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Madisonian Remembers the College

David Schrupf graduated from James Madison College in 1982 with a major in international relations. "I really appreciate the depth, breadth and quality of education I received at James Madison College," he said. Schrupf hopes to ensure James Madison College continues its excellence in undergraduate teaching and its focus on presenting students with the chal-



David Schrupf

lenge and opportunity to deepen, broaden and enrich their understanding of public affairs. That's why he made James Madison College a beneficiary of his retirement savings with a \$100,000 designation earlier this year. He desires that his future gift be used by the dean, at his or her discretion, to ensure that the college continues its leadership in undergraduate education.

Upon graduation from Madison, Schrupf attended law school at the University of Michigan. He had an opportunity to join the legal staff of General Motors Corporation and has been working with GM ever since, through the good times and bad.

He said, "I have had great opportunities during my career and have seen public policy being made and regulations implemented on the front lines.

My work on environmental matters brings together knowledge of law, science and public policy." His experience enticed the college to invite him into the classroom for the introductory course for the Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Specialization (STEPPS) as a guest speaker. "I really enjoyed interacting with the students and bringing real-life examples to the classroom. It helps them apply their education to life after graduation," he said. He added, "It was good to see Madison on the cutting edge with an undergraduate 'science-policy' curriculum and helping students with the tools for success."

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EVENTS

Fall Founders Circle Luncheon

Friday, November 15, 2013,

11:30am to 2:00pm,

Kellogg Center

Anthony Leiserowitz

"Climate Change in the American Mind"

JMC Alumni- Student Career

Day 2014

Saturday, February 15,

Case Hall

Professor Richard Zinman

Retirement Celebration

Saturday, March 15, 2014,

Kellogg Center

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Dean Sherm Garnett

FROM THE DEAN

In mid-September, in Baku, Azerbaijan, I signed an agreement with Dr. Anar Valiyev, dean of the School of Public and International Affairs at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA), for long-term cooperation between James Madison College (JMC) and one of Azerbaijan's—and the region's—most successful experiments in higher education. ADA was founded seven years ago with a mission to focus on high quality master's programs in international relations and international business. It was linked to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here, but with a charter for independence of thought and action all too rare in higher education in the former USSR. Most importantly, it was chartered to return higher education to a process where admissions, grades, and attainment of degrees were based on merit and classroom accomplishment, not on connections or under-the-table payments, phenomena that have distorted higher education elsewhere in the former Soviet Union.

ADA has thrived in the past two years, moving to a brand new campus and adding an undergraduate program that already has a thousand students, and it will grow. All teaching here is in English, attracting students from Africa, Western and Central Europe, and Latin America. ADA also plans to expand its undergraduate offerings to include the sciences and education. Its rector is the former ambassador of Azerbaijan to Washington, Hafiz Pashayev, and its faculty are drawn from leading American and European universities. It is located in a dynamic region, largely overlooked and understudied by Americans. All the issues of building a new state—reinvigorating independent economic and cultural life, managing enormous energy reserves, regional and interethnic conflict, modernization and Muslim cultures, environmental challenges, constraining corruption, and encouraging

long-term democratization—all are to be studied here in English, alongside Azerbaijani and international students and a high-caliber

faculty. The agreement commits both sides to exchanges, with ADA sending three or four students next semester or next fall, depending on how fast we can master the student visa regimes and exchange details of both countries. To encourage American students to come to a country about which they may know very little, ADA has committed to providing subsidized housing and dynamic opportunities for challenge inside and outside class. In addition, in the next two or three years, ADA will host a summer honors session for JMC and MSU students, devoted to energy and environmental issues in the Caspian Sea.

Both sides will create special mentoring programs. We already have a flourishing exchange program. Last year, JMC hosted leading ADA administrators from its undergraduate programs, establishing a dialogue with JMC's and MSU's experts on undergraduate curriculum, higher education management, and faculty development. Our JMC faculty, such as Mohammed Ayoob, Norm Graham, and myself, have taught graduate seminars here. Professor Matt Zierler will be here next semester. As ADA expands its curriculum, we have talked of expanding this exchange to include American politics, comparative urban policy, social and gender issues, cultural issues, and other topics likely to interest a wide range of JMC and MSU faculty. Once ADA has completed its undergraduate expansion and hired its full range of faculty, we should see ADA professors in our classroom, as well as joint or parallel online classes and other areas of expanded cooperation.

This program with ADA follows an expanded pattern of international engagement for JMC. In addition to traditional study abroad and overseas internships, such as Brussels, London, Rome, and Madrid, JMC is focusing on areas of culture and perspective that stretch us, prompted by issues of strategic and economic significance, as well as enduring political and social challenges. These include an expanded set of internships in Latin America and South Asia, study abroad programs in India, Turkey, and Brazil, and a variety of plans for learning and service in Central and South Asia and the Caucasus. These programs will give students a chance to stretch beyond the wonderful but oft-visited Western Europe to see places that are significant to the shape of globe yet all too often outside the consciousness of most Americans.

Rest assured, there will always be research and internship opportunities close to East Lansing and throughout the United States. We will not abandon Brussels or other traditional haunts for study abroad and high quality internships. But we also have a commitment to JMC's and MSU's mission, to ourselves, and to students wanting an experience of the wider world to be in places like Baku, or Salvador, Brazil, Tbilisi, Georgia, or the Mosquito Coast of Nicaragua, places where we currently are and plan to be for some time to come.

Sherman W. Garnett

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Dean Garnett in Baku with the ADA master's class

JMC EVENTS



Student-Alumni Pizza Night September 2013

The 2013 Student-Alumni Pizza Night was another resounding success. Thank you to all 53 of our alumni who were able to attend, representing a variety of careers and educational backgrounds. Students appreciated the opportunity to meet alumni and hear about their experience at JMC, as well as their career paths, and alumni enjoyed engaging with students. There was a record-breaking 171 JMC students in attendance, primed to network with alumni and learn all they could from their fellow Madisonians.

Careers In Law

The annual Careers in Law panel last September was composed of six MSU alumni currently working in the law field—attorneys, students, analysts, and activists—with 87 students in attendance in the MSU College of Law Castle Board Room. Students were able to learn about career options in law, get insider information about law school, and make personal connections with MSU alumni in law. Thank you to Madison alumni **Jesse Sweeny**, **Dana Graham** and **Michael Epstein** for making this event a success!

Upcoming Madison Events

2013 Fall Founders Circle Luncheon

Anthony Leiserowitz, Ph.D. (IR '90), research scientist at the Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and Director of the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication, presents: "**Climate Change in the American Mind**"

Friday, November 15, 2013

11:30am - 2:00pm

Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center, MSU

Alumni, students, faculty, and friends are welcome. All reservations requested by November 8, 2013. To register go to jmc.msu.edu/events/ For questions, contact Lori Lancour at lancour@msu.edu

Anthony Leiserowitz is an expert on public opinion about climate change and the environment. His research investigates the psychological, cultural, and political factors that influence environmental attitudes, policy support, and behavior. He has served as a consultant to the John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University), the United Nations Development Program, the Gallup World Poll, and the World Economic Forum.



Anthony Leiserowitz

JMC Alumni-Student Career Day 2014

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Case Hall Club Spartan

If you are interested in being a panelist or learning more about Career Day, please contact Jaimie Hutchison at hutchj@msu.edu

Professor Richard Zinman to retire this year

Professor Zinman is retiring after this academic year. If you would like to send your congratulations to him, please send them to [Kim Allan](mailto:Kim.Allan).

Professor Richard Zinman has taught at James Madison College since 1969 and studies and teaches political philosophy and American political thought. In 1989, he began serving as executive director of the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, a research center in the Department of Political Science, and has been involved with the Symposium since that time. He has edited and contributed to seven volumes of essays published by the Symposium. In 2005, the Symposium received a \$500,000 challenge grant from

the National Endowment for the Humanities, the first such grant awarded to Michigan State University. Zinman has received the State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award (1991), the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award (1995), and the Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students (2005).



Richard Zinman

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

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

President's Letter

Greetings fellow Madisonians!



Laura Marie Casey

First, a sincere congratulations and welcome to the recent graduates from the class of 2013! We are happy to have you join the ranks of the 7,000+ Madison alumni worldwide. We encourage all alumni to get involved at whatever level they can—come to an event, review scholarships or join us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

We're always excited for the beginning of a new school year and the JMCAA activities start up quickly as the new year begins. We hope you were able to enjoy these successful fall events:

September 10: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Student-Alumni Pizza Night

October 5: 11:00 a.m.

JMCAA Annual meeting

October 12: 9:30 a.m.-noon

Annual JMC Homecoming Tailgate

Visit www.jmc.msu.edu/alumni and jmc.msu.edu/events/ for more information on these events and others.

I had the pleasure of joining other Madison alumni and former Case Hall residents for Spartan Move-In day on August 25. It was hot, but that's been a long-time tradition for moving in! This was a great way for alumni to show that they still feel a sense of connection with the college—and I know that students and parents appreciated the extra sets of arms and legs.

One of the most enduring successes for the JMCAA has been our scholarship program. This year we were able to provide over \$12,000 in scholarship funds. We helped eight current students go on their field experience or study abroad and helped another four call Madison home as they start their freshman year with us.

Please join us in thanking the alumni reviewers for their time and diligence: **Chris Wilson, Travis Cochran, Wendy Waskin, Michelle Sanders, Cary Bean, Monica Evans, Diana MacLean, David Brumbaugh, Marcia Miner, Bethany Wicksall, Matt Hammer, Susan Chapman, Dan DiMaggio, Jeff Kingzett, Kristin Fair, Regina Bell and Scott Watkins.**

We would also like to thank **Bill Keep** for his four years of service on the JMCAA board. His dedication and experience will be missed.

Our board is here to be of service to our alumni and students. Please reach out to any of us if we can be of assistance.

Go GREEN!

Laura Marie Casey

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James Madison College "Traveling the U.S. and Abroad" Photo Contest 2012

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



First Place: "Matzalan Fisherman" - Mercedes Alonzo



Second Place: "Where Time Stands Still" - Mercedes Alonzo



Third Place: "Sunset in Mopti, Mali" - Donald Mattock

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to all our alumni and their colleagues who served on panels, hosted the students at their place of employment, sponsored events, and attended mixer receptions for all of our career activities! We couldn't have done it all without your generous help and commitment to the mission of James Madison College in preparing students for their future endeavors.



Career Day, February 2013



JMCAA BOARD MEMBERS

The JMC Alumni Association is managed by a board of directors. The board is composed of alumni leaders who are selected to represent the larger James Madison College alumni population. They provide oversight and strategic planning of association matters. The board is the primary communication link with the college on behalf of the alumni and meets three times annually in East Lansing and once a year in the Detroit area. If you are interested in becoming involved, contact [Kim Allan](#), [Laura Casey](#), or [Amy Witt](#).

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Madison's majors over 43 years

CURRENT

IR..... International Relations

PTCD..... Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

SRP..... Social Relations and Policy

CCP..... Comparative Cultures and Politics

PAST

PE..... Political Economy

JMCD..... Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy

ETHNIC.... Ethnic and Religious Intergroup Relations

METRO.... Metropolitan Studies

SOCEC..... Socio Economics Policy Problems

URBAN.... Urban Community Policy Problems

SR..... Social Relations

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

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

Visiting Scholar at Madison



Dr. Chen Bram

CHEN BRAM, Schusterman Visiting Israeli Scholar, will be teaching on Israeli Cultures and Society and on Jewish-Muslim Relations at James Madison College and MSU. Bram is an anthropologist and organizational psychologist, and is the Schusterman visiting professor at the University of Florida. He is a research fellow at the Van Leer institute in Jerusalem and a managing partner of the Anthropological

Knowledge: Relevance, Use and Potential research group. His work focuses on issues of ethnic relations; immigration; Islam and ethnicity in the Caucasus; multicultural policy; Diaspora peoples; and New Spirituality and Sufism. Bram received his doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (December 2008). His dissertation was entitled "Ethnic Categorization and Cultural diversity—A View from the Margins: Caucasus Jews between Europe and Asia." Bram conducted field work in Israel, the Caucasus region, Central Asia, and among immigrant communities in the United States, especially among Adyghe (Circassians), Jews of the Caucasus (Juhur), and Central Asia Jews. Currently he is involved in research on Jewish-Muslim relations, both in Central Asia and the Caucasus, and among Jewish Immigrants and Arabs in a mixed Jewish-Arab town in Israel. Combining his academic interests with practical applications, he had worked previously as an engaged and applied anthropologist. He initiated and managed a project to promote immigrant leadership in the Mandel School of Educational Leadership, served as an advisor to the Ministry for Immigrant Absorption, and participated in projects on conflict resolution.

Scholar in Residence



Martha Brill Olcott

MARTHA BRILL OLCOTT has joined James Madison College as a visiting professor for the next several years. Olcott is a senior associate with the Russia Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., and the co-director of the al-Farabi Carnegie Program on Central Asia in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She specializes in the problems of transitions in Central Asia and the Caucasus as well as the secu-

urity challenges in the Caspian region more generally. She has followed interethnic relations in Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union for more than 25 years and has traveled extensively in these countries and in South Asia. In addition to her work in Washington and in Almaty, Olcott codirects the Carnegie Moscow Center Project on Religion, Society, and

Security in the former Soviet Union, and is a professor emeritus in the department of political science at Colgate University. As a member of Colgate's faculty since 1975, she served as chairman of the department of political science from July 1984 through June 1990. Olcott received her bachelor of arts from SUNY Buffalo in 1970, and her doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1978. In July, 1994 she was named by President Clinton to be a director of the Central Asian American Enterprise Fund and in 1999 was named vice Chairman. Earlier she held a formal appointment as consultant on Central Asian Affairs for former Acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger. Olcott is also a prolific author, and has published numerous articles in academic journals and books, including: *Tajikistan's Difficult Development Path* (Carnegie Endowment, 2012), *In the Whirlwind of Jihad* (Carnegie Endowment, 2012), *Central Asia's Second Chance* (Carnegie Endowment, 2005); *Kazakhstan: Unfulfilled Promise* (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2002). Soon after 9/11, she was selected by Washingtonian magazine for its list of "71 People the President Should Listen To" about the war on terrorism.

James Madison College welcomes the following new faculty and newly hired faculty in the tenure stream



Andrea Freidus

ANDREA FREIDUS has a joint appointment between James Madison College and Lyman Briggs College. She teaches primarily in the comparative cultures and politics major in JMC. Freidus is a medical anthropologist whose work focuses on Malawi, orphans, and medical humanitarianism. Her dissertation research included an analysis of the friction that arises between transnational discourses,

donor demands, children's rights doctrines, local practices, and the associated outcomes for children labeled "orphan." A Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad and the U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Fellowship funded this work. She also has a master of arts in applied anthropology and a master of public health with a specialization in global health from the University of South Florida. Research for her master's degrees focused on sexual relations between local Costa Rican men and long-term female tourists visiting Monteverde, Costa Rica. Her publications from both projects cross disciplines and can be found in sociology, women's studies, anthropology, and childhood studies journals. Freidus' current research examines the rise of international medical experiences for U.S. students who travel to Malawi to serve patients in rural areas.

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Russell Lucas

RUSSELL LUCAS is co-director of Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities Program and is an associate professor of Arab studies at MSU. He teaches class for JMC on comparative foreign policy and Middle East politics. His research specializes on Middle Eastern politics and culture with attention to democratization, public opinion, the media, and foreign policy. His book, *Institutions and the Politics of Survival in Jordan: Domestic Responses to External Challenges, 1988-2001*, was published by SUNY Press. He has also published articles in a range of journals including: *Journal of Democracy*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, and the *Middle East Journal*. He is currently writing a new book on the politics of Arab monarchies. He has previously taught at Florida International University and at the University of Oklahoma. He has his doctorate in government from Georgetown University, a master of arts in modern Middle Eastern & North African studies from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Michigan.



Susan Stein-Roggenbuck

SUSAN STEIN-ROGGENBUCK's research focuses on the history of welfare policy. Her book, *Negotiating Relief: The Development of Social Welfare Programs in Depression-Era Michigan, 1930-1930*, was published in 2008 (Ohio State University Press). She has published articles in *Michigan Historical Review and Social Service Review*. Her current research projects focus on medical care for the poor before Medicaid, and the role of family responsibility and parent dependency in American welfare policy. She was a fellow in the Walter and Pauline Adams Academy for Instructional Excellence and Innovation in 2008-2009. She also was a recipient of the American Association for University Women Dissertation Fellowship. In fall of 2013, she will teach MC 201 and a senior seminar (Negotiating Welfare: Recipients, Social Workers and Policy Makers in Twentieth Century America); in the spring of 2014, she will teach MC 281 (Immigrants, Minorities and American Pluralism) and MC 380 (Social Policy).

JENNIFER SYKES-MCLAUGHLIN has been appointed to teach in the social relations and policy field starting in the fall of 2013. Jen is an alumna of JMC (social relations and policy major), a former Truman and Marshall fellow, and a recent doctorate graduate from Harvard. More information will be included in the next JMScene.

Visiting Professors at Madison



Elizabeth Amato

ELIZABETH AMATO is a visiting professor in the field of political theory and constitutional democracy. She is currently teaching a course on the U.S. presidency and is a fellow professor teaching "Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs". In the spring, she will teach the course "Beyond Liberalism" and a senior seminar focused on the pursuit of happiness. She is very happy to be at James Madison College and is enjoying discovering East Lansing. In 2011, Amato earned her doctorate and master's degree from Baylor University in Waco, Tex. Her dissertation took a politics and literature approach to the examination of the pursuit of happiness within the U.S. political order. In 2005, she earned her undergraduate degree from Berry College in Rome, Ga. Amato's academic interests include politics and literature, ancient political thought, the study of early liberal thought, criticisms of modernity, the pursuit of happiness, the study of European perspectives of the U.S. regime, the U.S. presidency, political parties, constitutional law (particularly habeas corpus), and the study of modern revolutions and their effect on the international system.



Olufunmbi Elemo

OLUFUNMBI "FUNMBI" M. ELEMO is a recent doctoral graduate from the Department of Political Science at MSU. She grew up in Nigeria and Maryland, earned her bachelor of arts (magna cum laude) in political science and sociology from Ball State University (Muncie, Ind.) in 2006, and also earned her master of arts in political science from MSU in 2009. Olufunmbi currently teaches undergraduate courses in "Introduction to International Relations" and "African Politics" at JMC. She has also recently held research fellowships with the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva, Switzerland), and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (Washington D.C.). Olufunmbi's research interests focus on comparative politics and public policy, including federalism, political management of natural resource revenue, tax reform, and representative and accountable governance in Africa. She conducted fieldwork in Nigeria (October 2010-July 2011), including original interviews with Nigerian state and national legislators and archival research at the Central Bank of Nigeria. Olufunmbi remains committed to producing research that speaks to both academics and policy-makers.

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Anthony Olcott

ANTHONY OLCOTT retired from the U.S. government in January 2013, where he was a senior associate in the Emerging Trends program of the Center for the Study of Intelligence. Before that he had been officer in residence at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy for two years, and spent the decade before that in the Open Source Center (which prior to 2006 was the Foreign Broadcast Information Service—FBIS). While at FBIS/OSC, Olcott served in a number of capacities, including director of Analytic Assessment and Academic Outreach, senior analyst for New Media, and expert analyst. From 1984 until 2000, when he joined the government, Olcott taught at Colgate University, where he was an associate professor in the Russian Department. An author, editor, and translator, Olcott has published on a wide array of subjects. Two of his novels were nominated for prizes, and his study of Russian crime fiction, *Russian Pulp*, received a professional prize as Best Book of Literary or Cultural Studies in 2003. His most recent book is *Open Source Intelligence in a Networked World* (2011). Olcott was educated, from bachelors to doctorate, at Stanford University.

Retirements



Mohammed Ayoob

JMC celebrated the career of Professor **MOHAMMED AYOOB** in February. Professor Mohammed Ayoob, university distinguished professor of international relations, and professor at JMC since 1990, retired in June 2013. He had been a faculty member at MSU since 1990, held joint appointments in JMC and the Department of Political Science and was the founding-coordinator of the Muslim Studies Program. A specialist on conflict and security in the developing world, his publications on the subject have included conceptual essays as well as case studies dealing with South Asia, the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, and Southeast Asia. He has also researched, taught, and published on the intersection of religion and politics in the Muslim world. Professor Ayoob has held faculty appointments at the Australian National University and Jawaharlal Nehru University in India, and visiting appointments at Columbia, Sydney, Princeton, Oxford, and Brown Universities, and at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey. He also received grants and fellowships from several leading foundations. He has acted as a consultant to the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, to the High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and

Change appointed by the UN Secretary General, and to the Ford Foundation. He has authored, co-authored, or edited 14 books and published approximately 100 research papers and scholarly articles. He has published commentaries in the *New York Times* and *The Guardian*, and on ForeignPolicy.com, YaleGlobal.yale.edu, CNN.com, and NationalInterest.org.



Lynn Scott

A retirement celebration was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 in Case Hall for Dr. **LYNN SCOTT**. She began teaching in James Madison in 2004 and has taught in the Humanities, Culture and Writing Program as well as in "Introduction to Public Affairs." Her MC 112 course, "Movements of Social Change in the United States, 1955-1972," explores the Civil Rights Movement, student activism (both left and right) and the Women's Movement at mid-century.

Faculty News

Yael ARONOFF has served as associate director of Jewish Studies at MSU since spring 2013. She is the book review editor for *Israel Studies Review*, and is on the board of directors of the Association for Israel Studies. Her book manuscript, *Israeli Hard Liners Opt for Peace: The Political Psychology of Prime Ministers*, received a contract from Cambridge University Press and publication is expected this year. Aronoff led a study-abroad program to the Hebrew University for 21 students in June and July 2013. She presented a paper entitled "Israeli Leaders, the Arab Spring and the Palestinian Peace," at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Herzliya, Israel in July 2013. She participated in the Second International Workshop on Contemporary Challenges to the Law of Armed Conflict at the IDC (Interdisciplinary Center) Herzliya, sponsored by the IDC Herzliya Radzyner School of Law, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the Marc Rich Foundation, Switzerland, in June 2013, in Herzliya, Israel. Aronoff participated in an outside review of Dartmouth College's Jewish Studies Program in May 2013, helping to write a report in August. She chaired a panel on war and violence in Israeli culture at the symposium on Israeli literature at MSU in April 2013.



Yael Aronoff

Faculty news continued in supplement section.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Ken Deslover

KEN DESLOOVER joined JMC this August as director of finance, bringing over 18 years of accounting experience. Previously, Ken worked in the MSU Accounting Office, Enterprise Business Systems Project, and University Services. He helped MSU colleges and departments maximize the benefits of the Enterprise Business Systems (EBS), which he helped develop. Ken also taught the Quali Financial System and Cognos Query Studio applications. Ken began his career at MSU as the accountant at University Services for University Stores and Mail Processing.

PAT MILLER is pleased to join JMC as Development Office secretary. A veteran educator who currently teaches MS Office applications, Pat's career was enhanced by extensive graduate studies at MSU. She has recently held administrative positions with several campus departments including University Advancement, MSU Technologies, and Civil and Environmental Engineering. Pat lives in the Haslett area with her husband, Dave, a retired middle school social studies teacher and MSU grad.



Pat Miller



Trina Vanschyndel

TRINA VANSCHYNDEL (IR/German '06), M.S., is JMC's new advisor/recruiting coordinator. She is also a JMC alumna and very excited to be returning to her alma mater. She earned her master's degree in natural resources from the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. As a graduate student, she was a member of the first cohort of the Graduate Fellowship in Residential Environmental Education, which gave her the opportunity to live and work at an environmentally focused residential high school in

the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Her main interest areas are experiential education, the environment, and service learning, and her personal mission is to guide and inspire young people to achieve their personal and professional goals. She has also worked as an educator and interpreter with the National Park Service and North Dakota State Parks and spent time as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching English in Ukraine. Prior to coming to MSU, Trina was based out of Chicago and recruited students to participate in conservation internships with the Student Conservation Association.



Chicago Career Exploration, spring break, March 2013



JMC Student Senate Career Exploration/Detroit, April 2013



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

Madison freshmen awarded major MSU scholarships

Kim Gannon of Downers Grove, Ill., and **Matthew Suandi** of Williamston, Mich., are Alumni Distinguished Scholars, and **Jaazaniah Catterall** of Rock Springs, Wyo., is a University Distinguished Scholar. The three incoming Madison freshmen, along with 17 MSU students, cite interests in research opportunities, study-abroad programs and the flexibility offered by the MSU Honors College as some of the reasons for choosing JMC and MSU for the next chapter of their academic careers. The scholarships, which are considered among the most competitive awards in the country, cover full tuition, room, and board, and a stipend for up to eight semesters of study.

JMC Admissions News

Incoming JMC freshmen arrived on campus just a few short weeks ago, beginning with international students the week of August 18th. The school year began with 304 JMC students who are part of the MSU Class of 2017, including our largest number of international students, coming from quite a few different places: China, South Korea, Malawi, Australia, Nigeria, India, Brazil, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, and New Zealand. We also have students coming from across the United States, including Illinois, Virginia, Wyoming, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, Missouri, California, New York, and Tennessee. Of course many Madison students are coming from a little more close-by, right here in the great state of Michigan. No matter where our students are coming from, we're excited to see them begin their time at MSU and in JMC.

JMC Fall Freshman Community Service Day



Madison College includes a half day of community service projects around East Lansing and Lansing for all incoming freshmen during their first Monday on campus in the fall.

James Madison Senior Research Conference

JMC seniors and award-winning scholars presented their cutting-edge research on April 19 at the inaugural JMC [Senior Research](#) Conference held in Case Hall. Alumnus and East Lansing Mayor Pro Tem **Nathan Triplett** was the keynote speaker at lunch. Other distinguished alumni



served as panelists and moderators, and Acting Provost **June Youatt** was the closing speaker.



JMC creates leadership club for Lansing middle schoolers

Recognizing that this is a pivotal period for developing a positive attitude toward self, school, society, and college positivity, JMC sponsored weekly [leadership club](#) meetings, monthly field trips, and extensive mentoring and support. The K-8 students will engage in a community service project and



visit Madison and Case Hall to learn about college life, key aspects of law and governance, and enjoy college cafeteria food!

Eighth graders will be entering high school, and this club supports the school in encouraging these students to imagine college in their future.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

See also the **Student Spotlight** section!

JMC Parade of Honors, April 2013

The JMC Parade of Honors program lists the myriad of honors bestowed on Madison students during the 2012-13 academic year. To view more of the program, click here. <http://jmc.msu.edu/download/parade-of-honors-2013.pdf>



To view more photos from the Parade of Honors, click here. [Parade of Honors Program](#)

High employment growth for JMC grads (2012-2013)



Even in these tough economic times, the number of employers recruiting JMC majors is growing significantly. JMC Career Services hosted more than 100 alumni to campus for student programs. JMC's placement rate for graduates continues to be high. In a 2012 survey, JMC graduates reported a 98 percent placement



rate in jobs, grad school, or law school. Graduates in the "employed" category rose 9 percent while graduates in the "continuing education"

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category fell 5 percent. Contact [Jaimie Hutchison](#) or call 517-884-1386 with questions or if you would like to be more involved with JMC Career Services.

Madison students defended senior theses in April 2013

Annelise Huber: "Polio Eradication in India" First Place Paper Submission for the MSUFCU Dean's Choice Best Paper in Public Policy Award

Angelina Mosher: "Feminism, Patriarchy and Elitism: The Mobilization of Women in the Palestinian Nationalist Movement"

Emily Snoek: "Risky Business: LGBT Youth & Michigan's Sex Education Curriculum"

Bradley Kells: "Applied Zymology: How Institutions, Culture, and Luck Created the American Microbrew Revolution"

Kathryn Allen: "The Trials, Tribulations, and Theory That Have Shaped Tribal Nations Sovereignty"

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