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Events

Lansing Area Alumni and Friends Reception

Thursday, May 15, 2008

5:00pm to 7:30pm

Tropo Restaurant in Lansing
Everyone Welcome

James Madison Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting

September 27, 2008

(time to be determined)

Case Hall—

Everyone welcome

Madison Homecoming Tailgate 2008

October 4, 2008

Two hours before kick off

Case Hall—

Everyone Welcome

Washington D.C. Alumni and Friends Reception Update

This year's event has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts. The event will return in the spring of 2009. Watch for details. We hope to see you in East Lansing or at other Madison events held throughout this coming year.

2008 Founders Circle Luncheon

Coming in October

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Madison Senior Wins Marshall Scholarship



Monica Mukerjee

Monica Mukerjee (IR/psychology) is among 40 college graduates and upper-level undergraduates throughout the United States to receive the Marshall Scholarship for two years of study in the United Kingdom. She will pursue a Master of Science degree at Oxford University in Oxford, England, and conduct groundbreaking research on the policies and impacts of forced migration.

Mukerjee's studies will include developing strategies to prevent sexual exploitation of children by aid workers in refugee camps in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In her second year of the scholarship, she will pursue a Master of Philosophy degree at the University of Sussex, in Sussex, England, and continue her research in gender and development. Although gender is increasingly being addressed in international development, women continue to suffer devastating social inequalities that stem from violations of human rights, Mukerjee said, adding that it is past time to focus on building policies allowing for genuine empowerment in communities.

"It is vital that international development and refugee policies are appropriately aimed at creating treatments that cater to survivors' needs," she said. "If research is not done on a global level to evaluate the effectiveness of these policies, the situation for refugees and displaced populations may worsen. As civilian-based conflicts increase around the world, we must look at these problems and humanize issues facing men, women, and children."

The scholarship covers university fees, cost-of-living expenses, research and travel grants, and fares to and from the United States. Mukerjee is also working on specializations in political economy; international development; and women, gender, and social justice. She is a 2007 Truman Scholar and the recipient of a Spartan Scholarship, among others.

Robert Banks Honored with Endowment at Madison

The newest endowment at James Madison College has been established to honor Robert Banks, one of Madison College's founding faculty members and its second dean, and his spouse, Claire. The Robert F. and Clare M. Banks Endowment for Academic and Teaching Excellence in James Madison College will support the continued excellence of faculty at Madison College.

Banks served in many capacities during his tenure at Michigan State University. James Madison College remembers him best as a faculty member, then dean from 1971 to 1979 and again later as acting dean in the late 1980s. In 2007, Dr. Banks retired from the position of asso-



Robert Banks

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FROM THE DEAN

The end of the school year always brings about a summons from President Simon to record major accomplishments and submit them to the MSU Board of Trustees. I thought I would try out a first draft on you.

Let me start with the students. You will read in this newsletter of Monica Mukerjee's Marshall Scholarship—Madison's eighth. Nick Micinski, who last year traveled around the world on a Circumnavigator's Foundation Grant to study Muslim minority communities, has won MSU's prestigious Featherstone Prize as MSU's outstanding graduating senior. What unites these two—besides their status as Madison's "power couple"—is a commitment to work that addresses serious human challenges and engages the world around us. Monica will be looking at forced migration and strategies to reduce the vulnerability of children to sexual exploitation in refugee camps. Nick is committed to addressing political and economic equalities in the Muslim world at the grassroots level.

In addition, I have funded with your help other Madison students who are researching AIDS in Sierra Leone or new entrepreneurial initiatives among the poor in South Africa. Our students, under the leadership of Professors Emmett and Ritchie, have brought together state government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and business leaders to examine options for lifting Michigan from the economic doldrums. Our students are always well represented in the annual MSU contribution to the Peace Corps and Teach for America. The latest figures on the placement of students who do not go on to graduate or law school shows more than 25% finding jobs

in either Washington, D.C. or internationally, demonstrating our national and global reach.

Our faculty continue to impress. They are winning prestigious teaching awards, with Anna Pegler-Gordon and Jonas Zoninsein being the latest in a Madison tradition of winners of the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award and the Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award respectively. Professor Rita Kiki Edozie is our 2007-08 Lilly Fellow, working in this prestigious program to develop innovative classroom options for our students.

The faculty are publishing important works of scholarship, such as Mohammed Ayoob's *The Many Faces of Political Islam*. Ilana Blumberg's *Houses of Study* is a runner-up for the 2008 Sami Rohr Prize in Jewish Literature, and as I write this she and her family are in Jerusalem at the award ceremonies. Bryan Ritchie has been asked to serve as the associate director for external strategies of the MSU Office of Biobased Technologies, even as he continues to be an outstanding member of the International Relations faculty. These examples are representative of a busy, talented, and engaged faculty, maintaining the highest standards of excellence in the classroom while expanding their reach as scholars and leaders beyond the college.

Last, but not least, our alumni continue to play a central role in the success of the college. We are very close to a record year in both donations and number of donors, with the lion's share of support coming from our alumni. With your help, we have established two new endowments, one honoring Bob Banks and the other Doug Hoekstra. More than forty alumni came back again for Career Day and offered our

current students important perspectives on—and leads to—careers in law, government, non governmental organizations, and the private sector. This alliance between current students, faculty, and staff and all of you is truly what has and will make Madison College a center of excellence and influence in the years ahead.

Of course, we have our challenges, especially as the Michigan economy continues to lag behind the rest of the nation and the Michigan legislature shows definitively why term limits are not the answer to the system's woes. Like everyone else, we face uncertainties and unexpected pressures from the outside world; however, we are fortunate to do so with the support of the college's tradition of excellence and its great students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Sherm Garnett
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From Your Alumni President

Greetings Madisonians!

For those who attended the JMC fortieth anniversary event this past fall, it was great to look back at our past. At the event, alumni from each decade reflected on their experiences on what James Madison College meant for them—from those of us who graduated in the 1970s and remember an internal newsletter published on a ditto machine about “taking over the establishment” to our newest alumni who surf the web and communicate their views through their Facebook account. We have been agents of change. We learned the challenges of our day and expressed how we could make the world a better place. We are still doing this in our communities, places of work, and families.

As Madison establishes its increased student enrollment of 1,250 and as the fields of study and areas of specialization evolve to reflect today’s challenges, let us all continue to be agents of change for the college.

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Madison’s various majors over its 40 years

CURRENT

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

PAST

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

IR ALUMNI GUEST SERIES

Jmc Alumni Share Their Expertise With The Madison Community During College Talks.

The International Relations field welcomed three of their alumni back to Madison on different dates throughout the fall semester. Faculty, staff, and students enjoyed informal presentations by the alumni as they shared their expertise and their experiences upon graduating from James Madison College.

William Magrath (IR '78), a leading natural resource economist in the World Bank’s East Asia and Pacific Sustainable Development Department, spoke on “Laos and Cambodia: Contrasting World Bank Forest Policy Reform Efforts” in September. Magrath received his Master of Science and Master of Economics degrees from the University of Michigan.

Michael Strausz (IR '99) spoke on “International Norms and Human Rights in Contemporary Japan” in October. Strausz received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington where he is currently a lecturer.

John Manza (IR/Italian '86) spoke on “A Critical Analysis of Coalition Reconstruction Efforts in Iraq” in November. Manza worked as a consultant for the Department of State and is now completing his Ph.D. in political science at Wayne State. Previously, he was a lieutenant colonel in U.S. Marine Corps.

The JMC Alumni Association has awarded Madison’s 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Jeff Williams (IR '94), Senior Vice President for Technology and Public Policy at Public Sector Consultants in Lansing, and the Honorary Alumnus Award posthumously to Professor Douglas Hoekstra. The awards were presented at Madison’s commencement ceremony on May 3, 2008.



Jeff Williams



Douglas Hoekstra



Arthur A. Busch

ciate provost and associate vice president for academic human resources at MSU. He has been an important source of guidance and fair-mindedness in the provost's office and a valuable mentor and a gracious friend to numerous students, faculty, and colleagues across MSU's campus and beyond. Banks has a strong commitment and affinity for Madison and is highly regarded by many Madisonians and Spartans everywhere.

Banks's former student **Arthur A. Busch (Urban '76)** made the endowment possible through a generous leadership gift of \$10,000. Madison has already raised an additional \$10,000 for the Banks endowment, with an initial target goal of \$30,000.

"We appreciate Art's generosity and his leadership in creating an endowment to honor Bob and Clare," said JMC Dean Sherman Garnett. "The college is excited about the opportunity to recognize them for their years of service to JMC and their commitment to academic and teaching excellence."

Busch remembers Banks and the critical role he played in his own education and career. "Dr. Banks knew that I grew up in Flint near Fisher Body Plant #1 where the sit-down strike led to the recognition of the United Auto Workers by General Motors in 1936-37. He encouraged me to research the strike for an independent study, helped me obtain an internship in Lansing, and introduced me to important leaders in labor and industry. These experiences and his guidance were truly invaluable and built the foundation for my career that followed," said Busch.

Busch went on to obtain a master's in labor and industrial relations from MSU and a law degree from the T. M. Cooley Law School. He is currently in private law practice in the Flint area. Previously, he served as the Genesee County Prosecutor from 1993 to 2005. Busch also enjoys teaching at Mott Community College in the Criminal Justice Department and credits Banks with motivating him to be a teacher and exemplifying teaching excellence. Banks made it possible for Busch to teach personnel administration in MSU's College of Business in 1980-82.

If you would like more information on the Banks endowment or would like to make a gift in honor of Dr. Banks, please contact Rocky Beckett at the college (517) 432-2117 or beckett@msu.edu. Beckett can also provide information about creating your own endowment or remembering special teachers and Madison friends with contributions to the college.

1970s

In November, 2007 **David Thompson (IR '71)** of Arlington, Virginia was elected to the Board of Directors of the MSU GLBT Alumni Association. He was voted as a Member at Large to the recently formed association. Thompson is currently employed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health and Human Services as the Senior Public Health Advisor for the HIV/AIDS and Methamphetamine Team. The MSU GLBT website can be found at: <http://www.msu.edu/~glbtalum/>.



William F. Gibson

William F. Gibson (JMCD '73) is chief executive officer of IVY Creek Associates, a consulting firm in the financial services industry. He has been the global chief operating officer for ING Investment Management and the chief operating officer for New York Life Investment Management. He has spent 30 years in the financial services industry, both on Wall Street and internationally, providing leadership in the areas of information technology, securities processing and operations, mergers and acquisitions, finance, risk management, compliance, and strategic planning. Gibson is the coauthor of *How to Do Systems Analysis* (Wiley & Sons, 2007). He lives in Westport, CT with his spouse, Hilary, and son, Teddy.

Paul Stern (JMCD '75) published a new book, *Knowledge and Politics in Plato's Theaetetus* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). Stern is professor of politics at Ursinus College. This is his second book. The first, *Socratic Rationalism and Political Philosophy: An Interpretation of Plato's Phaedo*, was published in 1993.

Phil Fishman (JMCD '76) is the author of "Democracy, Union Made," published in *The American Interest* (September/October 2007). Fishman has worked for the AFL-CIO in the international arena for 28 years and is currently advising unions and companies in the areas of international standards, workers' rights, and corporate social responsibility.

Susan Elster (IR '79), who lives in Israel, will commute to Pittsburgh, PA where she recently accepted a position with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation.

40 Years of Madison Celebrated in Style

James Madison College celebrated its fortieth anniversary in late September 2007 during a weekend filled with programs, friendships, and fun. The theme of the anniversary was "Many Madisons...One College."

The weekend kicked off with a cocktail reception at the Kellogg Center at which alumni and faculty had the chance to connect and share stories. Later that evening, 1976 graduates Barb Patek, Steve Ott, and Lou Malone hosted a reprise of the 1970s traditional JMC Sherry Hour. The group had a wonderful time, but "what happens at the Sherry Hour stays at the sherry hour."

Saturday's events began with the panel presentation "James Madison College: The Best of Both Worlds in a Changing World" at which faculty members shared their reflections and alumni discussed highlights of Madison's four decades.



At lunch, the JMC Student Senate hosted "The 'Top Tens' of Madison College." Alumni, current students, and past and present faculty and staff were seated at each table, where they made a list of their own favorite "Top Tens" of Madison College.



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1980s

Wallace Jefferson (Urban '85) was awarded the MSU 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Jefferson is Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, the first African American to be elected to that court.



Wallace Jefferson

The award is given annually to alumni who have distinguished themselves by obtaining the highest level of professional accomplishments and who possess the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of Michigan State University. Jefferson was the recipient of the JMC Alumni Association 2001 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Julie L. Novak (Weaver) (IR '85), director of operations and director of the Department of Medical Economics and Health Care Delivery at the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS), was presented with a Presidential Citation during the 142nd annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates in April 2007 in Dearborn, MI. Novak was cited for her contributions in developing the 2006 report "The Future of Medicine: Leading the Way to a Better Health Care System," which has become the medical society's outline for health care reform. The report is based on the principles of wellness, quality, value, and universal coverage. Novak lives in Bancroft, MI and is married to Gerald Novak.



Julie L. Novak

Ronald Tenpas (IR '85) was confirmed in December 2007 by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was nominated by President George W. Bush in June 2007. Tenpas has worked in the department for a number of years, serving as Associate Deputy Attorney General; United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois; Assistant United States Attorney and Branch Chief in the District of Maryland; and as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, Florida, starting in 1997. While at Madison, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford University where he studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics, receiving a degree in 1987. After Oxford

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he was awarded a Hardy Cross Dillard Scholarship to attend the University of Virginia Law School from which he graduated in 1990. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Kelly Carson (IR '86) works as a legal advocate at Middle Way House in Bloomington, IN, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. She is married to Virgil Sauder.

Ken Fletcher (JMCD '88) was recently named director of government affairs for the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA). Fletcher worked with MNA on HB 4339, Michigan's safe patient care legislation, and SB 377, Michigan's safe patient lifting legislation. He has served in various roles with the Michigan AFL-CIO since 1988, most recently serving as the legislative director. He was a delegate from the seventh Congressional District to the Democratic National Convention in 2004 and a former member of the Ionia (MI) City Council.

Bill Beekman (JMCD '89) has been appointed as secretary of the MSU Board of Trustees and executive assistant to President Lou Anna K. Simon. He most recently served as acting executive director of the MSU Alumni Association. Beekman received his J.D. from Wayne State University and earned a Master of Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He also served as a senior consultant in the offices of the MSU provost and the vice president for finance and operations and was a faculty member and administrator in the colleges of Human Medicine and Law.



Bill Beekman

Nancy Boxey (Smendik) (IR '89) was recently elected to serve as the Almont (MI) Community School Board of Education president and was also hired to serve in the newly created position of Downtown Development Authority (DDA) director for the Village of Almont. Boxey worked for six years as a business counselor and business retention specialist with the Macomb County (MI) Department of Economic Development. She also served as the DDA director



Nancy Boxey

for the Village of Romeo (MI) and recently has worked as a para-educator and substitute teacher. Boxey spent many years outside the workforce as a homemaker caring for her spouse and two children.

1990s

Daniel Koblin (SOCEC '90) is a senior financial planner with Pinnacle Financial Group in Irvine, CA. His practice focuses on implementing innovative financial strategies and solutions for affluent business owners, highly compensated executives, professionals, and those who have inherited wealth. Typical client projects involve short- and long-term planning in areas including business succession, investment, estates, and retirement. Before joining Pinnacle, Koblin held executive and senior-level management positions with such companies as PepsiCo, Disney, Gateway Computers, Washington Mutual Bank, and Alliance Imaging. He also holds his Series 7, 66 licenses, as well as his insurance licenses in the states of California and Michigan. He teaches in the University of California at Irvine Extension Program and also serves on their Extension Program Advisory Board. Koblin resides in Tustin Ranch, CA with his spouse and their three children.

Anthony Leiserowitz (IR '90) joined the faculty of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University, where he directs the Yale Project on Climate Change and the Office of Strategic Initiatives.



Anthony Leiserowitz

Jonathan Strong (SOCEC '90) is a financial advisor and chartered retirement planning counselor at Merrill Lynch—Global Private Client Group in Farmington Hills, MI. Strong began his career in the investment education field in 1991 at the National Association of Investors Corporation, a nonprofit group that educates individuals and investment clubs. He serves as a leader in the Boy Scouts, volunteers with the Troy Sylvan Glen Homeowners Association, and participates in local soccer leagues and community events. Strong lives in Troy, MI



Jonathan Strong

with his spouse, Kathleen, and children, Nathan and Justin.

Christopher E. Tracy (JMCD '90), an attorney with Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C in Bloomfield Hills, MI, recently spoke at the Michigan Water Legislation Update on, "Fednav Limited v. Michigan-DEQ: The Challenge to Michigan's Ballast Water Statute."

Michele (Whitaker) Pardue (SR '91) recently joined Shell Oil Company as the manager of recruitment operations for Region Americas. A member of the Operational Excellence Leadership Team at Shell, Pardue leads operational delivery for recruitment in the U.S. and, beginning March 2008, Canada. The role entails managing the assessment centers for both graduate and experienced professionals, candidate care, compliance, finance, reporting, and metrics related to recruitment in the America's Region. Pardue and her spouse, Andy, a software developer, live in the Bay Area of Houston, TX with their two children, Katie and Sean, and their cats and dogs.

Reginald Pacis (JMCD '92), a Butzel Long attorney, received a 2007 Excellence Award from the Michigan chapter of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations. He is an immigration specialist and local chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) national committee that serves as a liaison with Customs and Border Protection.

Laura Casey (SR '93) joined OnStar in October 2007 as a marketing manager for the Satellite Radio Services department. Previously, she spent eight years at Carlson Marketing Worldwide, working mostly on General Motors business. Casey is a past member of the JMC Board of Directors.

David Yamanishi (PTCD '95) is an assistant professor of politics at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA. His teaching areas include international relations, comparative politics, human rights, and democratization. He recently left a three-year postdoctoral appointment at MSU's James Madison College after a one-year postdoctoral appointment



David Yamanishi

at the University of California at Los Angeles. He lives in Iowa with his spouse, Meghan, four-year-old twins, Emrys and Kai, and one-year-old son, Dashiell.

Regina Bell (PTCD '96) was recently appointed director of policy by Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. Before joining the governor's executive office, Bell was director of external affairs for AT&T, where she acted as the company's liaison to local and state elected officials as well as members of Congress. She also served as director of government affairs, responsible for monitoring legislative activity and administering the company's Political Action Committee and worked in the Michigan House of Representatives for seven years. She is on the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors, is a former fellow of the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) at MSU, and was elected chair of the Great Lakes Region Red Cross Blood Donor Board in 2005.

Jill Krolkowski (PTCD '96) opened her own law practice in Royal Oak, MI in the fall of 2007. She attended Wayne State University Law School, graduating with honors in 2002, and will concentrate her practice in litigation, primarily in insurance coverage disputes. She recently served on the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Jill Krolkowski

Kelly (Martin) Warner (SR '96) is a partner at Schiff Hardin LLP in Chicago, specializing in commercial litigation and white-collar criminal defense. She and her spouse, Andrew Warner, have one daughter.

Scott Harold (IR '97) successfully defended his doctoral thesis "Freeing Trade: Negotiating Domestic and International Obstacles on China's Long Road to the GATT/WTO, 1971-2001" at Columbia University. He began adjunct teaching at Georgetown (IR theory) and Columbia (Chinese politics) fall semester 2007.

Amanda Sloat (PTCD '97) is a professional staff member on the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. She serves as an advisor to Chairman Tom Lantos on Europe, Russia, the Balkans, and the Caucasus. Previously Sloat worked as a senior program officer with the National Democratic Institute (NDI). Focusing on political development in Iraq, she spent half of 2006



Amanda Sloat

in Baghdad assisting members and staff of the Council of Representatives. Before joining NDI, Sloat was a postdoctoral research fellow with the Institute of Governance at Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland. She currently serves on the JMC Board of Visitors.

Ann Marie Lindley (PTCD '98) recently became the first full-time director of development for the Division of Student Affairs and Services. With nearly a decade of fundraising experience, Lindley has spent much of her career in the political fundraising arena, most recently serving as the finance director for the Michigan Republican Party. Abigail Elizabeth Lindley was born in July 2007 to Lindley and her spouse, **John Lindley (PE '00)**. She is the immediate past president of the JMCAA Board of Directors.

Douglas Skrzyniarz (PTCD '99) and his spouse, Joan, welcomed a son, Jack Martin, into the world in October 2007. Skrzyniarz is the director of capital gifts for the Wayne State University School of Medicine in the office of Development and Alumni Affairs. They live in Sterling Heights, MI.

Mandy Turnbull (IR '99) is an attorney with Bodman LLP in the Troy, MI firm's real estate department. She represents real estate developers in the acquisition, financing, and development of shopping centers. She received her J.D. from MSU's College of Law, where she served as managing editor of the Women's Legal Forum and Gender Review.



Mandy Turnbull

Stacey Young (SR '99) is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Pfizer, Inc. and recently became a senior representative within the Arthritis, Pain & Neuro/Science division. Young is active in the Detroit Jewish community, where she serves on the executive board of a local chapter of Hadassah, the largest women's organization in America that promotes education and health awareness in Israel and the U.S. She is also involved with Jewish Federation's Young Adult Division (YAD) and a volunteer for JARC, an organization serving people with developmental disabilities and their families. Young currently lives in West Bloomfield, MI.



Stacey Young

2000s

Dan DiMaggio (PTCD/SR '00) has been appointed as the assistant director of the MSU Student Alumni Foundation within the MSU Alumni Association. DiMaggio recently served for five years with Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. as marketing coordinator for the western Michigan area. Before working for Comcast, DiMaggio served as the government affairs and workforce development coordinator for the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC), and before that he was a district representative for U.S. Congressman Nick Smith (R-Jackson). DiMaggio lives in Haslett, MI with his spouse, Elly, and 2-year-old daughter, Annabelle.



Sgt. Richard Fierens (attended JMC '00-'04) passed away on July 6, 2007 as the result of a traffic accident. Sgt. Fierens joined the National Guard at age 16 and was still serving at the time of his death. He spent a year in Iraq and was honored to be a soldier. He was attending Eastern Michigan University studying communications and looking ahead to pursuing a law degree.

Joshua Hearshen (SR '01) was recently ordained as a rabbi by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, CA. Hearshen and his



Joshua Hearshen

spouse, Carrie (MSU '00), will be moving to Mercer Island, WA where he will work as an assistant rabbi at Congregation Herzl Ner-Tamid.

Scott Watkins (IR '01) co-edited (with Patrick Anderson) the annual reference book *The State Economic Handbook*, released by the Anderson Economic Group, L.L.C. (Palgrave Macmillan 2007). The book profiles the economy, demography, political environment, and business climates for each of the 50 states.

Beth Bailey (IR '02) graduated from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources in May 2007 with a Master of Science in resource policy and behavior. She has worked at PM Environmental, Inc. since graduating from JMC and has been

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the manager of the Phase I Environmental Assessment Department for all offices for the past two years.



Louis Brown

Louis Brown (PE/IR '03) After working as a staff assistant in Michigan for U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Louis Brown attended Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C. He received his Juris Doctor in 2007. Brown recently passed the bar and is now an associate attorney at Fraser Trebilcock, Davis, & Dunlap, P.C. in Lansing and Detroit, MI.

Matt Clayson (IR/PTCD '03) has been selected chairperson of a new organization called Leadership Next affiliated with United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Nicholas Gonzales (PTCD '03) recently accepted a position as Deputy Attorney General with the Indiana Attorney General's Office in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. He graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in 2007 with a JD and MBA, receiving the law school's ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award.

Alberto Nickerson (PTCD '03) has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to study cultural and intellectual history in Nicaragua. Nickerson is one of more than 1,300 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad during the 2007-08 academic year through the program.

Scott Risner (IR '03) is a Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch in Washington, D.C. His work focuses on the defense of executive-branch agencies and employees. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 2006.

Diane Donahue (IR '04) is in her final year at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law and will graduate in May 2008. In summer 2007 she studied counterterrorism and the law while assisting with the writing of three soon-to-be-published law review articles. She is currently on the executive board of the Dickinson Environmental Law Review and has an internship at the Counterterrorism Section of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. in spring 2008.

Michael Polyak (IR '04) recently finished working with the State Department,

having spent a considerable amount of time in Iraq. He has begun a master's in public policy program (with a concentration in international security) at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jon Hoadley (SR '06) was named executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats Board of Directors in Washington, D.C. He previously worked with Gill Action, an issue advocacy organization working to secure equal rights regardless of sexual orientation or genderexpression, where he focused on legislative and political programs at the state and local level. He also served as executive director of South Dakotans Against Discrimination (SDAD).



Jon Hoadley

Robert Huber (IR/Asian Studies '06) is in India working for Infosys, a software IT consulting company that trains people from varying backgrounds in software engineering concepts. When his training is completed, he plans to transfer to Infosys in Chicago and attend law school.



Nathan Triplett

Nathan Triplett (PTCD/SR '06) won a seat on the East Lansing City Council in November 2007. He received his master's from the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and was a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives, Office of State Representative Kate Ebli.

Daniel Charlton (PTCD '07) is working as a political organizer for ACORN — Association of Communities Organized for Reform Now, in Baltimore, MD.

Anne Coburn (IR/PTCD '07) is currently researching war crimes for the Department of State and attending the School of International Service at American University.



Coburn visiting the Mostar Bridge in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina (a national symbol of unity).

Coburn with Dr. Svetlana Broz, granddaughter of Josip Broz Tito—the longtime president/dictator of former Yugoslavia.



Erin Drummond (SRP '07) has begun a new position at Microfinance Opportunities in Washington, D.C., a women-owned micro-enterprise resource center that promotes client-led microfinance. She is the project assistant to the Global Financial Education for the Poor Project, which entails general support to the project manager, researching partner organizations for international training sessions, evaluating impact-assessment survey results and compiling data into reports, writing/editing "Financial Education Update" newsletter and other publications, maintaining the website, and general project and office support.

Dave Hannon (IR '07) is working in Kazakhstan for the Peace Corps through November 2009.

Lindsey Hutchison (IR '07) is serving for the next two years in the Peace Corps in Mozambique as a community development promoter working with a Mozambican community to create HIV/AIDS projects to strengthen their capacity to deal with the AIDS pandemic.

Chris Marshall (SRP '07) is in Washington, D.C. working for the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) certifying green neighborhoods. USGBC is a non-profit organization committed to expanding sustainable building practices and works toward supporting sustainable urban forms across the U.S.



Lindsey Hutchison

Victor Sedlak (PTCD '07) has been accepted into the Army's Officer Candidate School. After 14 weeks of officer training he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant. Sedlak hopes to serve in the infantry, cavalry, or military police.

Madison alumnus, **Peter Spadafore (SRP '07)** is the recipient of the prestigious political leadership fellowship awarded in February by MSU's Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP).



Peter Spadafore

Spadafore is the Associate Director for the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association. He is also running for Ingham County (MI) Commissioner. As a student, he served as the President of the JMC Student Senate.



Fifth Race Conference Includes High School Students

Some 1,000 people, including specially invited high school students from Flint, Detroit, and Grand Rapids, attended the biennial "Race in 21st Century America: A Fifth National Conference" in April 2007 at the Kellogg Center on the MSU campus. The conference, a university-wide effort, is organized each year by JMC Professor Curtis Stokes; James Madison College is a primary sponsor.

The theme of the spring conference was "Youth and the Future of America." Outstanding scholars representing racial, ethnic, and ideological diversity participated in a thoughtful conversation with the MSU community about the idea and consequences of race in America.

The sixth race conference focusing on "Health Care and Communities of Color" will be held April 8-10, 2009 at the Kellogg Center. For more information, visit the website at www.jsri.msu.edu/raceconf. As the next conference date approaches, the site will be periodically updated.

Pegler-Gordon Receives Teacher-Scholar Award

Anna Pegler-Gordon was awarded MSU's Teacher-Scholar Award on February 12, 2008. This award is made to six members of the MSU faculty from the ranks of instructor, assistant professor, and associate professor who early in their careers have earned the respect of students and colleagues for their devotion to and skill in teaching.



Anna Pegler-Gordon

Zoninsein Receives MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award

Professor Jonas Zoninsein was awarded the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award, which carries a \$2,000 stipend at the MSU Awards Convocation on February 12, 2008. The award recognizes two MSU individuals for quality teaching and substantial continuing involvement in undergraduate education.



Bryan Ritchie

Ritchie Appointed to Biobased Technologies

Bryan Ritchie was named the associate director for external strategies of the MSU Office of Biobased Technologies in October 2007. He will work to ensure that entrepreneurs and established businesses transitioning to products made from renewable resources have access to the full range of bioeconomy research and resources available at Michigan State University. "I'll be crafting and implementing a strategy to rapidly and seamlessly connect MSU with the bioeconomy private sector, including businesses, government, and other universities," Ritchie said.

Other Faculty News

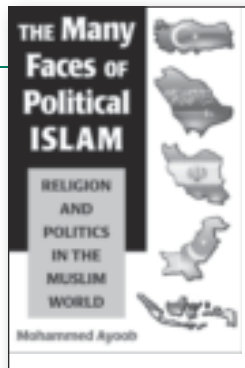
Mohammed Ayooob is the author of *The Many Faces of Political Islam*, published by the University of Michigan Press in December 2007. Ayooob also wrote "Challenging Hegemony: Political Islam and the North-South Divide," *International Studies Review*, December 2007.

Ilana Blumberg has been named one of five finalists for the 2008 Sami Rohr Prize in Jewish Literature for her memoir *Houses of Study: A Jewish Woman among Books* (University of Nebraska Press, 2007). The prize, awarded in spring 2008, carries a \$100,000 purse, making it the largest prize of its kind in the field of Jewish literature. As stated on the Jewish Book Council website, "the prize honors an emerging author in the field of Jewish literature who has written a book of exceptional literary merit that stimulates an interest in themes of Jewish concern." Set in "houses of study," from a Jewish grammar school and high school to a Jerusalem yeshiva for women to a secular American university, Blumberg's memoir asks, in an intimate and poignant manner: what happens when the traditional Jewish ideal of learning asserts itself in a body that is female—a body directed by that same tradition toward a life of modesty, early marriage, and motherhood? Blumberg spoke about the book as the guest speaker at the Hadassah-Jewish Studies brunch at the University Club in October 2007. She also made appearances at Jewish Book Fairs in Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit and gave a reading in Chicago through the Jewish cultural organization Nextbook. Blumberg also presented the paper "Frequent Fliers: Gen X Jewish Writers between Israel and America" in December 2007 at the Modern Language Association meeting in Chicago for the division on Hebrew literature.



Ilana Blumberg

Andaluna Borcila presented "Teaching Television and American Studies" at the yearly Mid-America American Studies Association conference in April 2007. In July 2007, she taught a postgraduate summer course at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary as part of an international team of researchers and scholars. The course, "Media, Globalization and Post-Communist European Identities," was an initiative of the research group "Globalization and the Transformation of Cultural Identities in Eastern and Central Europe." The *Journal of European Cultural Studies* recently accepted a proposal generated by this group of scholars for a special issue on "Media Globalization and Post-Socialist Identities," to be published in fall 2008. Borcila has also been invited to contribute to volume 4 of the series "History of the Literary Cultures of East-Central Europe," edited by Marcel Cornis-Pope and John Neubauer, which will be published at the end of 2008.



Andaluna Borcila

Gene Burns presented "Remembering that Politics Shapes Religion: Contesting the Religion-State Boundary in the Contemporary U.S." at a joint session of the American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion in New York in August 2007.



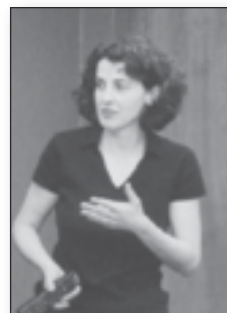
Gene Burns

Lisa Cook presented "Patents and Knowledge Spillovers to Developing Countries" in October 2007 at Western Michigan University as the part of the Werner Sichel Economics Lecture-Seminar Series.

Ronald Dorr wrote and published reviews of the following books in 2007: *A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.; They Marched into Sunlight: War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967*, by David Mariniss; *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, by Ronald Sider; *Lay that Trumpet in our Hands*, by Susan Carol McCarthy; and *The Great Movies*, by Roger Ebert. Dorr also wrote an essay about Taylor Branch's speech "Equal Souls and Equal Votes" at MSU. Books and reading were the subjects of an interview by Roberta Glaser called "Books as Friends: An Interview with Ron Dorr." In 12 Interviews about the Student Tutorial Education Project between MSU and Rust College, a DVD released in the summer of 2007, Dorr interviewed six MSU alumni who participated in the STEP program in 1965-68. The alumni responded to the speech by Martin Luther King, Jr., given at MSU on February 11, 1965. They reminisced about their experiences tutoring incoming students at Rust College in Holly Springs, MS, during the late 1960s and talked about their own lives and work in social justice endeavors since the STEP project. Perhaps the best-known participant was David Hollister, former mayor of Lansing.



Ronald Dorr



Rita Kiki Edozie received an MSU Lilly Teaching Fellowship for 2007–08. Her fellowship project is titled “Politics & Prose: Reading Across the Curriculum and Teaching in the Public and International Affairs Classroom.” Edozie has written “Emerging Studies in (Southern) African Politics: A Review Essay,” published in the *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 42 (3/4): 353–58, 2007; “Centralization in Nigeria’s PDP: Addressing Pluralism in Africa’s Democracies,” published in *The Politics of Ethnicity and National Identity* Santosh Saha, ed. (Peter Lang, June 2007); and “Democratization in Multi-religious Contexts in Africa: Amina vs the (Dis-United) States of Nigeria,” published in *Kamari Clarke’s Local Institutions, Global Controversies: Islam in Sub Saharan African Contexts* (MacMillan Working Paper Series, Yale University, CT, 2007).



Rita Kiki Edozie

Ross Emmett wrote “Knight’s Challenge (to Hayek): Spontaneous Order is Not Enough for Governing a Liberal Society,” published in *Liberalism, Conservatism and Hayek’s Idea of Spontaneous Order*, coedited by JMC Professor **Louis Hunt**, October 2007. Emmett presented two papers at the conference “Revisiting the Chicago School” held at Notre Dame University in September 2007: “Sharpening Tools in the Workshop: The Workshop System and the Chicago School’s Success,” and “How Should We Think of the Success of the Chicago School of Economics?” — part of a panel discussion of the book *The Chicago School* by Johan Van Overtveldt (to be published in *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, vol. 26-A, edited by Ross B. Emmett, Warren J. Samuels, and Jeff E. Biddle, Elsevier Science, 2008). Emmett also attended the University Research Corridor Conference “The Role of Engaged Universities in Economic Transformation,” October 2007 at the University of Michigan and conducted the conference “Capitalism, Freedom, and Religion” in January 2008 in Portsmouth, VA.



Ross Emmett

Constance Hunt wrote “The Origins of National Identity in Shakespeare’s Henry V,” published in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Summer 2007.



Constance Hunt

Louis Hunt was invited to serve as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewing applications in collaborative research in the fields of philosophy, history of science, and science and society (bioethics, biotechnology, etc.) in late January 2008. Hunt also coedited the book *Liberalism, Conservatism and Hayek’s Idea of Spontaneous Order* (Palgrave Macmillan, October 2007). In addition, he is the author of one of the book chapters, “The Origin and Scope of Hegel’s Idea of Spontaneous Order.” The volume also includes an essay by **Ross Emmett**: “Knight’s Challenge (to Hayek): Spontaneous Order is Not Enough for Governing a Liberal Society.”



Louis Hunt

Benjamin Kleinerman is a coauthor (with Bernard J. Dobski, assistant professor, Assumption College) of “‘We Should See Certain Things Yet, Let Us Hope and Believe’: Technology, Sex, and Politics in Mark Twain’s Connecticut Yankee” in the fall 2007 issue of the *Review of Politics on Mark Twain’s ‘Connecticut Yankee.’* Kleinerman gave a talk at Kenyon College in October 2007 titled “The Politics of the Constitution.” He presented a paper, “‘In the Name of National Security:’ Executive Discretion and Congressional Legislation in the Civil War and World War I” at a constitutionalism conference at Princeton University in February 2008. The conference was cosponsored by the Center for Human Values and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions.



Benjamin Kleinerman

Hasan Kosebalaban, visiting assistant professor of International Relations at JMC, wrote “The Rise of Anatolian Cities and the Failure of the Modernization Paradigm,” published in the fall 2007 issue of *Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies* (Routledge). The article is an analytical overview of the secular–religious divide in Turkey’s politics since the mid 1920s and thus provides a useful context for understanding the political dynamics in Turkey and the larger Muslim world. Kosebalaban argues that the emergence of Anatolian entrepreneurs inspired by modern ideas and Islamist values defies classic theories of modernization, especially those subscribed to by Turkey’s secular political elite. This article emerged out of his paper “Understanding Globalization in the Turkish Periphery: The Spirit of Konya,” presented at a conference at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City in April 2006.

Daniel Kramer wrote “Determinants and Efficacy of Social Capital in Lake Associations,” published in *Environmental Conservation*, 34(3): 1–9, 2007.



Daniel Kramer

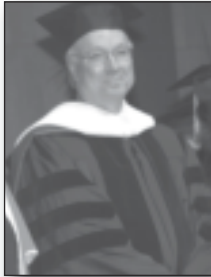
Mark Largent is author of two books published in 2007, *Breeding Contempt: The History of Coerced Sterilization in the United States* (Rutgers), and, along with Christian Young, *The Evolution/Creation Debate: A Documentary and Reference Guide* (Greenwood Press).

Anna Pegler-Gordon is author of the essay “Chinese Exclusion, Photography, and the Development of U.S. Immigration Policy,” selected for inclusion in the Organization of American Historians’ forthcoming book *The Best American History Essays 2008*, to be published later this year by Palgrave Macmillan. The editorial board of nine historians read hundreds of articles published in 2006–07 and pared the list down to 36 finalists from which the ten best were selected for inclusion. She was invited to present her research at the “Asia in Latin America” conference at the University of Texas at Austin in October 2007. Her paper “From Imaginary Line to Dividing Line: ‘Chinese and Mexican Immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1907–1929’” will also be included in an edited volume based on the conference. Also, in October she was asked to chair and comment on the panel “Photo-

graphing American Others” at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Pegler-Gordon presented new research titled “Identity Crisis? Documentation and Registration in Chinese, Mexican, and European Immigrant Communities, 1905-1930” at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in January 2008.

Rod Phillips

wrote “A Fierce God and a Fierce War,” an interview with poet Michael McClure, published by Beat Scene Press, Coventry, England.



Rod Phillips

Bryan Ritchie

presented an essay for the Asia Pacific

Journal of Management at the School of Business at the Brisbane University in Australia titled “Is Economic Development Probable? Labor and Skills Formation in a State-Coordinated, Liberal Market Economy” in December 2007.

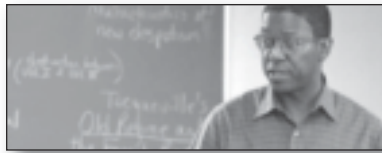
Michael Schechter coedited, with William W. Taylor and Lois G. Wolfson, the book *Globalization: Effects on Fisheries Resources* (Cambridge University Press).



Michael Schechter

The book’s introduction, “Globalization and Fisheries: A Necessarily Interdisciplinary Inquiry,” was written by Madison alumnus **John Rood (IR/PTCD ’05)** and Michael Schechter, and the

chapter “Great Lakes Fisheries as a Bellwether of Global Governance,” was written by **Grant Folland (IR ’04)** and Michael Schechter. **William Taylor** is an adjunct member of the Madison faculty, chair of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and University Distinguished Professor.



Curtis Stokes

Curtis Stokes coedited, with Joe T. Darden and Richard W. Thomas, the book *The State of Black Michigan, 1967-2007* (Michigan State University Press, 2007). The volume’s foreword is by MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon. Copies of the book have been given to each Michigan state legislator, Governor Jennifer Granholm, selected

Michigan mayors, and top MSU administrators. Distribution of the book to policymakers was made possible by several university units, including the Department of History, Department of Geography, College of Social Science, and James Madison College. In part, the book’s jacket description reads: “The State of Black Michigan is a landmark volume that investigates how, since 1967, Michigan’s black population has changed, how its interactions with the white community have altered, and, most important, how policymakers can act to further narrow the ‘equality gap.’” The book will also be a featured book in the 2008/09 Faculty Author exhibit in the MSU Main Library.

Kenneth Waltzer participated in a panel of Jewish Studies directors at the Association for Jewish Studies meeting in Toronto, Canada, in December 2007. The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has asked Waltzer to deliver the Monna and Otto Weinmann Lecture in Washington, D.C., in May 2008. He will speak on his work on *The Rescue of Children and Youth at Buchenwald*.



Kenneth Waltzer



Professor Katie See met with some Madison alumni in the Seattle area recently while attending a conference. Left to right, Justin Morrill grad Sherry Schriver, Dave Lashmet (IR ’87), Alice Shobe (Urban ’89), Carl Rabeler (Urban ’77), Katie See, Holly Krueger (SR ’97)



Katie See with Alice Shobe (Urban ’89)



STUDENT SCENE

Five Madison students published essays in the 2007 volume of *The MSU Undergraduate Historian*, a journal of scholarly essays and reviews published by the M.S.U. History Department.

- ◆ "From Inyensi to Gacaca: Gender and Representation of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide through Film" by **Amanda Baranowski (SRP senior)**
- ◆ "Shame and Obligation: Memories of Native Fascism in Hungary" by **Erin K. Biebuyck (SRP senior)**
- ◆ "Subversive Files: Red Squads in Our Own Back Yard" by **Thomas James Caron (IR senior)**
- ◆ "Digging up the Roots of the Soweto Student Uprising on June 16, 1976" by **Claire Knittel (PTCD '07)**
- ◆ "French Inegalitarianism Review of France in Crisis: Welfare, Inequality, and Globalization since 1980" by Thomas B. Smith reviewed by **Nada Zohdy (IR junior)**.

Madison students in MC 499, Applied Public Policy Research Seminar: Michigan Futures in the Global Economy, organized Inventors Day on Friday, April 11, 2008 at the Henry Center for Executive Development, MSU. Inventors Day was a forum for graduate and undergraduate student inventors and researchers to meet with acknowledged experts and prominent business professionals in the renewable energy and biofuels industries to foster university-industry relationships and raise awareness of student research being done in Michigan's universities.

Wide-ranging Recruitment Pays Off

As a result of the JMC Office of Admissions previous year's recruitment efforts, 345 freshman students began classes in fall semester 2007. The ratio of male to female students in the entering class is approximately 45 percent to 55 percent. Of the entire freshman student body, approximately 14 percent are out-of-state students. Eighteen states are represented in the class, with the highest yield from Illinois, followed by Texas.



But the JMC Office of Admissions isn't resting on these laurels. Staff have been very busy this academic year putting on another round of visit-day programs for high school students, college fairs, and on-site admissions programs.

In fall 2007, more than 90 students attended one of four designated JMC Fall Visit Days, which expose high school seniors interested in public affairs to the JMC experience. Participants are given an introduction to the college, hear presentations by both Career Services and Michigan State University College of Law, lunch with Madison students in Case Hall cafeteria, tour Case Hall, and attend a student/faculty panel and an actual JMC class. According to student and parent feedback, the Fall Visit Day program is an extremely effective tool for informing students about the opportunities awaiting them at Madison.

JMC recruitment initiatives are not limited to campus visits. In fall 2007, the college participated in an academic seminar for high school students interested in any of the residential colleges at MSU, organized through the Detroit Outreach Office of the MSU Office of Admissions. Without traveling to East Lansing, residents of southeastern Michigan were able to learn more about James Madison at a presentation in downtown Detroit. JMC admissions office representatives also attended

James Madison College Student Profile, Fall 2007

Number of enrolled students.....	1,275
Number of in-state students.....	1,142
Number of out-of-state students.....	133
Number of international students.....	16
Number of students of color.....	79 (14% of total college)
Freshman class	
Number of students.....	337
Number of out-of-state students.....	45
Number of international and exchange students.....	3
Other	
Total 2007 applications to JMC.....	723
Percentage of those admitted.....	50.8%



high school admissions presentations and onsite admission programs with staff from the MSU Office of Admissions. A James Madison representative visited several high schools in the metro Detroit, western Michigan, and Chicagoland areas.

In continuing to fulfill JMC's commitment to recruiting a diverse student population, admissions staff frequently attend national college fairs in various states. So far in the 2007-08 academic year, JMC admissions representatives have attended college fairs in Maryland, Illinois, Washington, D.C., and several cities in Mexico.

Each day, applicants to the college are being admitted for fall 2008. Staff are already contacting them and welcoming them to the JMC community. Admitted students can visit the college at Meet Madison Mondays held every Monday afternoon (with some exceptions) during spring semester. Admitted and prospective students are always encouraged to schedule an individual appointment to visit as well.

James Madison College is looking forward to another bright and eager class of students in fall 2008. For more information about the James Madison College Office of Admissions, please contact the office at jmadmin@msu.edu or toll free at 888-222-3798.

MADI Links JMC Students

Madison Academic Diversity Initiative (MADI) works to ease the transition of first-year students into the academic and social culture of Madison by pairing them with an upperclassmen who act as role models and resources both in Madison as well as in the larger MSU community. The long-term goal is to promote the success of current students and to enroll new students by informing them about the existing opportunities found at James Madison College.



MADI students enjoy an MSU football game



Bottom left to right: Ging Cee Ng, Kelly Tebay, Tanya Rodriquez, Ashley Kirkpatrick. Middle: Katherine Deptula, Anne Wisniewski, Tiffany Dawson, Nick Micinski. Top: Laura Kaufman, Gaby Tanner, Bhavana Shivakumar

Madison Students Successful at Debate Tournaments

The MSU Debate Team, nine out of ten of whom are Madison students, enjoyed success at the debate season opener September 21, 2007 at Georgia State University, traditionally considered one of the major tournaments of the debate season.

JMC students are:

Garrett Abelkop (IR, junior)
Carly Wunderlich (PTCD/chemistry, sophomore)
Gus Eyzaguirre (IR, sophomore)
Eric Lanning (sophomore)
Debbie Lai (IR, senior)
Jeremy Hammond (IR, senior)
Abby Schirmer (IR, senior)
Sam Shore (IR, sophomore)
Ben Mehling (sophomore)

The MSU debate team started 2008 with a string of victories, culminating in a visit to the final round of the California-Berkeley debate tournament. Three Madison students were instrumental in the team's success. Juniors Garrett Abelkop (IR) and Carly Wunderlich (PTCD/chemistry), achieved this impressive accomplishment by defeating a line of nationally ranked teams on their way to the finals. Although they were defeated by a highly ranked team from Northwestern University in the final debate, their impressive performance helped position them for a strong second semester as the national championship tournament approaches this spring. Sophomore Sam Shore (IR) and sophomore Ben Mehling (JMC) also had a strong tournament, winning four of their six preliminary debates and thereby reaching elimination rounds.

The MSU Debaters took home the Big Ten Debate title in Evanston, IL. The Midwest's finest debate programs gathered in Evanston, Illinois the last weekend of January for the Owen L. Coon "Big Ten" Debate Championships. Michigan State outpaced the host — Northwestern University — to receive top honors in the Big Ten. After Madison seniors Abby Schirmer (IR) and Jeremy Hammond (IR) defeated Northwestern on a 3-0 decision, the Spartans were the last Big Ten School standing.



Do you use Linked-In?

We've created a new Linked-in Group for Madison alumni who want to stay in touch with both the college and fellow alumni. To join, go to www.linkedin.com/e/gis/40411/294A40589BBD and Chris Foley, the Madison Alumni Group manager, will add you to the group.

Four Madison Seniors on MSU Fall Homecoming Court



2007 MSU Homecoming Court. Front Row: Monica Mukerjee (IR/psychology), Joshua Preister, James Tucci, Cassie Cope (PTCD/SRP). Standing: Monica VanKlombenberg, Mark Dobson (PTCD/Spanish),

Evan Fowler-Guzzardo (PTCD/IR), MSU President Lou Anna Simon, Nicholas Reale, Lydia Weiss, Melnevia Whaley.

Of the ten outstanding seniors that MSU named to its 2007 Homecoming Court, four were James Madison students. Members, nominated by an individual or an organization, were selected on the basis of leadership, community involvement, academic excellence, and Spartan pride.

Student's Project Now Serves Eight African Countries

S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. (Serving Citizens Of Uganda Today Because Africa Needs A New Ambulance), founded and directed by **Alex Hill (IR, senior)**, served eight African countries this year. S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the lack of basic healthcare in Africa and providing funding to projects and organizations working on the ground in Africa that effectively reach people in need.

Hill began S.C.O.U.T.B.A.N.A.N.A. in 2001 as a Boy Scout Eagle Leadership Service Project. He successfully collected boxes of medical supplies and raised more than \$67,000 for a new ambulance for St. Ambrose Health Centre in Uganda. In 2003,

S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. became more than a Boy Scout project when Phase II was launched to help raise funds for a



Alex Hill (8th from left) with the MSU chapter

40-foot container of donated medical supplies to completely outfit St. Ambrose. The organization expanded in the summer of 2004 with university chapters beginning across the United States and Canada.

For more information, e-mail Hill at alex@scoutbanana.org, or visit: www.scoutbanana.org

Reflections on Visit with Author Ralph Savarese

By Jessica Newman (SRP senior)



Madison Professor Julia Grant, with author Ralph Savarese and students in MC498, beginning from Dr. Savarese's left, Kathryn Gillen, Allison Bowers, Jamie Schare, Alex McCauslin, Kathryn Wilhelm, Lindsey Spencer, Jill Lisenbee, Jessica Newman, Courtney Bollman, Brianne Hanlon, Beth Boughner, and Susan Lambrich. Tony McHugh, Adrienne Popp, and Stephanie Tabashneck, also students in MC498, were unable to attend the event.

When I first signed up for Professor [Julia] Grant's senior seminar on the politics of disability, I must say I did not know much about the subject. I knew the class would be interesting and thought provoking, but what I did not realize was how deeply connected to the material I would become. This sentiment has been shared by many of my classmates, and is especially true of the book, *Reasonable People*, by Ralph Savarese. The story became even more powerful for our class when we were able to actually meet the author and have a discussion about his experience.

The book tells the story of Ralph and his wife, Emily's, experience adopting their autistic son DJ from the foster care system. Using the medium of a memoir, Savarese passionately recounts DJ's journey from foster care and a world of complete isolation to the Savarese family, where he developed the capacity for deep and meaningful communication. Put into foster care at the age of three, DJ was separated from his sister and voluntarily given away by his father because the father felt he was unable to give him proper care. While in foster care, DJ suffered abuse, simply because his foster family felt he would not know the difference. Ralph and Emily rescued him from the system, and worked with DJ to help him communicate using a process called facilitated communication. The resulting gains in knowledge and skill that DJ exhibited are

amazing. In reading the small sentences and bits of communication that Savarese relates, we were all overwhelmed by how incredibly intuitive and intelligent this child really is. How unfortunate that a vibrant and rich life can be caged and neglected indefinitely simply by the labeling of a condition.

Since the discovery of DJ's capability through the use of facilitated communication, the Savareses have fought tirelessly to change the view of FC in society, and also to demand his inclusion into mainstream education. This fight for inclusion was the main theme of Savarese's talk. The discussion took place at the Bloomfield Hills School District building and was attended by the parents of several children with disabilities that attend the school district. Hearing their stories as well as listening to Savarese's own struggle and his suggestions was incredibly interesting for our class. It was the first time we were able to put faces to the stories and struggles of the disability movement.

This was an incredibly rewarding experience for our entire class, and has added an entirely new dimension to our senior seminar experience.

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The lists were shared with the entire group one table at a time, bringing much laughter and reviving great memories. The program was a primary highlight of the weekend.

At the afternoon session "Madison in the 21st Century: New Programs, New Challenges," alumni, faculty, and staff panelists discussed recent academic and program innovation at the college and what future

changes the world demands of us.

Participants spent the late afternoon enjoying ice cream in the hospitality room sponsored by the JMC Alumni Association or watching the MSU vs. Wisconsin football game in the Kellogg Center lounge. Alumni, faculty, and staff then mingled informally at a predinner reception. Following a delicious meal, many shared their college memories or experiences at an "open mike."

A Sunday morning breakfast in the Case Hall dining room wrapped up the weekend, followed by a tour of the recent renovations to the JMC faculty office wing of Case Hall. Some guests stayed through Sunday afternoon to watch the annual Madison vs. Briggs Canoe Race on the Red Cedar River. Although JMC was not victorious, everyone had a good time.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this special event.



Cambridge Study Abroad

Summer 2007 Cambridge Study Abroad class organized by Professor Louise Jezierski. The public affairs program at Gonville and Caius College at Cambridge University, sponsored by James Madison College, is taught in small classes by Cambridge faculty members. It is designed especially for undergraduate students who have an interest in public affairs—economics, history, international relations, political science, and sociology.



Yale Professor and MSU alumnus David Blight spoke at MSU on March 19, 2008 for the first Jack Paynter memorial lecture. His topic "Slaves No More: Newly Discovered Slave Narratives and the Legacies of Emancipation" was well received by an enthusiastic audience of students, faculty and community members. He also hosted a seminar the following day



Kathryn Tignanelli (SRP senior) with former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at the National Governors Association annual meeting in July 2007.



Ariadna Ginez (freshman) with Barack Obama at a rally in fall 2007. Ginez is actively involved in MSU's Students for Barack Obama Chapter.

Other Student News

Madison Sophomore Steven Book (CCP) was selected by Coca-Cola as one of four finalists for the Coke Zero Ultimate Dream Job. Steven attended and wrote in an official NCAA blog about the 2008 NCAA Men's Final Four games in



Steven Book, left

San Antonio, TX from March 16 until April 8. He was selected from hundreds of applicants by displaying passion and dedication to Spartan basketball.

Allison Campbell (IR, senior), who spent the summer of 2007 in Hawaii working for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, attended a meeting in Western Samoa on coral reefs in fall 2007. She also spent spring 2007 semester working at the World Bank under the supervision of alumnus Bill Magrath (IR '78).

Matthew Hasho (PTCD/SRP, senior), of Okemos, MI was one of six MSU students recognized with an MSU Board of Trustees Award for having the highest scholastic averages at the close of their last semester in attendance. A member of the Honors College, Hasho has a 3.9805 grade point average.

Madison freshman, Bethany Lumbert, has been volunteering with Hillary Rodham Clinton's Democratic presidential campaign during recent months. She spent winter break with a small group of college volunteers campaigning in Iowa.

Madison students Ted Madsen (IR, junior), of Anchorage AK, and Yvette Efevbera (IR), of Big Rapids MI, were selected by MSU's nominating committee as Truman Scholar nominees for the 2008 competition. Efevbera was a Truman finalist. The Truman Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships for college students to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public services.

Nick Micinski (IR/PTCD/Muslim Studies, senior) is the recipient of the Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize at MSU. The prize for \$2000.00 is awarded to the most outstanding graduating senior, based on a variety of criteria, includ-

ing exhibiting an open, curious, creative approach to education and ideas and demonstrating exceptional character and leadership in enriching the lives of others, especially in intellectual and international dimensions.

Madison students **Nada Zohdy (IR, junior)** and **Matthew Thomas (IR, senior)** have been awarded the first Gliozzo scholarships for Muslim Studies. Each will receive \$700. The endowment from which the scholarship is derived was established by Dr. Charles A. and Marjorie A. Gliozzo to “provide undergraduate students with opportunities to pursue Muslim studies and to enhance their facility in the Arabic language” and act “as a start up to produce specialists in Muslim studies.”

A.J. Rice (IR, senior) attended the annual African Studies Association Conference in New York City. He was sponsored by the McNair/Srop Research Program (an MSU program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that encourages first-generation, low-income college juniors and seniors to enter doctoral study) and the Office of Multiculturalism and Inclusion. In summer 2007, Rice was a fellow with the McNair/Srop minority undergraduate research program. The title of his research project was “The Fair Trade/Free Trade in Africa Debate: Case Studies from Senegal, Burkina Faso and Ghana.” Professor Rita Kiki Edozie was his mentor for the fellowship.

In Memoriam

The Madison community was deeply saddened by the untimely death of junior Rylan Cotter on January 7, 2008. Cotter was a junior in International Relations with a focus on African politics and was employed at MSU’s English Language Center. She was to intern at the Mandela Peace Center in South Africa next year.



Nick Micinski (IR, senior), left, won first prize in the Spartans Abroad Photo Contest sponsored by MSU Office of Study Abroad for his photo “Walk with Egyptians,” Al-Hakim Mosque, Cairo, Egypt in the category “PEOPLE: images of students interacting with local populations.”



JMC Student Senate at the fall 2007 Madison/Briggs Canoe Race on the Red Cedar River

Madison Student Senate Activities

Fall 2007 semester highlights

- ◆ JMC 40th anniversary, 60+ students in attendance
- ◆ JMC vs. Lyman Briggs canoe race on the Red Cedar River
- ◆ Homecoming parade
- ◆ Student-led forum on stem cell research
- ◆ American Red Cross blood drive sponsorship
- ◆ Special Olympics volunteer support
- ◆ “Into the Streets” participation

Spring 2008 semester highlights

- ◆ “Students For” presidential candidate forum
- ◆ JMC vs. Lyman Briggs Olympics
- ◆ American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life
- ◆ Charity Ball 2008: “A Roast to Zinman” April 5, 2008

The charities benefitting from this event are the Jack Paynter Memorial Fund and the Douglas J. Hoekstra Endowment. If you would like to make a donation directly to these charities, contact Rocky Beckett **517-432-2117** or becketr@msu.edu.

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Peter Lyman at Madison, 2006

This event is being held in honor of the late Peter Lyman, one of Madison's founding professors. A panel discussion and event honoring the legacy and scholarship of Peter Lyman will follow the luncheon for those interested.

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