of the Board of Directors for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan and the Children's Center in Wayne County. She also serves on the advisory boards of Focus: HOPE, the Michigan Festivals and Events Association, Angels' Place and the University of Michigan-Dearborn Institute for Local Government.

Chad Lucia (JMCD '84) is practicing in bankruptcy and general practice law as a sole practitioner in Swartz Creek, Mich.

Jeff Kingzett (Urban '85) is a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Thomas Briggs (IR '87) attained a master's degree from Central Michigan University and worked for eight years at Philip Morris in sales management. He then entered the world of finance with Merrill Lynch and later with SmithBarney. In 2009 he formed a partnership with other SmithBarney advisors and started their own firm, NWQ Wealth Management at Raymond James in Toledo, Ohio. He is currently the branch manager, managing director, and financial advisor with the firm. He enjoys Michigan's outdoors during his free time.

Marcy Hollinger (Ethnic '87) is teaching high school social studies in Coral Springs, Fla.

Raymond S. Orzel (IR '87) has been appointed as a congressional fellow at The United States House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, chaired by The Honorable Peter T. King of New York. A senior special agent with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Agent Orzel has

over 20 years of comprehensive law enforcement and investigative/intelligence experience. Agent Orzel will serve as a senior advisor in the areas of money-laundering, counter-terrorism and illicit/terrorism financing.

Kim Thompson (Econ '87) is an entrepreneur, inventor, scientist, and trial attorney. She is currently the CEO of Kraig Biocraft Laboratories, a biotechnology company she founded. Her interests range from genetic engineering to politics, history, and most other areas of human achievement. She received her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan.

Daniel Martinez (Urban '88) is a Workforce Development program manager for the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, a Michigan Works agency serving Monroe and Wayne counties. He manages the Welfare Reform Division. Martinez is married with four children and three step-children.

Michelle M. Gallardo (MM '89), assistant general counsel of a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, has been reappointed chair of the American Bar Association's Council on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline by the president of the American Bar Association. The Pipeline Council is a think-tank and programmatic incubator for activities designed to promote a more diverse educational pipeline into the legal profession. Gallardo previously

served a three-year term as a member of the Pipeline Council. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

1990s

Anthony Leiserowitz (IR '90), director of the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication, received an Environmental Merit Award from the New England Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for his exceptional work and commitment to the environment in 2011. He is an expert on public opinion on climate change, including public perceptions of climate change risks, support for and opposition to climate policies, and the public's willingness to make individual behavioral changes related to climate change and energy use. His research investigates the psychological, cultural, political and geographic factors that shape public environmental perception and behavior. He has served as a consultant to the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, United Nations Development Program, Gallup World Poll, Global Roundtable on Climate Change at the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the World Economic Forum.

Pete Bartels (IR '91) is a social studies/theology teacher at Nouvel Catholic Central High School in Saginaw, Mich., where he also is a cross country coach, and the Quiz Team coach. He was awarded a fellowship from the [James Madison Memorial](#)

[Fellowship Foundation](#) in 2011 to continue graduate studies as he pursues a master of arts in American history and government at Ashland University in Ohio.

Lorne Gold (MS '91), owner of the Bloomfield Hills The Gold Law Firm, PLLC, has been



Lorne Gold

admitted into the invitation-only American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML). Gold has also been

recognized for inclusion, by his peers, in *Best Lawyers in America*® and in *Superlawyers*® as one of Michigan's *Top 100 Lawyers*. Gold practices solely in the areas of complex litigated and non-litigated family law matters, including divorce, business valuations, custody, and parenting time cases throughout Southeastern Michigan. In addition, Gold is a trained and certified mediator of family law cases and has been certified in domestic violence screening protocol.

Other Madison Alumni Super Lawyers, Michigan 2011

Wayne Segal (IR '91), Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, Bloomfield Hills

Christopher Tracy (JMCD '90), Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, Kalamazoo

Mark Burzych (SOCEC '85), Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, Okemos

Jason Blankenship (IR '94), Fieger, Fieger Kenney Johnson & Giroux, Southfield

Jeffrey Hengeveld (PTCD '99), Plunkett Cooney

*Not all inclusive

Jacob Osojnak (IR '91) opened his own detective agency, Great Lakes



Jacob Osojnak

Professional Investigations, LLC, in October 2011. Based in Evanston, Ill., [Great Lakes PI](#) provides investigative services to attorneys, small

businesses and individuals throughout the Chicago area. The agency's specialties include civil and criminal record checks, service of process and skiptracing (locating people). Osojnak previously worked for 10 years as a detective at several Chicago-area agencies and, before that, for 15 years as a collections manager for several Chicago-area banks.

David Lipsetz (PTCD '92) was recently named chief of staff to the deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, D.C. He was first appointed to HUD in 2009 as a senior advisor.

Monica Bowman (SR '93) serves as the Business Process Outsourcing Division director for Informatix Inc., in California. Informatix is a full-service information technology and business solutions provider to

government and business organizations.

Jeffery Cohen (PE '93) is working for the U.S. Agency for International Development doing strategic planning, budgeting, reporting and communications for bilateral development projects in Peru, focused on alternative development, global climate change and decentralized governance.

Brad Deacon (IR/German '93) is an adjunct professor of Agriculture Law at MSU's College of Law, the first time the course has been offered. Deacon is Emergency Management & Administrative Law coordinator for the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

Patrick Jackson (IR '94) has been appointed as associate dean for undergraduate education in the School of International Service at American University. Professor Jackson has served in the Office of the Provost, as the director of general education and director of the University College since April of 2007. As director of University College he was instrumental in launching the non-residential first-year learning communities that extend the classroom into the city through the popular Wednesday Lab model. Under his leadership, University College has become an internationally recognized exemplar of effective first-year experiences for undergraduates.

Derek Sarafa (PE '94) is a partner in Winston & Strawn's (Chicago) litigation department and concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation. He was recently selected from over 1,200 nominees as one of the top 40 attorneys under 40 in Illinois.

Sherece Tolbert (PTCD '94) was recently appointed as the deputy assistant general counsel for the Single Family Mortgage Division of the Office of Insured Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington D.C.. Previously, she served as a trial attorney in the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Office of Program Enforcement and as a city planner with the city of South Bend, Ind. She received a master's degree in urban and regional planning at MSU and a juris doctorate from Howard University School of Law.

Allison (Harnisch) Leotta's (IR '95) second novel *Discretion* was published in July by Simon & Schuster. Her first novel was *Law of Attraction*. For 12 years, [Leotta](#) was a federal prosecutor specializing in sex crimes and domestic violence in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School. She lives with her husband, Michael and their two sons in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Robert Sampson (IR '95) received a master's degree in public management (specializing in International Security and Economic Policy) from the School of Public Affairs at the

University of Maryland. He was hired by Science Applications International Corporation as a national security analyst and spent many years working as a defense contractor on nuclear weapons policy issues for a variety of U.S. government customers. In January 2011, he joined the U.S. Department of Defense as an analyst working on nuclear weapons issues in the office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Regina Bell (PTCD '96) is the field director at Ed Trust-Midwest. She previously served as policy director for Governor Granholm of Michigan where she worked collaboratively with departments in the development, implementation, and tracking of existing and proposed policy initiatives. In the governor's office, she helped build the Michigan Benefit Access Initiative (MBAI), a coalition of stakeholders working to increase access to benefits for low-income families. She also served as the governor's point person with the Office of Foundation Liaison (OFL). Previously Bell served as external affairs director and government affairs director for AT&T Michigan, where she lobbied state and local elected officials and was responsible for the company's strategic giving. She is a graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) and holds a master's in organizational management. She serves on the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors, is a strong supporter of the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, and

previously served as a junior scout leader for the Girl Scouts of Michigan Capital Council.

Bushra Malik (IR '96), senior attorney with Butzel Long law firm, is the recipient of the firm's 2012 Dudley Do Right Annual Pro Bono Award for her outstanding contributions to pro bono in 2011. Malik, who focuses her practice in the area of immigration law, was honored for her pro bono work and expertise in asylum applications for individuals suffering from religious persecution.

Athena Trentin (IR/SRP '96) earned her doctorate of education in 2008 and is working at the University Research Corridor, a consortium administrated by MSU, but also includes Wayne State and U of M. She is the International Student Retention Program director, working to attract and retain international students to Detroit and in order to stimulate the economy.

East Lansing's [What Up Dawg](#) at 317 M.A.C. Ave. has a James Madison connection. Three of the four owners are graduates of JMC. The restaurant was opened in the spring of 2011 by **Seth Tompkins (PE/IR '96)**, partner at the law firm of Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton of Southfield, Mich. Tompkins is joined by fellow Madison alums **Brandon Lynaugh (PTCD '96)** and **Mark Heckert (PE '97)**. Lynaugh is owner of Strategic Public Partners, a Columbus Ohio-based public affairs consulting firm, and Heckert is a senior director of



What Up Dawg

Evaluated Services at Interactive Data in New York City. The fourth owner is Jared Lawton, a 2001 MSU graduate of the college of social science. "Madison provided us with a great education and is a big part of the success we've all had in our day jobs," said Tompkins. "Our partnership in What Up Dawg is about having a fun place with great food and maintaining a connection to the MSU community."

Erin Frisch (IR/PE '97) is the director of the Operations Division of the Michigan Office of Child Support. She was previously a manager at Accenture.

Jessica (Rubner) Smith (SR '97) is the program manager of Family and Community Services for The Children's Place Association in Chicago. The mission of The Children's Place Association is to improve the present and secure the future for children, youth and families confronted by HIV/AIDS or other life changing health conditions. She was recently the program manager for The Cara Program in Chicago. Smith is also the daughter of JMC Professor Emeritus Michael Rubner.

Beau Kilmer (IR '98) published *Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know*, along with Jonathan P. Caulkins, Angela Hawken, and Mark A.R. Kleiman (Oxford University Press, 2012).

Jill Mulcrone (IR '98) started her government service as a presidential management fellow working at the Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis, where she briefed National Security in the White House, the Secretary of Homeland Security and other high-level intelligence community customers. She now works at the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research as lead analyst on organized crime and narcotics issues in Europe and Eurasia.

Richard Warren (IR '98) and his wife Lindsay are the proud parents of a son, Thomas Liam Warren, born on February 19.

Kevin Simpson (SR '98) and Serena Bearman (SRP '07) were speakers at the [Gulf Comparative Education Society Conference](#) in Bahrain in spring 2012. Bearman is currently program officer with the Iraq Scholar Rescue Project at the [Institute of International Education](#) and a graduate student at George Washington University. Simpson is a global education collaborator with KDSL (Know.Do.Serve. Learn.), and a licensee and organizer for TEDxFlint. He served as part of an international school accreditation team in Egypt with AdvancED, and was

selected to present at AISA 2012 conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Kevin Simpson and Serena Bearman

Bryn Drescher (PTCD '99) was on the cast of a reality show called *Focus Rally America* (similar to *The Amazing Race*) allowing her to travel all over the United States. She lives in Los Angeles and runs her own business.

Erika Farley (Della Santina) (PTCD '99) has worked in the Michigan Executive Office and Legislature for more than a decade. She attended law school and is married with two children, living in Fowlerville, Mich.

James Heath (PE '99) was named chairman of the Detroit Board of Ethics in November 2011. He has served on the board since November 2010. The Board of Ethics is a charter-mandated body charged with providing advisory opinions to public servants regarding the City of Detroit's Ethics Ordinance, as well as the investigation of ethics violations. Heath currently serves

as a Michigan assistant attorney general in the Criminal Division.

Lauren Wells (SRP '99) is completing course work for her doctorate in educational leadership at Oakland University. She is currently the principal at South Lake Middle School.

2000s

David Goldenberg (IR '00) had been working in government for 10 years, most recently as chief of staff to U.S. Representative Alcee Hastings (Fla). In 2009 he moved to Chicago and is the executive vice president at Resolute Consulting, a public affairs strategic communications consulting firm.

Jake Davison (PTCD '02) is President of Advantage Associates in Lansing, Mich. He brings a wide variety of campaign, public affairs, public relations, issue advocacy, lobbying and coalition building experience for his clients.

Colleen (Leonard) Kimmel (IR '02) is in-house legal counsel for First Place Bank in Southfield, Mich. She and her husband Dan Kimmel (MSU Advertising '02) welcomed their first daughter, Lily Charlotte, in January 2012.

Michael Sirlag (IR '02) is an attorney with Kirkland & Ellis, LLP in New York City. He graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in May 2009.

Kristin Beals Bellar (SRP '03) is working as an attorney in Clark Hill PLC's Lansing office. She focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and environmental law and litigation, representing both public and private entities. Bellar was named as a "Rising Star" in the area of environmental law in the 2010 edition of Michigan Super Lawyers. She is a co-author of Clark Hill's environment and energy blog at www.igreenlaw.com, and also serves on Clark Hill's Diversity Committee. She resides in East Lansing with her husband, James Bellar, who is a practicing pharmacist and is an appointed member of the City of East Lansing Commission on the Environment.

Matt Clayson (IR/PTCD '03), director of Detroit Creative Corridor Center (the DC3), travelled abroad in January to share the best practices being used to accelerate Detroit's creative economy as part of the North Africa Partnership for Economic Opportunity "Creative Industries" delegation to Algiers, Algeria, and to be a panelist for the 2nd Annual U.S.-Maghreb Entrepreneurship Conference in Marrakech, Morocco. As part of the "Creative Industries" delegation, he provided entrepreneurial training to Algerian creative practitioners.

Lesley Scott Gordon (IR '03) received a juris doctorate from New England Law, Boston during the 100th commencement ceremonies on May 27, 2011.

Kelly Miller (SRP '03) received her master's degree in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota in December 2010.

Eric Neumeyer (PTCD '03) is responsible for profitability and growth for Wisconsin and Illinois Commercial Insurance. The company has recently achieved two milestones -- over \$500 million in written premiums and \$1 billion in assets.

Jim Taglauer (SRP '03) is managing the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. This program brings high-achieving high school students from across the country to cities with excellent medical communities and resources. Students visit medical schools and clinical sites for a real-life experience of the pressures and challenges of medical professionals.

Julie Burtch (SRP '04) is realizing one of her dreams working at the Detroit Institute of Arts. As a grants officer, she is responsible for finding support for exhibitions, capital projects, operating budget relief, public programming, and more. She submits proposals and reports to federal and state agencies, family foundations, and corporations and coordinates the grants review team. She is enjoying the city of Detroit and all it has to offer.

Laura Mercer Kollar (SRP '04) received her master of arts in health communication from MSU.

She worked for Northwestern University's Department of Emergency Medicine and Emory University's School of Public Health as a research project coordinator. Currently, she is a doctorate student at the University of Georgia, pursuing a degree in communication with a specialization in health.

Courtney (Bates) Levingston (SRP '04) is a senior city planner for the city of Fort Collins, Colo., and works on a diverse range of planning topics. She was recently recognized as an emerging organizational leader and was selected by a state-wide task force to participate in the first-ever multi-jurisdictional leadership program.

Jacob Slusser (PTCD '04) is a pre-doctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama City, Panama, working with the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies' Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI), on a project to develop environmental education curriculum and demonstration training sites in dry tropical forest ecosystems. He was also featured as a co-author in two recent publications in the *Journal of Forestry Ecology and Management*, 2011: "[Tree planting and protecting culture of cattle ranchers and small-scale agriculturalists in rural Panamá: opportunities for reforestation and land restoration](#)" and "[Tree plantations on farms: evaluating growth and potential for success in Panama.](#)"

Joy Yearout (IR/PTCD '04) is the deputy director of communications for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. She is responsible for media relations and serves as a spokeswoman for the attorney general. Joy earned her master of arts in security policy studies at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, where she specialized in Transnational Security Threats and U.S. National Security Policy.

Justin Gengler (PTCD /IR '05) successfully defended his dissertation in political science at the University of Michigan. His dissertation was entitled "Ethnic Conflict and Political Mobilization in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf: Beyond the Rentier State Thesis." He accepted a position as a researcher at the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute, Qatar University in Doha.

Ken Curell (IR '06) graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, earned the Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) professional certification. Curell is currently working as the lead compliance analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Central Bank and International Account Services division. He and his wife have two children, Tristan and Amelia.

Bradley Dizik (PTCD/PE '06) is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Weil, Gotshal &

Manges, LLP. Prior to that, he was a research consultant with the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation and interned in the Office of International Affairs at the Securities and Exchange Commission while completing a master's degree in financial regulation at Georgetown Law.

Ryan Farrell (IR/SRP '06) is an attorney with Disability Rights Wisconsin, a state-designated protection and advocacy agency for people with disabilities. He provides technical assistance, case supervision and training to the Disability Benefit Specialist program in Milwaukee and also represents clients in administrative law judge hearings on public benefit programs.

Dawn Konigsberg (SRP '06) is an associate attorney with Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford, P.C. in New York City.

Chelsea Golightly (SRP/Econ/PE '07) is practicing general civil and commercial litigation for Kelly McCoy, PLC, a Phoenix-based law firm.

Ryan Particka (SRP/PTCD '07) graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 2010 and is now employed as an associate attorney with the law firm of Jenner & Block in Chicago.

Brian Shekell (IR/PE '07) is an attorney with Kienbaum Opperwall Hardy & Pelton, PLC in Birmingham, Mich., specializing in labor and employment litigation.

Jared Warner (IR '07) is an attorney in Okemos, Mich. with Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook, practicing medical malpractice defense litigation.

Jessie Bovay (IR '08) is working for Archer Daniels Midland at the world headquarters in Decatur, Ill., as a market analyst. ADM is one of the world's leading agricultural processors.

Evan Fowler-Guzzardo (IR/PTCD '08) is a senior HR analytics consultant at Aetna in Connecticut, supporting Aetna International and additional areas of the organization. He earned his master's of industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

Nathaniel Giddings (PTCD '08) recently graduated from George Washington Law School and is an attorney with Hausfeld, LLP in Washington, D.C.

Kathryn Gray (Gillen) (SRP '08), public policy specialist for Disability Network/Lakeshore in Holland, Mich., is pursuing a master's of public administration at Grand Valley State University, concentrating in Public Management & Urban and Regional Policy and Planning. In May 2011, she organized the Macatawa Area Express Public Transportation Friends of Transit Millage Campaign, leading to passage of transportation millage by 76 percent. Gray is a complete streets trainer, certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health Complete Streets Institute. She drafted,

presented, and passed four Michigan 'complete streets' policies in West Michigan, for the cities of Holland, Otsego, Grand Haven, and Allegan.

Jessica Hancock (IR/Economics '08) is living in Reston, Virginia and recently graduated from the Emerging Leaders Program at the Department of Health and Human Services. She is currently working as an international health analyst in the Office of the Secretary/Office of Global Health Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services. Her portfolio includes the Asia Pacific Region.

Dan Helmer (PTCD '08) finished law school in May 2011 and was hired by the Kent County prosecuting attorney in December as the assistant prosecuting attorney in Grand Rapids, Mich.

John "Sean" Jennings (IR '08) was named as the senior fellow for the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses. Jennings manages the Department's Fellowship Program and oversees the quasi-judicial operation of the office. He graduated cum laude from Villanova Law School in May 2011, where was the executive editor of the Law Review and won three prominent legal writing awards, including the Best International Law Brief Award in 2009.

Nick Micinski (IR/PTCD/Muslim Studies '08) published "[Celebrating Miss Muslim Pageants and Opposing Rock Concerts](#): Contrasting the

Religious Authority and Leadership of Two Muslim Women in Kazan" in *Women, Leadership, and Mosques: Changes in Contemporary Islamic Authority* Ed by Masooda Bano and Hilary Kalmach (Boston: Brill, 2012).

Kathryn Tignanelli (SRP '08) joined the law firm of Kirk, Huth, Lange & Badalamenti, PLC in Clinton Township, Mich., as an associate attorney. Her practice includes representing private and public sector employers in labor and employment-related matters. She earned her juris doctorate from Wayne State University Law School in May 2011.

Marjorie Coy (SRP '09) completed her master of public health degree from Emory University and works as a public health advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Yvette Efevbera (IR '09) graduated with a master of science in global health and population from the Harvard School of Public Health in May 2011. Her thesis was "Child marriage: A human rights and public health analysis," and it was selected for presentation at Malawi's National AIDS Commission Dissemination Conference through [mothers2mothers](#). Following graduation, she was awarded a [Global Health Corps](#) Fellowship to provide technical support to [mothers2mothers](#), an international NGO that works to prevent mother-to-child-transmission of HIV.

Brittany Fox (IR '09), director and founder, Thai Song Fair Trade, Bangkok, Thailand, was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award in October 2011 by the MSU Alumni Association. Read her inspiring "[Spartan Saga](#)." Turning in her last paper at MSU, alumna Brittany Fox moved to Thailand to meet up with Tukta, a 21-year-old Thai woman whom she met while on an MSU Study Abroad trip. The two created Thai Song Fair Trade to help Thai women improve their community and overcome poverty, and they started training Thai women to crochet handbags out of recycled plastic.

Renee Smiddy (IR/Business'09) is working for the U.S. Army Public Health Command and is living in Tennessee with her husband Adam. She is considering pursuing an MBA or a master's in public health in the near future.

Mark Toaz (PTCD '09) is a legal assistant with the Sam Bernstein Law Firm, specializing in Social Security Disability medical records evaluation. He is attending law school while maintaining his current employment so he can prepare for a legal career tailored to helping those with medical issues and disabilities receive the fair treatment and life-sustaining support they deserve.

Carrie White (PTCD '09) completed her master's degree in public policy and administration at Northwestern University and is now the executive assistant to the

president at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning in Chicago. She married Cory Pastor on August 31, 2012 in her hometown of Marquette Mich.

2010s

Matthew Barkell (IR '10), along with JMC Professor Siddharth Chandra, published, "What the price data tell us about heroin flows across Europe," [International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, 2012.](#) Barkell is pursuing a doctorate in economics (third year) at George Washington University.

Emily Burwinkle (IR/German '10) is working for ThyssenKrupp Materials NA in their North American Headquarters in Southfield, Mich. Her title is Inside Sales, which incorporates speaking directly to the German company in Duisburg, Germany and communicating sales of over 150,000 pounds of material to be shipped to and around the United States. When not working, she coaches girls' volleyball for a local travel team.

Andrew Jelinek (IR/German '10) published *A Paper Cup and an Empty World*. He is currently a second-year master's student at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.

Christopher Kline (IR/PE '10) spent the summer of 2010 with AmeriCorps in Texas and is now pursuing a second degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological

University. His goal is a career in the nuclear energy and utility business.

Camille Marrero (IR '10) is attending law school at the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Jennifer Muz (Seager) (IR '10) is working toward a doctorate in economics at the University of California - Irvine.

Jennifer Dunn (IR '11) spent three months with AmeriCorps in the Nevada Conservation Corps helping to build the Rim to Reno Trail.

Alyssa Meyer (IR/PTCD '11), native of Prudenville, Michigan, has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Kyrgyzstan in Energy, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently. Meyer will use her grant to conduct independent research in Russian on the feasibility of using alternative sources to provide for Kyrgyzstan's energy security. Meyer is one of over 1,700 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2012-2013 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Ben Rosner (IR '11) was an Israel Government Fellow during the 2011-12 academic year, serving as Personal Adviser and Assistant to the Deputy Director of the International Organizations, Human Rights and the United

Nations Division. He will be starting his master's this fall at Columbia concentrating on security studies. He is an Israeli citizen and hopes to eventually work as a civil servant in the Israeli foreign ministry.



Ben Rosner and Professor Yael Aronoff in Israel

Grant Rumley (IR/Muslim Studies '11) has been chosen to study abroad in the Ambassadorial Scholars program of Rotary International. Sponsored by the Marysville Rotary Club, he will live in Jerusalem and study at Hebrew University. His proposed area of study is International Development Arabic. He has worked as a volunteer relief worker in Palestine, distributed medical supplies in Haiti and worked on housing projects in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

FACULTY SCENE

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The LeFrak Forum and The Symposium on Science, Reason, & Modern Democracy

in the MSU Department of Political Science, presented a roundtable panel on *The Meaning of the Arab Spring* on March 1st. The event was co-sponsored by the Muslim Studies Program at Michigan State University. Panelists included **Mohammed Ayob**, University Distinguished Professor of International Relations and Director, Muslim Studies Program.

Photos

[View the extensive photo album](#) taken by **Dean Sherman Garnett** in Baku Azerbaijan in January. He was continuing a tradition started by **Professor Mohammed Ayob** and continued last year by Professor Graham to teach a group of masters students. He taught the new security environment of the former Soviet Union and gave a public lecture on "Russia and Its Neighbors: Twenty Years after the fall of the USSR."

Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching (IIT) Fellowship Program adds Web-based project

This fall, James Madison College continues its collaboration with the MSU Graduate School to co-sponsor the Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program (IIT), with **Professor Colleen Tremonte** as director and **Professor Constance Hunt** as co-director.

Now in its fifth year, the primary goal of the IIT Fellowship Program is to broaden and enrich the professional development experience of a diverse group of doctoral students by placing them within an environment, James Madison College, with an established tradition in excellence in undergraduate teaching. This year's fellows are Ann Chrapkiewicz (Anthropology, College of Social Sciences), Lami Fofana-Kamara (WRAC, College of Arts and Letters), Michael Macaluso (Teacher Ed College of Education), Samantha Noll (Philosophy, College of Arts and Letters), Emily Riley (Anthropology, College of Social Sciences) and Dominik Wolff (Second Language Studies, College of Arts and Letters).

As is the past year, fellows work closely with a set 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. A new undertaking for fellows and faculty this year will be the Visible Interdisciplinary Design (VID) Project, a web-based site to document the 'pedagogic reasoning' that informs syllabus design and assessment of student work in interdisciplinary courses. The fellows' work will be showcased in a joint symposium with RCAH fellows and FAST fellows on teaching, learning and graduate education at MSU in the spring, 2013. For further information please see <http://grad.msu.edu/iit/>.

Yael Aronoff participated in two conferences while in Israel in June and conducted



Yael Aronoff

20 interviews for a new book project that she is starting on the dilemmas of asymmetric wars. She is investigating debates over interpretations and implementation of international law in regard to wars between parties that try to follow these laws and non-state actors which do not, and the ambiguities of measuring military and political effectiveness in these wars. She has interviewed former heads of the international law departments of the IDF, legal advisors to the International Red Cross, lawyers in the Israeli Civil Liberties NGO, Knesset members, former generals and heads of military intelligence, journalists working on security issues, former directors of the Israeli National Security Council, those who have headed training of officers in the Israeli Defense forces in International Humanitarian Law, and academics at think tanks working on these issues.

Mark Axelrod co-facilitated a short course on "Payment for Ecosystem Services" in September at Bunda College, University of Malawi, along with other MSU and University of Malawi faculty. This course was part of the USAID Higher Education for Development project including MSU, Lincoln

University, and University of Malawi. He published the articles: "Savings Clauses and the 'Chilling Effect': Regime Interplay as Constraints on International Governance/Law," in [Managing Institutional Complexity](#): Regime Interplay and Global Environmental Change, Oberthür, Sebastian and Olav Schram Stokke, eds. (2011, MIT Press); "Conservation Criminology and the Global Trade in Electronic Waste: Applying a Multi-Disciplinary Research Framework," with Carole Gibbs, Edmund McGarrell, and Louie Rivers, [International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice](#), 35(4): 269-291 (2011); "Climate Change and Global Fisheries Management: Linking Issues to Protect Ecosystems or Save Political Interests?," [Global Environmental Politics](#), 11(3): 64-84 (2011); and, "[Sustainable transboundary ground](#) water management under shifting political scenarios: the Ceylanpinar Aquifer and Turkey-Syria relations," with Mehmet Öztan, *Water International* 36(5): 671-685 (2011).

Ilana Blumberg gave a paper, "Sacred Play in 'Robert Elsmere'," at the North American Victorian Studies Association at Vanderbilt University in November. She lead a discussion of the novel "Love of My Youth" by award-winning author Mary Gordon for the Michigan Psychoanalytical Association Book Fare series in January 2012.

Gene Burns, was an invited participant at an [international colloquium](#) at the [Yale University European Studies Council](#) in September 2011. His talk was titled "Making Frenemies: The Legacy of Church-State Conflicts." He presented the talk "The First Amendment in the Context of Expanding Diversity and Medical Advances," as a panelist in a program "Pluralism and Health Care Benefits Bump into the First Amendment: What's a Democracy to Do?" at the University Club at MSU in March 2012.

Siddharth Chandra presented a research project in March 2012 titled "[A New Surveillance Method for International and Domestic Drug Trafficking](#)" at the Matthew Ridgway Center for International Security Studies at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. He



Siddharth Chandra

presented "The Influenza Pandemic of 1918: New Findings from India and Indonesia" in March at UC

Berkeley. The talk responded to existing data and presented new research on the mortality rates in India and Indonesia for this period. In these cases, while India's death rate may have been overstated in some areas, the mortality rate on the islands of Java and Madura in the

Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia) may have been much higher than estimated or reported, with almost 4 million people now thought to have died. **Chandra** published numerous articles: With alumni **Kelly Steffen (IR '10)** and **Matthew Barkell (IR '10)**, in the Journal of Drug Policy Analysis (2011), [Inferring Cocaine Flows across Europe: Evidence from Price Data](#), with Goran Kuljanin and Jennifer Wray (2012), ["Mortality From the Influenza Pandemic of 1918–1919: The Case of India,"](#) "Demography," online first edition; with Deborah Scharf and Saul Shiffman (2011), ["Within-Day Temporal Patterns of Smoking, Withdrawal Symptoms, and Craving."](#) *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 117(2):118-125; <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S03768716111000561> with Joe Gitchell and Saul Shiffman (2011), ["Seasonality in Sales of Nicotine Replacement Therapies: Patterns and Implications for Tobacco Control."](#) *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 13(5):395-8; ["The Opium Trade"](#) in Dale Southerton (2011), ed. *Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture*, London.

Tobin Craig was awarded a \$25,000 "Enduring Questions" grant by the National Endowment for the Arts for a course he created called "What is the Good of Science?" The class was first taught in the 2011-2012 academic year and will be taught for the next several years. This is the first such grant awarded to an MSU professor. [The NEH Enduring Questions grant](#)

[program](#) supports faculty members in the teaching and development of a new course that will foster intellectual community through the study of an enduring question. This question-driven course will encourage undergraduates and teachers to grapple with a fundamental concern of human life addressed by the humanities, and to join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential thinkers over the centuries and into the present.

Ron Dorr has spent the 50th year of his college teaching career instructing students in MC 111 and 112. He joined students and other faculty at monthly MADhouses, at Stratford to see RICHARD III, and at the public marathon reading of *Jane Eyre*, staying the entire 18 hours and five minutes. *The State News* published his guest columns about September 9, 2001, writing a journal for 50 years, elevating academics not athletics at MSU, old truths about grief, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, "I Have a Dream," at Detroit in June, 1963, and Diane Nash's speech on campus on February 16, 2012. The newspaper also placed his name under a letter to the editor that he did not write. He continued guiding a group of older women and men writing their life stories. He has published a small book called *Final Exam*. And he has nearly finished a manuscript about his first year of teaching in 1962-1963 in Bogotá, Colombia. He leads a group discussing books such as *The*

Help, Still Alice, Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close, A Private History of Awe, Journey Toward the Common Good, and the *Irresistible Revolution*. He has written reviews of Lincoln's "Farewell Address," *Making Toast, Never the Whole Story, A New Religious America, The Truth about Grief*, and *God's Secretaries*.

Ross Emmett wrote with Avi Cohen ["Why and How to Teach the History of Economic Thought,"](#) in *The International Handbook on Teaching and Learning Economics.* He wrote the book (edited volume) [Frank H. Knight in Iowa City, 1919-1928. Research in the History of Economic Thought & Methodology](#), Vol. 29-B, Emerald/JAI, 2011. He published "Sharpening Tools in the Workshop: The Workshop System and the Chicago School's Success" and *In Building Chicago Economics: New Perspectives on the History of America's Most Powerful Economics Program*, edited by Rob van Horn, Philip Mirowski, and Thomas Stapleford. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. 93-115. With Robert van Horn he wrote "The Chicago School(s) of Democratic Capitalism," presented at the joint History of Economics Society/American Economics Association meeting, Chicago, January 7, 2012. He presented a lecture, sponsored by the James Madison College Student Senate and Students for Liberty, on "Classical Liberalism," November 2011 at the college. He also

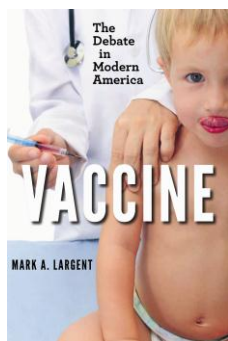
presented a lecture on "Centralization and Its Effect on Civil Society," at a conference on "Limited Government and the Rule of Law" sponsored by the Acton Institute and Liberty Fund, Grand Rapids, April 2012.

Constance Hunt and Colleen Tremonte and Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching (IIT) Fellows Betsy Ferrer and Baburhan Uzum, participated on a roundtable on "SOITL, Graduate Education and the Pedagogic Imagination," at the Association for Integrative Studies Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, in October 2011. **Tremonte's** essay, "Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning: SOITL and Graduate Education," appeared in the fall 2011 issue of Integrative Pathways.

Mark Largent was on sabbatical this past year in Washington, D.C. working at the National Science Foundation as a Science & Technology Policy Fellow for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

His next book *Vaccine: The Debate in*

Modern America was published by Johns Hopkins University Press this summer. He was the featured author in April at the Philadelphia Science Festival.



Benjamin Kleinerman's essay "Executive Power and Constitutional Necessity" appears in an anthology *The Writings of Abraham Lincoln*, published by Yale University Press.

Anna Pegler-Gordon presented her latest research, "Angel Island of the East: Enforcing Exclusion at Ellis Island," at the Association for Asian American Studies annual meeting in Washington, DC and attended the Organization of American Historians and Immigration and Ethnic History Society's annual meeting in Milwaukee as an IEHS executive board member and chair of the nominating committee, both in April 2012



Anna Pegler-Gordon

Colleen Tremonte presented a paper, "Mapping Interdisciplinary Learning through SOITL," at the Association for Integrative Studies Annual Conference in Grand Rapids in October, 2011.

Kenneth Waltzer was the Winegarden Visiting Professor at the UM -Flint during winter, 2012, where he lead a faculty seminar on "New Directions in Study of the Holocaust" and also worked with students in using survivor testimonies in doing original research. He presented on "Utilizing Survivor Testimony to Tell the Story of Rescue In a

Concentration Camp" at the "Beyond Testimony and Trauma: Oral History in the Aftermath of Mass Violence" conference scheduled in Montreal Canada in March and, with Henry Greenspan of the UM Res College, offered a pre-conference workshop there on working with survivors in retelling their stories. Professor Waltzer hopes the completion of *Kinderblock 66*, a feature-length documentary about rescue at Buchenwald and about memory, will occur in spring as well.



Kenneth Waltzer

STUDENT SCENE

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Awards & Achievements

Shelby Couch (IR senior) and Caroline Chen (IR senior) attended the Clinton Global Initiative University conference in March 2012. A video of the two being honored by President Clinton is available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuCRyBOHaKY&feature=share>

Jolisa Brooks (PTCD) was the only freshmen in the Miss Black MSU pageant. She won first place and a scholarship.

Travis Colwell (IR junior), intern for Michigan Senator Mike Green, was the [recipient of the Daniel Rosenthal Award](#). Senator Green said Colwell engaged with constituent services in ways that went far beyond what he would normally expect of an intern, and was able to respond to sensitive and complicated constituent needs independently, with great attention to detail, and with complete professionalism. As the senator describes constituent service as his highest priority, Colwell's contributions in this context already made him an invaluable asset to the office. But what really set Colwell's application apart was his involvement in legislative



Caroline Chen and Shelby Couch with President Clinton, to the right and left of him, respectively

research. In particular, he spent at least five months working on SB 59, dealing with the licensing of concealed pistols. The senator described this as “*one of the most comprehensive overhauls of a statute in recent memory*,” and said that Colwell played a direct role in shaping the content and direction of that legislation. Beyond this particular bill, Colwell “regularly attended meetings, hearings and legislative sessions on bills sponsored by Senator Green, even on days when his presence in the office is not expected” and “while his title is legislative intern, he is truly



Senator Mike Green and Travis Colwell

considered an integrated member of my staff.”

Colwell said that learning the value of listening to others with whom you don't share a viewpoint has fed back into his James Madison College classes, and has strengthened his performance in the classroom. He said that observing how legislation is shaped and debated has given him a lot of insight into the relevance of the political thought he studies, with particular reference to Machiavelli.

The MSU Institute of Public Policy and Social Research and James Madison College administer the annual [Daniel Rosenthal Legislative Intern Award](#) on behalf of MSU. Daniel Rosenthal was one of MSU's first Legislative Student Intern Program participants in January of 1977. After his unfortunate passing in June of that year the Rosenthal family established this award to pay tribute to the dignity of Dan's life and acknowledge the value that he placed on his experience as a legislative intern.

Mykala Ford (IR/CCP, sophomore) is the recipient of a [Critical Language Scholarship](#) through the U.S. Department of State and is studying in Tunisia this summer. She is studying Arabic at MSU through the Arabic Flagship and is in the STEPPS program and Muslim Studies specialization. The goal of the Arabic Flagship program is to produce professional level speakers by graduation and one of the requirements of the program is that students should study Arabic during the summer.

Liz Lupher (CCP junior), Crystal Matti (SRP junior), and Emily Steinert (SRP sophomore) received scholarships to attend the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Emerging Leaders Program and Advocate Summit and Emerging Leaders Training in May, in Washington, D.C.

The Psi Upsilon Foundation's Directors awarded **Eric Minch (IR senior)**, the J.Russell McShane Award for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Kaavya Ramesh (IR sophomore) has been selected for the U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program to study Chinese in China during the summer of 2012. Kaavya is among the approximately 630 U.S. undergraduate and graduate students selected for the [U.S. Department of State's CLS Program](#) in 2012 to study Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Indonesian, Japanese, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu languages. The students spend eight to ten weeks in intensive language institutes during the summer in 14 countries where these languages are spoken. The CLS Program provides fully-funded, group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to increase language fluency and cultural competency. CLS Program participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship and apply

their critical language skills in their future professional careers. The CLS Program is administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and American Councils for International Education.

Recent Graduates



Joan Campau in Nicaragua

Joan Campau (PTCD '12) conducted research in Nicaragua with JMC Professor Dan Kramer last summer. Campau writes: “I recently returned from another planet. Not really, but I *have* just spent two months conducting research on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, which is worlds away from East Lansing, Michigan. Working independently, I corresponded with Dr. Daniel Kramer from James Madison College as I investigated the use of inter-firm credit among small shop owners in seven communities surrounding the Pearl Lagoon Basin. In addition to interviewing 50 small business owners, my adventures included net-casting at sundown to check the health of local fisheries with a biological graduate student, hauling pineapples strung together on a vine harness across single-log bridges and through dense

tropical forests, and learning how to dance to the traditional rhythms of the Garifuna people. I asked questions about ethnicity, language, culture, and the modernization of these communities in light of a new road connecting them in ways never before imagined to the capital city of Managua. In the process, I learned about fishing, agriculture, families, social structures, political tensions, historical discriminations, and the identity of a people so unlike my own it is hard to believe that we inhabit the same planet. But we do share this one world, and seeing how other people live in it has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life.”

Ashley Herzovi (IR ‘12) published the article, “[A New Approach to 21st Century Governance](#)” in Atlantic-Community.org, an online magazine.

In the article she writes, “The United Nations should repurpose the Trusteeship Council to oversee states with long-term issues of self-governance due to conflict that are thus unable to provide basic human necessities to their constituents. This action would allow the UN to contribute to long-term governance solutions.” The article was first published by Roosevelt Institute Campus Network in their "[10 Ideas for Defense & Diplomacy](#)" publication.

Reid Holzbauer (IR/Arabic ‘12) and Angelina Mosher (CCP/Arabic junior) were

awarded the [2011 Gliozzo Endowment scholarships for Muslim Studies](#). Professor Emeritus, Charles A. Gliozzo and Mrs. Marjorie A. Gliozzo established the first endowment for the Muslim Studies Program (est. Spring 2007). It provides a scholarship to undergraduates whose principal interest is in studying some facet of the Muslim world. The scholarships will be administered by the Muslim Studies Program.

Charlie Kraiger (IR ‘12) was chosen as [White House Intern](#) for the fall 2011 session. The mission of the program is to make the White House accessible to future leaders around the nation and to prepare those devoted to public service for future leadership opportunities.

Marissa Perry (IR ‘12), and Scott Osdras (CCP ‘12) are the recipients of the [Fulbright Scholarship](#) for the 2012-13 academic year. **Chelsea Champlin (CCP/Linguistics ‘12)** was an alternate. Sponsored by the Department of State and the Department of Education, Fulbright awards are granted to 1,600 United States citizens for use in more than 155 countries annually. They fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies. Approximately 310,000 individuals have participated in the program since its inception in 1946. Grants are awarded in all fields of study, allowing recipients to design their own programs and pursue one

academic year of study or research. Perry will conduct research on post-holocaust trials in Germany. Osdras will teach English in Taiwan.

Ashley Delamater will be pursuing a master’s in conflict resolution at King’s College in England next year and aims to eventually work in Jerusalem.