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## Nominee for Director of the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to speak at Founders Circle luncheon

**Richard Cordray (PTCD '81)**, who was recently nominated by President Obama to lead the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, will address the Annual JMC Fall Founder Circle Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. October 14 at the Kellogg Center Lincoln Room.

As Ohio Attorney General, Cordray made a name for himself among consumer groups and Ohio Democrats in politics. He filed lawsuits against the big banks—accusing them of hiding losses from employee pension funds and improperly foreclosing on homeowners.



President Obama and Richard Cordray

“Rich will be a strong leader for this agency,” said Elizabeth Warren, in a statement on the White House blog. “He has a proven track record of fighting for families during his time as head of the CFPB enforcement division, as Attorney General of Ohio, and throughout his career.”

To read Richard Cordray's full bio, see the Alumni Spotlight section.

by Becky Scott with contributions from cnn.com

## Professor Michael Schechter announces his impending retirement in 2012

Hard as it will be to accept for Madisonians, Professor Michael Schechter taught his last class on April 28, 2011. He will be in his consultancy year in the coming academic year and will officially retire from Madison in the spring of 2012.



Professor Michael Schechter

Schechter has been a faculty member at James Madison College since 1975. His passion for helping students and for serving as their “teacher” in the broadest possible way has been a nearly 40-year hallmark at James Madison College. That passion, reflected in his classroom instruction, course advising, personal and professional counsel and exemplary scholarship, has been second to none.

Serving on a faculty known for setting the bar for teaching excellence, Schechter has long been a leader and mentor among his colleagues. While awards and professional accolades can never be the measure of the person, his special bond with and regard for the students he engaged is reflected in a host of university awards, all of which involve selection criteria requiring notable service to students. His awards include a 1978 MSU Teacher-Scholar Award, the 1986 Outstanding Faculty Award from MSU's Senior Class Council, a 1990 State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award, the 1997 MSU Alumni Club of Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award, and a 2001 MSU Distinguished Faculty Award.

Schechter summed up his profound commitment to teaching and advising in a 2002 MSU Honors College article after receiving the 2001 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students. He stated, “Whether in the classroom, in Honors Option sessions, in one-on-one tutorials, or in advising sessions, my goal is always the same: to help students get as much out of their years at MSU as they can and to move on to their professional lives as eager lifelong learners, building on the foundational knowledge and skills they acquired as undergraduates. I measure a large part of my own professional success and happiness when students and alums say that my little nudge helped them get along the path to success just a little bit quicker than might otherwise have happened.”

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**Schechter** has had a profound impact as a teacher and mentor, as expressed by several of his former students at Madison:

**Paul D'Anleri (IR '86)**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida, said “Mike started out as my professor and quickly became my mentor and friend. I used to go to his office hours and go back and forth with him, often for an hour, on whatever topics we wandered into. He showed me how the life of the mind could be both productive and fun. He's the reason I pursued an academic career and my approach to teaching and mentoring is still based on the example he set.”

“He made a huge difference in my life,” said **Elizabeth Marazita (IR '84)**, owner of Wanderer's Tea House in East Lansing and former assistant vice president for the Swiss Bank Corp. “He was my IR Advisor and he encouraged me to develop a specialization in Latin America as well as to study Spanish and Portuguese. I have had the honor to hear and to meet many famous people in my career after Madison from Presidents and Ambassadors to Princes and Economists, but no one has ever struck me with the fire within to seek, to learn more and to understand the complex issues which surround each international event in our world in which we live than Dr. Schechter.”

“As a teacher and academic adviser, Professor Schechter always goes far beyond any call of duty,” said **Rujuta Bhatt Srivastava, M.D. (IR '93)**, senior director / project leader of Drug Development Management, Millennium: The Takeda Oncology Company. “He has a gift for explaining complex theoretical material in accessible and interesting terms. While more than meeting students' academic needs, Professor Schechter cares deeply about their personal well-being. He also brings community service and leadership opportunities to students' attention, encouraging them to share his life-long commitment to public service. Through his words and his example, Professor Schechter makes students and faculty alike expect and demand more of themselves.”



Dean Sherm Garnett

## FROM THE DEAN

I usually write of things easily recognizable to students and former students of Madison College, especially things that take place within the college (though often recognized outside it). We, as alumni, expect to hear about student accomplishments and awards, their far-flung learning and engagement through field experience, internships, and service, faculty excellence in the classroom or in individual research. These are familiar things, and I could easily do so again for, as you will read elsewhere in this issue, Yael Aronoff has won a Teacher-Scholar Award, Madison's 13th. Instead, I want to underscore the increasing role faculty like Professor Aronoff are playing in important university initiatives, programs, and centers outside the college. Allow me to provide a few examples, though many others could also be listed, and then tell you why this work outside the college is so important to what goes on inside.

MSU's Dean of International Studies and Programs has often turned to Madison faculty to occupy leadership positions. Siddharth Chandra is the Director of the Asian Studies Center, leading it to another prestigious Title VI designation and support as a national center for Asian Studies. Linda Racioppi served as the center's acting director during the search that brought Professor Chandra to MSU, and she continues to devote time to supporting the Central and South Asian research initiatives led by the Center. Norm Graham not only has served as Madison's associate dean but for almost two decades as the Director of the Center for European, Eurasian, and Russian Studies. Mohammed Ayoob is the Director of the Muslim Studies Program.

As many of you know, Professor Aronoff occupies the Sterling Chair for Israeli Studies, as part of her work as the holder of this chair is extensive work with MSU's vibrant Jewish Studies Program. Its director is another Madison faculty member, Ken Waltzer.

Rita Kiki Edozie is the Director for the African and African American Studies Graduate Program. Curtis Stokes served in this capacity previously, and both have and will play key roles in expanding the excellence and reach of this program. Julia Grant is the Acting Director of Gender Studies, and Anna Pegler-Gordon has served as Acting Director of the Asia-Pacific American Specialization.

Bryan Ritchie has been working for three years in the Office of Bio-Technology under the Vice President for Research, and he has recently been asked to lead the newly formed Entrepreneurial Network [E-Net], an initiative designed to create a certificate for students in the study of innovation and entrepreneurship, a study that spans not only the expected business outlets but includes social, non-governmental, and grassroots efforts as well.

Mark Largent directs the Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Specialization, something we think of as a special part of the new Madison academic landscape, though in reality it is a three-college initiative (Briggs and the College of Agricultural and Natural resources are our partners) and requires a great deal of effort to coordinate course offerings, special programs, and long-term plans with these partners and many others.

These assignments take time and frequently mean that valuable Madison faculty cannot teach as many courses as they would normally. So why do they do it? And why does the college encourage it? First and foremost, they are simply following the pattern long-established by the Madison student, who is often as engaged outside the college and even MSU as inside. This work allows faculty to pursue research interests, create new program offerings, and engage with others who share their interests. This work opens up new links for Madison students to pursue, creating bridges between our great Madison courses and opportunities in and outside the classroom that the college never could have afforded on its own.

Second, the faculty themselves gain valuable experience, new insights, and benefit from the larger conversation among faculty from different fields that such work often creates. Their teaching in the college is enriched by their work outside it. Each of the faculty above have brought in outside speakers, created internships, or helped students in ways that they could not,

had they not taken on the difficult work of a dual assignment inside and beyond the college.

Third, we also realize that we have an obligation to serve and to advance MSU initiatives and programs outside the college. While our main mission of high quality and unique undergraduate teaching comes first, we have to contribute to other university priorities. Jonas Zoninsein's and my work in Brazil, originally inspired by Jonas's setting up a new Madison study abroad in Salvador, has led to new medical research and education programs with our Brazilian partner. They have also used our course to create the first English language for credit offering and are currently using the course as a model to create many others. By looking how our own work might serve larger purposes, we have in fact opened the way, not just for a great study abroad, but for a genuine strategic partnership between multiple units of MSU and their counterparts in Salvador.

Fourth, such activity outside the college is both the way modern research universities are. MSU already has a faculty member teaching here and serving simultaneously as the chair of a Math department in a partner university in China. I could imagine future Madison faculty with exactly such joint assignments, bringing together Madison with universities in Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, China, or Turkey. We are after all a global college and deepening engagement with international partners is doubtless in our future.

Finally, as dean, I must add that I regard our faculty's selection for such assignments an important outside acknowledgment of what we have known all along: we have great faculty. Period. Not just great faculty in Madison. They have chosen to bring their talents to us, but they doubtless would flourish wherever they were. Another reason why current Madison students and all of us alumni should be grateful for what Madison is, was, and will be in the future.

### **Sherman W. Garnett**

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# JMC EVENTS

## Alumni Pizza Night Student Welcome

Wednesday, September 8th

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## Annual JMC Fall Founders Circle Luncheon

Annual JMC Fall Founders Circle Luncheon Featuring Alumnus Richard Cordray, Nominee for Director of the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

**October 14, 2011, 11:30 a.m.**

MSU Kellogg Center, Lincoln Room



Richard Cordray

## Annual Homecoming Tailgate

**October 22, 2011**

Two and 1/2 hours before kick off  
Case Hall



### Michael Schechter's retirement

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These awards are well deserved but they only evidence, rather than tell the story of, Schechter's decades-long dedication, commitment and service. He has shared his time, talents and wisdom openly and generously with generations of Madisonians, both inside and outside the classroom and often well-beyond many students' MSU years, by writing letters of recommendation for current students, recent graduates, and for those long gone from Case Hall and keeping regular and continuing correspondence with his former students. Alumni seek him out for advice and often send him updates on their lives and careers to say thank you and share their accomplishments. Notably, Professor Schechter has filled this role for students without regard to Madison major or academic acumen.

Schechter received his bachelor's (with honors) in political science from the University of Wisconsin in 1968, his master of philosophy in political science from Columbia University in 1974, and his doctorate in political science from Columbia University in 1976. His dissertation was titled, "Processes of Transnational Policy-Making: A Comparison of Economic and Environmental Issue-Areas." His teaching and research interests have included international law, human rights, natural resource sustainability, global governance, U.S. foreign policy and globalization. His book publications include the *Sustainable Fisheries: Multi-Level Approaches to a Global Problem* (2011); *Historical Dictionary of International Organizations* (2010 and 1998); *Innovation in Multilateralism*

(1999); *Future Multilateralism: The Political and Social Framework* (1999); *The Revival of Civil Society: Global and Comparative Perspectives* (1999); *Rethinking Globalization(s): From Corporate Transnationalism to Local Interventions* (2000); *United Nations-sponsored World Conferences: Focus on Implementation and Follow-up* (2001); *The Political Economy of a Plural World: Power, Morals and Civilizations* (2002); *United Nations Global Conferences* (2005); *Globalization: Effects on Fisheries* (2007); and *International Governance of Fisheries Ecosystems: Learning from the Past, Finding Solutions for the Future* (2008). He is currently working on book chapters on comparative leadership and on the social impacts of overfishing. He is the author of numerous professional articles and papers.

Among his many JMC and MSU service undertakings, Schechter initiated Madison's study abroad programs with the first program being in Cambridge, England. He has served as a consultant in internationalizing the curricula in colleges and universities across the United States and is a past president of the International Studies Association, Midwest Region. He chaired the Spartan Athletic Review Committee (SpARC), a search committee for MSU's Athletic Director, was twice the chair of the MSU University Committee on Curriculum, was on the MSU Executive Committee of Academic Council, was the coordinator of the Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Specialization (STEPPS), and on the Curriculum Team for the new Residential College in Arts and Humanities.

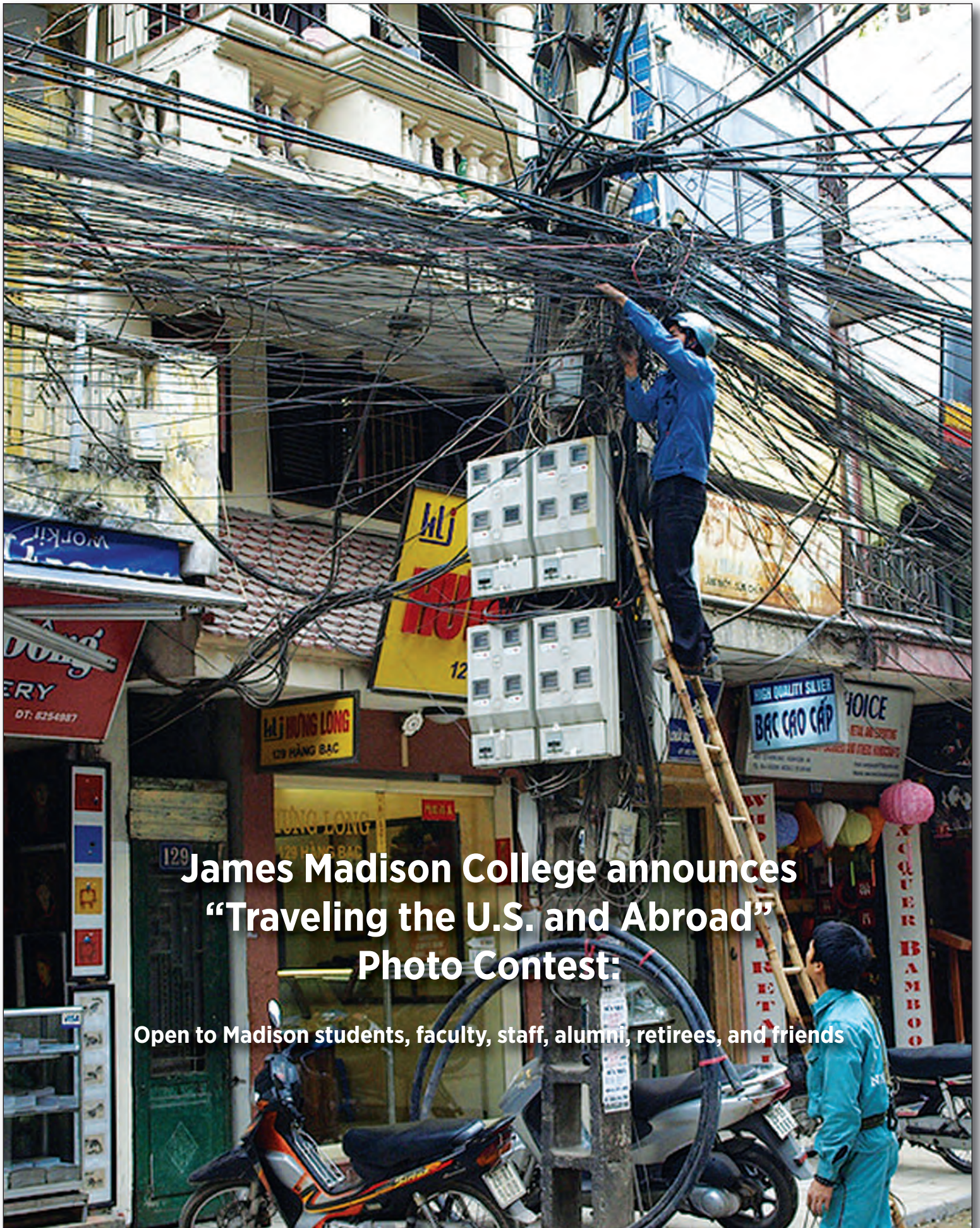
An endowment, the Michael G. Schechter Endowed Scholarship Fund for James Madison College, has been established and he has asked that any funds being donated be used to support undergraduate scholarships for students at James Madison College. For further information please contact [Rocky Beckett](#) at the JMC Development Office, 329 S Case Hall, (517) 432-2117.



*Professor Schechter has asked that the college not hold a retirement event in his honor. We invite you to send him your good wishes and memories directly at [schechte@msu.edu](mailto:schechte@msu.edu).*

**Matthew Fleszar (IR/PE '09) and law student at U of M, added:** "I've had many teachers interested in my academic development, but only one with a passion for his students healthful growth outside the classroom. Madisonians will remember Dr. Schechter as a legendary educator and continue to know him as a mentor and friend."

**"Mike Schechter was a wonderful teacher, mentor, and friend," said Claudena Skran, (IR '83), associate professor of Government at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. "With his help and guidance, I was able to be successful both in the classroom and in competitive scholarship competitions. He really shaped my view of how international politics works and his abiding belief that international organizations could make a positive difference for the good has stayed with me. After my graduation from JMC, Mike and I stayed in touch and I always appreciated his advice. There really is no other professor like Mike Schechter."**



**James Madison College announces  
“Traveling the U.S. and Abroad”  
Photo Contest:**

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

*First place photo by Mark Cunningham, “Feel the Power”*



**Our friends and associates from James Madison College are among the most traveled people on the planet. We WANT to see your photos and share your memories. Enter the contest today!**

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

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

Photos taken in previous travels may be submitted—they do not need to have been taken in 2009 or 2010.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR 2010-2011: AUGUST 31, 2011.** Judging will be completed and winners will be notified as soon as possible thereafter. Entries must be in high resolution digital or print format. Prints of high-resolution digital photos are acceptable.

Send to Kim Allan, [allank@msu.edu](mailto:allank@msu.edu) or 329 S. Case Hall, James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48825. Call 517-353-3381, with questions.

Submissions must be accompanied by text indicating the name of the photographer, the date and location of the photograph, and a preferred caption.

"Internet Cow" by Paul Pratt



"Pursuing Parliament" by Evan Fowler-Guzzardo

**Basic Rules**

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

● Entries must be the original work of the entrant

● A maximum of three total photographs per entrant

● A first, second, and third place photo will be chosen in either category. An indeterminate number of honorable mention awards will be made as well.

"Red Fence" by Ryan VanCamp



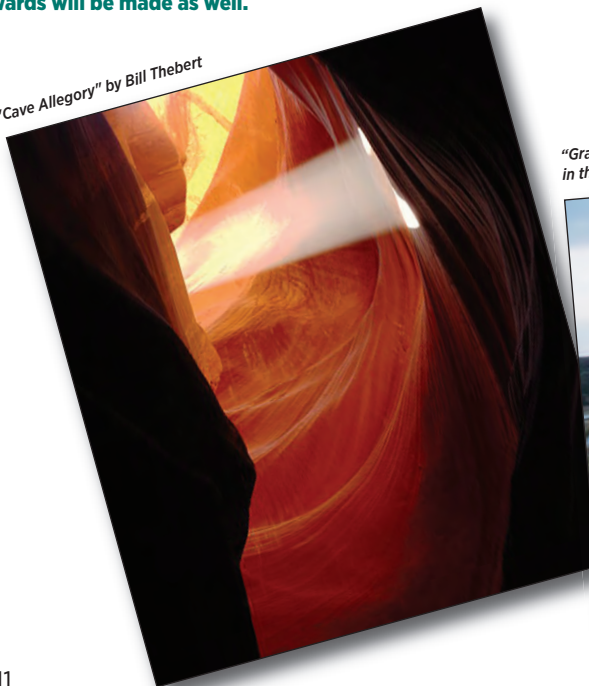
"Blessing" by Mark Cunningham



"Grandmother, child, and a storm in the field:" by Craig Laurie



"Cave Allegory" by Bill Thebert



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

**Alumni Pizza Night** in September 2010 united James Madison Alumni with current students for networking and advice. Over 140 students and 22 alumni were present at this popular event. Thank you to the JMC Alumni Association and MADI for supporting this event.



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

**Alumni Career Day** was held January 29th 2011 in Case Hall.

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## Madison's majors over 43 years

### CURRENT

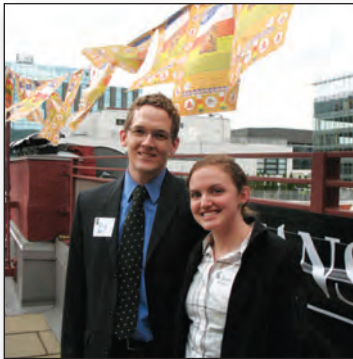
- IR**..... International Relations
- PTCD**..... Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy
- SRP**..... Social Relations and Policy
- CCP**..... Comparative Cultures and Politics

### 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

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

**JMC Washington D.C. Alumni and Friends reception** was held April 12, 2011 at the International Campaign for Tibet and was hosted by Melissa Winchester Jimison.



**The Annual Jack Paynter Lecture**, co-sponsored by the LeFrak Forum and James Madison College, was held Thursday, April 14, 2011. The topic was "Homer and the Foundation of Classical Civilization," and the lecture featured [Peter Ahrens Dorf](#) professor of political science at Davidson College, and scholar of classical political thought.



College gathering on May 1st with alumna **Mary Kay Henry**, President of the Service Employees International Union

*Left to right: Mary Kay Henry, Katie See, Ron Dorr, Ken Waltzer, Barbara Dorr*

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See also the **Alumni Spotlight** section!

# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

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



*Yael Aronoff*

**Yael Aronoff** was a 2011 recipient of the **MSU Teacher-Scholar Award** which is awarded to faculty who early in their careers have earned the respect of students and colleagues for their devotion to and skill in teaching and who have shown scholarly promise. She published "From Warfare to Withdrawal: The Legacy of Ariel Sharon," in *Israel Studies* 15:2, summer 2010. She wrote a book review of *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: Contested Histories* by Neil Caplan, forthcoming in *Review of Middle East Studies*. Aronoff presented "Benjamin Netanyahu: Battling the World," at the Association for Israel Studies Annual Meeting in May 2010 in Toronto.

Lisa Cook received a \$157,000 grant award from the National Science Foundation to conduct further research on the Economics of Innovation from 2011 to 2013, focusing on patent activity among minorities and women. She was also selected for an Alfred T. Chandler, Jr. Travel Fellowship from Harvard Business School to conduct research on the historical origins of financial crises. She will visit Harvard during the summer, consulting records of the British colonial government to execute this research. In February, Cook gave two seminars at Yale University, including at Yale Law School, on her research on violence and economic growth. Also in February, she participated in a panel at Harvard Business School at the **Africa Business Conference on venture capital in Africa**. In addition to her courses at JMC, she teaches the Economic Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa in the Economics Department at MSU and was previously the Managing Editor of the World Economic Forum's Africa Competitiveness Report. Her new research related to Africa focuses on **Chinese investment in Africa**, which was the subject of her March 17 seminar at the MSU African Studies Center.

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**DAN KRAMER** was awarded the **John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader Award** at the 2011 International Award ceremony in March. This award, established in 2006 to honor John K. Hudzik, former dean of International Studies and Programs, acting provost of Michigan State, and current vice president for Global Engagement and Strategic Projects, recognizes one faculty member per year early in his/her career who is making a significant impact on the advancement of international scholarship, teaching, and/or public service and outreach at MSU.



*Dan Kramer*

Dan's record in international research, especially his NSF-funded project, and support of both graduate and undergraduate students in support of that project impressed the selection committee. The committee also recognized Dan's outstanding record as a teacher.



## Professor Lisa Cook to serve as presidential advisor

Cook was selected as a member of President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisors. The Council of Economic Advisors advises the president on economic policy. Cook is one of few MSU professors to work this closely with the president. She will spend the next year in Washington, D.C., working with other academic professionals and White House officials.

Read the [State News article](#).



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

## JMC Parade of Honors award ceremony

Read about many diverse awards and honors our students have received and the groups they have been a part of during the 2010-2011 academic year. These were presented at the annual [James Madison College Parade of Honors](#) on April 20, 2011.



## Spotlight Michigan presents Career Circus

[The Spotlight Michigan](#) Team, an outgrowth of the JMC Futures Seminar, conducted research to better understand if there is a disconnect between the talent produced by Michigan universities and the skills that Michigan employers need. The conclusions and policy recommendations of this research were presented and followed by Career Circus, a cutting-edge event targeted at connecting college students with high-growth, second stage businesses within Michigan.

## Madison students talk about the value of scholarships

This entirely student-produced [video](#) showcases a small sampling of students who have received scholarships or fellowships that were supported by donors to Michigan State University. Several Madison students are featured.

## MSU-IRO had a successful year

[MSU International Relations Organization](#) was ranked as a **top 10 Model UN debate team** who participate in college Model UN across the U.S. and Canada. And, they took home 12 awards at the final debate conference at the University of Chicago. They set a new team record for total individual awards won by the MSU-IRO in a



school year conference season with 32 awards. **Executive Board:** Samantha Herzing, Thomas Nally, John Radcliff, Jacob Radecki, Shaheen Sheikh, James Smith, Matthew Sunderlin. **Winners of individual Model UN debating awards:** Omar Azam, Christopher Bourdganis, Amanda Crissinger, Dane Dario, Joseph Habib, Sarah Lanczy, Robert Morelli, Thomas Nally, John Radcliff, Jacob Radecki, Shaheen Sheikh, James Smith, Daniel Sommerville, John Sparagowski.

## Madison Senior Honors theses

JMC seniors are doing interesting work in their [Senior Honors Theses](#). Among these are "Assessing the Persistence of Political Culture in Elite-Led Regime Transitions: The Cases of Turkey and Uzbekistan," by Alyssa Meyer and "Nazism and Totalitarianism: Hannah Arendt, On the Origins of Totalitarianism," by John Loporto.

## Debate team wins tournament

The MSU debate team of Madison senior **Josh Miller (SRP)** and freshman Randy Rossman took home first place the weekend of Oct. 30, 2010 at the [Motor City Classic Tournament](#), hosted annually by Wayne State University. Several other MSU debaters had a very successful weekend, including JMC students **Val McIntosh (IR junior)** and sophomore **Paul Piro (IR)**. See the successes of the 2010-2011 year on their [Facebook page](#).





## James Madison College 2011 Commencement

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

James Madison College recognized over 220 new grads as they walked across the Wharton Center stage to receive their diplomas at the college's 41st spring commencement ceremony. The celebration was a testament not only to the hard work and dedication of the graduating students and their professors, but also to the support of countless James Madison College alumni, parents, and friends, whose donations to the JMC Annual Fund and endowments provided financial support and special educational opportunities for all Madison students.



*Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges at NATO, and a fixture of JMC's study abroad program in Brussels, was the JMC commencement speaker. Isabel Laczkovich was the student speaker.*

### Uniquely James Madison College

James Madison College at MSU offers multidisciplinary programs in the social sciences founded on a model of liberal education and designed to prepare students for law school, graduate study, decision-making roles in public and private enterprise, and careers in government, media, politics, social services, public administration, education, business, and the foreign service. Students examine how public policy problems are identified, analyzed, and resolved in the US and globally. It is an unusual, exciting, innovative place where students and scholars examine and debate important public affairs issues.

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

View [scenes of commencement](#).

[Dean Sherm Garnett's facebook page](#) of Commencement 2011.



**For your past generosity and continued support of James Madison College students, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**

*“What did we do most of our time in James Madison College? Party? No! Go to Lectures? No! Study for exams? Not really, because we just always wrote paper after paper after paper after paper. But writing a paper at James Madison College is not like writing any kind of paper. It is an art...it is our college experience. Writing papers at James Madison College is about challenging yourself, answering tough questions and making friends with people who had to suffer equally. It is about professors taking their time to meet with students individually. It is about friends that were not only your paper-writing buddies but that became your true friends. Most of all, writing papers at James Madison College prepared us for the future. We are critical thinkers who learned not to accept the world as it is but to question and analyze everything from our way of life to the influence globalization has on cultural identities. We are, more than anything, good writers—word smiths. Congratulations Class of 2011! Go write the next chapter of your life.*

*Abstract of JMC student commencement speech by Isabel Laczkovich  
The full speech can be heard in the video link above.*

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## ALUMNI SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



## In Memoriam

**James Cole (JMCD '80)**, of Fenton, Mich., died January 21, 2011. He received his juris doctor from the Detroit College of Law, where he served as Law Review editor, and practiced law for 27 years. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and was a member of the American, Michigan, and Genesee County Bar Associations, The Society of Automotive Engineers, Engineering Society of Detroit, and the Montrose Lodge #428.

**"Nell" Ellen Anne Hennessy (JMCD '71)**, CEO of Fiduciary Counselors, Inc., died at her home in Washington, D.C., on February 4, 2011. She was a nationally recognized expert on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and a tireless champion for the rights of plan participants and pension plans. She was a model and mentor to many in the field of employee benefits and worked to educate both lawyers and other benefits professionals in the intricacies of employee benefits law and practice. Since 1985, Hennessy had been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where she helped develop

the graduate certificate program in employee benefits. She was a founding board member of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel and a founding member and past president of the Worldwide Employee Benefits Network. Hennessy received her juris doctor from the Catholic University of America in 1978 and her master of laws in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1984. She was a proud part owner of the Irish Channel Restaurants in downtown Washington, D.C. and Crofton, Md., and was a great friend to James Madison College.

## 1970s

**Donald Bale (SOCEC '72)** is the owner of ZZZCare, a company that provides sleep disorder testing and related treatment throughout California. He started this new endeavor after working in business development and operations management for years.

**Brian Burd (JMCD '72)** is a photo curator at the Santa Barbara Mission Archive Library, handling approximately 250,000 images featuring many important scenes of the early west.

**Rogers Smith (JMCD '74)**, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, received the Frank J. Goodnow Award in September 2010 for his singular record of service to the profession, scholarship, and contributions to teaching. Smith's contributions to teaching have been recognized by the Yale College Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Prize (1984), the University of Pennsylvania Dean's Award for Mentorship of Undergraduate Research (2008) and Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (2009). His commitment to encouraging excellence in others is evidenced by his role as supervisor of 33 doctorate dissertations and as a committee member on another 52 doctorate dissertations.

**Terry Terry's (JMCD '74)** firm Message Makers is a "Michigan Company to Watch," an awards program sponsored by the Edward Lowe Foundation and presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business. MessageMakers is a full-service production company specializing in live events, video production and learning programs, with more than 30

years of worldwide experience and proven success.

**Steven Webster (Urban '75)**, formally vice president of governmental affairs at MSU, has taken over as CEO and chairman of Prima Civitas Foundation. He will be Prima Civitas Foundation's chief executive for knowledge enterprises and economic development. Webster also serves on the JMC Board of Visitors.

**John Heffern (IR '76)** has been nominated by President Obama as ambassador to the Republic of Armenia. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Mission at USNATO, Brussels. Prior to his current post, Heffern served as deputy chief of mission and executive assistant to the undersecretary for political affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Indonesia. His career has also included overseas assignments to Japan, Malaysia, Ivory Coast and Guangzhou, China. Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Heffern served in the office of Senator John C. Danforth as the senator's office director and research assistant.

**James R. Michaud (SOCEC '77)** was recently appointed to the position of vice president of human resources at Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Previously, Michaud was a partner at Laurus Strategies and vice president of human resources/labor relations in the Americas for ArcelorMittal, where he was responsible for the rapid integration of its facilities throughout the Americas. He has

also held several executive human resources and labor relations positions at Alcoa Inc. He currently sits on the Advisory Board for MSU's School of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

## 1980s

**Richard Cordray (PTCD '81)**

was nominated on July 18 by President Obama to lead the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in



*Richard Cordray*

Washington, D.C. He was serving as the Chief of Enforcement of the Bureau. He previously served as Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Treasurer of State, Franklin County Treasurer, State Representative, and as Ohio's first Solicitor General. Cordray's career has been guided by the spirit of community service and the belief that government should strive to make a positive difference in the daily lives of its citizens. As state representative, he sponsored the Ohio Community Service Education Act. An accomplished lawyer, Cordray has argued seven cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and taught constitutional law for 13 years at The Ohio State University's law school. In 2003, he earned the Presidential Service Award from the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation for his work supporting legal services for the poor. Cordray earned a

master's degree with first-class honors from Oxford University in England and graduated from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was the editor of the Law Review. He lives near Grove City with his wife Peggy and their young twins. His earliest claim to fame was as an undefeated five-time champion on the *Jeopardy* TV show.

**Tom Homan (SOCEC '81)**, Delaware, Ohio, city manager,



*Tom Homan*

was recognized with the William H. Anderson Excellence in Public Service Award by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning

Commission (MORPC). The William H. Anderson Award recognizes a current or past board member who exemplifies outstanding leadership, a vision for the community and the region, and commitment to MORPC

**Paul Welday (JMCD '81)** is senior counsel for Watts Partners, a leading Washington, D.C.-based government affairs consulting firm. He has an extensive background in a broad range of federal issues, including international trade, taxation, transportation, health care, education, environmental, intergovernmental affairs and appropriations issues. Welday was formerly partner and co-

founder of companion government affairs consulting firms Strategic Federal Affairs and Strategic Public Affairs. Additionally, he is the president of Renaissance Strategies, Inc., a leading public affairs consulting firm, and Superior Capitol Consulting, LLC, a state government affairs firm based in Lansing. As an undergraduate, Welday was honored as the 1981 "Outstanding Legislative Intern" in Michigan.

**Dan McKean (SOCEC '82)**, director of Development and Alumni Relations for Lyman Briggs College at MSU, has taken the position of executive director of the Lansing Community College Foundation.

**Elizabeth Marazita (IR '84)** has returned to East Lansing after years abroad in London, Hong Kong and Beijing, and, with her husband, has opened a tea house and café on Grand River called [Wanderer's Tea House](#).

**Wallace B. Jefferson (Urban '85)**, Texas Chief Justice, was named chair of the National Center's Board of Directors. He will serve for one year. In addition, Chief Justice Jefferson leads the Conference of Chief Justices,...

**Michael Gadola (IR '85)** was named legal affairs director for Michigan Governor Snyder. Gadola has served as legal counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court for the last 10 years.

**John Manza (IR '86)** served 20 years as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired in 2006 as a lieutenant colonel. In 2006-07 he served in Iraq with the U.S. Department of State on the Italian-led provincial Reconstruction Team in Nassiriah.

While in Iraq, Manza conducted research for his doctoral dissertation, "A Critical Analysis of American Post Conflict Reconstruction Efforts in Southern Iraq" and was awarded his doctorate from Wayne State University in 2008. He served as a foreign affairs specialist with the Department of Homeland Security and is currently serving with the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a foreign affairs specialist with the office of Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia.

**Patrick Paige (SOCEC '87)** was appointed president and chief executive officer of Acument Global Technologies, Inc. in Troy, Mich., one of the world's leading providers of mechanical fastening systems. Paige previously served as vice president and general manager. He also has held senior leadership positions with Johnson Controls, American Axle & Manufacturing and Chrysler Corporation. Paige earned a juris doctor from the MSU College of Law (then the Detroit College of Law).

**Paul Long (Urban '88)** was named president/CEO of the Michigan Catholic Conference. He has served the MCC as vice

president for public policy since 1994.

**Brian DeBano (IR '89)** has been appointed as a deputy director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (DLRA). He recently served as chief of staff and chief operating officer for the Michigan Department of State. Prior to that, DeBano served as the director of State Government Affairs for former Governor Engler and also worked in the Michigan House of Representatives. The Laingsburg resident has a master's in public administration from Western Michigan University.

**Randy Hannan (IR '89)**, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero's deputy chief of staff and communications director, was recently named Bernero's executive assistant in addition to his two current roles. Hannan has worked as a state legislative aide, policy director and chief of staff.

**Margaret LaPorte (IR '89)** is the managing editor of *Provider* magazine, an award-winning monthly trade publication owned by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living. Before joining *Provider*, Margaret was a freelance writer for other health care publications and served in multiple association management capacities, including chapter relations, policy analysis, and government relations. She lives in Chevy Chase, Md. with her 11-year-old daughter and her husband, Bruce Lerner, a labor attorney in Washington D.C.

**Matthew Stollak (Urban '89)**, assistant professor of business administration at St. Norbert College, has received the 2010 Career Achievement Award from the Green Bay Area Chapter Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Stollak, who has been a member of the St. Norbert College faculty since 2002, has taken his students to three National HR Games Championships, winning the National Championship in 2003. Stollak is an active member of SHRM on a local, state, and national basis, and was the 2006 recipient of the recipient of the national SHRM advisor of the year award.

**Joan Wolf (IR '89)** has published *Is Breast Best? Taking on the Breastfeeding Experts and the New High Stakes of Motherhood* with [the NYU Press](#). Wolf is assistant professor of women's studies at Texas A&M University and author of *Harnessing the Holocaust: The Politics of Memory in France*.

## 1990s

**Michael Ehrmantraut (PTCD '91)** has been awarded tenure by St. John's College, Santa Fe, N.M. He published his first book, *Heidegger's Philosophic Pedagogy* (Continuum Studies in Continental Philosophy) in 2010. He is now at work on *Xenophon*. He received his doctorate in political science from Boston College.

**Wayne Segal (IR '91)**, attorney with the law firm Dawda, Mann,

Mulcahy, Sadler, PLC in Birmingham, Mich., is among the top five percent of attorneys in the state named to Michigan Super Lawyers for 2010. Segal has his juris doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School.

**Jennifer Zbytowski Belveal (IR '92)** is a partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn in Detroit, practicing commercial litigation and white collar criminal defense.

**Thomas Hone (IR '92)** has been living and teaching in Chicago for the past 10 years. He received a master's in secondary education from DePaul.

**Steven Liedel (MS '92)**, former legal counsel to Governor Granholm for three years, returned to Dykema's Lansing office as senior counsel. He will advise clients on navigating the complex issues associated with government reorganization and restructuring, economic development and tax policy. Liedel received a juris doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

**Reginald Pacis (JMCD '92)**, Butzel Long attorney and shareholder, was named chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association's (AILA) National Customs Border Protection Liaison Committee July 2010. Previously, he was vice chair of the committee. AILA is the national association of more than 11,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law.

**Andrew Capelli (PTCD '93)** has opened the law firm, Axiom Legal Center, PLC, based in Troy, Mich., specializing in real estate (short sales) and debt negotiation, along with general civil and criminal litigation. He is married to attorney **Jill Krolkowski (PTCD '96)**.

**E. Jason Blankenship (IR '94)** was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine, which recognizing the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state. He is an attorney with the Bloomfield Hills law firm McDonald Hopkins PLC and received his juris doctor from The University of Michigan Law School.

**John McMillan (PTCD '94)**, assistant professor of history at Georgia State University, offered a tribute to [Manning Marable in The Atlantic](#).

**Allison Harnisch (IR '95)** is a novelist and a federal sex-crimes prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C. Her debut legal thriller, "Law of Attraction" was [published by Simon & Schuster](#) in October 2010. She is married to a fellow prosecutor, Mike Leotta, and they live in Takoma Park, Md. with their two sons.

**James Lucas (IR '95)** graduated with his doctorate in 2009 and now works with the associate provost at MSU to coordinate campus internationalization efforts and curriculum reform. He coordinates the MSU first-year seminars abroad program.

He went on an administrative Fulbright fellowship to Germany in 2008 and led two annual study abroad programs, one to Australia and one to New Zealand.

**Timothy Vogus (PE '95)**, assistant professor of management and organization studies at Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management, was recently named one of the world's top 40 business school professors under 40 by [PoetsandQuants.com](http://PoetsandQuants.com) and [Fortune.com](http://Fortune.com).

**Dereth Glance (PTCD '99)**, executive program director at Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Clean Water Network Board Treasurer, was recently appointed by President Obama to be a commissioner with the International Joint Commission at the Department of State. She has also served on the New York State Great Lakes Basin Advisory Council and the Clean Water Collaborative, is a board member for the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency where she chairs the Recycling Committee, and she also chairs the Community Participation Working Group for the Onondaga Lake Bottom Superfund sub-site.

**Terra (Markey) Johnson (SR '99)** works for Gallagher Bassett, the largest third-party claim administrator in the United States. She handles liability and litigated claims for municipal clients such as school districts, city governments, and religious organizations.

## 2000s

**Kenneth Chapie (IR '00)** is an attorney with Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. in Troy, Mich. He practices in the area of general litigation with a focus on municipal law and business and liability claims. He has served as assistant prosecutor for Redford Township and the Charter Township of Brownstown. Chapie graduated with honors from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association.

**Steven Cole (IR '01)** resides in Arizona and works as a civilian instructor for Army training courses. After graduating from MSU, he spent a year teaching English in South Korea and traveling in Asia. In 2003, he joined the U.S. Army and completed the Persian-Farsi language course at the Defense Language Institute. He served in Iraq from 2005 to 2006 and again from 2008 to 2009, prior to separating from the Army.

**Ellen (VanCleave) Klem (PTCD '01)** has co-authored "Bringing the Vote to Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities: A Study of the Benefits and Challenges of Mobile Polling." The publication appears in the March 2011 volume of the *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*. Klem, a former staff attorney for the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging in Washington, D.C.,

is now living in Portland, Ore., and working as the General Counsel for Smarsh, a software company specializing in email archiving solutions for message compliance and records retention, proactive litigation readiness, and mail server data management.

**Andrew (IR '02) and Kathleen Krepps (SR '01)** are the proud parents of a second baby boy. Adam Thomas Krepps was born on August 12, 2010 and joined brother Daniel.

**Pete Lafferty (IR '03)**, DePaul University MBA student, and his brothers, Matt and Adam, took first place in the sixth annual



*Pete and Matt Lafferty*

[Launch DePaul contest](#), DePaul's annual student and alumni new venture competition for business and non-profits sponsored by the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center. They wanted to start a family business rich in texture, tradition and taste and created



Libero Ferrero, a men's luxury leather goods business, named after their grandfather, which specializes in leather accessories for men, such as briefcases and travel bags. Their products are all made in the United States and will be available for sale at a later date.

**Tracy Wightman (IR '03/** German Language & Culture, minor in Environmental Economics & Policy), is the new agency grant coordinator for the Michigan State Police. She recently completed a master's in public administration from Western Michigan. She previously worked with the Michigan Dept. of Community Health, first as a student and then as a full time analyst. She managed Michigan's Rural Health Portfolio (grants & contracts), including the State Rural Health Plan, and later picked up the international physician J-1 Visa Waiver and National Interest Waiver Programs. Wightman enjoys photography as a hobbyist, is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), and is a certified instructor at a local martial arts dojo.

**Jeremy J. Dalpiaz (PTCD '04)** became the senior legislative representative with the Credit Union National Association in August 2010. Prior to that he was legislative assistant to Rep. Vern Ehlers and staff assistant to Congressman Nick Smith. He has his master's of public policy from George Mason University.

**LaToya Morgan (SR '04)** is the recipient of a two-year William C. Richardson Fellowship in governmental affairs and philanthropy with the Council of Michigan Foundations. She will, among other things, work with the public policy committee on developing strategy for engagement and advocacy with policymakers. She received her master's from Wayne State in public administration/ public policy, with a certificate in economic development.

**Maurice Koffman (IR '05)** received his juris doctor from the MSU College of Law. He is president of the MSU Administrative Professional Association, holds elected seats on the board of directors for the Michigan Education Association, and is on the board of directors for the National Education Association.

**Alex Novak (IR/East Asian Studies '05)** is working in Hong Kong for US Bank as a stockbroker who provides ideas and executes client orders.

**Benjamin Zeidman (IR '05)** was ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in June 2010 and now works in New York City at the Temple Emanu-El.

**Shelby S. Emmett (PTCD/SR '06)** recently received her juris doctor from law school and is the policy and advocacy coordinator for Healthy Teen Network in Baltimore.

**Casey Harrigan (IR '06)** will become director of Debate at MSU, replacing alumna **Greta Stahl (IR '05)**. His debate partner **Ryan Burke (IR '07)** won the second of three national titles that MSU has won in the last eight years. Harrigan holds a master's. in communications from Wake Forest University (2008). Prior to this appointment, he was head coach and associate director of Debate in the Department of Speech Communications at the University of Georgia. In 2010, he was selected as Coach of the Year for the Southeast Region of the Cross-Examination Debate Association.

**Brian LaVictoire (PTCD '06)** graduated *magna cum laude* from the MSU College of Law in May of 2010. He is an assistant attorney general in the Michigan Department of the Attorney General.

**Robb Johnston (IR '06)** won the PressPrize in ArtPrize 2010, an art exhibition in Grand Rapids featuring more than 1,700 artists. His illustration appeared on the cover of the [Grand Rapids Press](#).

**Eric Morris (IR/PTCD '06)** is an associate at Maynard Cooper and Gale in Birmingham, Ala. Prior to law school at Washington and Lee University School of Law, Morris worked as a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives.

**Nathan Triplett (PTCD/SR '06)** was presented in September 2010 with the [Hero of Humanity award](#) by Greater Lansing's United

Nations Association chapter in partnership with the Art of Living Foundation. The award is designed to honor local community members for their efforts promoting peace in the area. Triplett was chosen because of his work with State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, on legislation to mandate anti-bullying policies in Michigan's schools. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee. Triplett is an East Lansing city council member.

**Megan Hard (PTCD '07)** joined the Grand Rapids law firm of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge as an attorney. She will counsel and defend health care providers. She earned her juris doctor from MSU College of Law *summa cum laude*.

**James Leddy (IR '07)** received a Rotary Scholarship to earn a master's in international relations and negotiations in the dual degree program offered by the University of San Andres (Buenas Aires) and the University of Barcelona. Jim previously served in El Salvador with the Peace Corps.

**Zack Stanton (SR '07)** is a speechwriter and policy advisor to Congressman Sander Levin, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee.

**Jonathan Garvin (PTCD/PE '08)** works as a lobbyist for the National Rural Health Association in Washington, D.C. He also serves on the D.C. Spartans Networking Committee.

**John Kelly (PE/IR/Business '08)** was named to the position of manager of international affairs by the International Dairy Foods



*John Kelly*

Association (IDFA). In this role, Kelly will support IDFA's efforts on international trade and import and export issues. He'll also oversee the association's sweetener and trade committees. Kelly comes to IDFA from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, where he helped to manage and coordinate USDA's international technical assistance to enhance U.S. export opportunities, promote food security and support U.S. national security objectives. Prior to his work at USDA, Kelly was an energy market analyst for the Michigan Public Service Commission. Kelly was raised on his family's dairy farm in Michigan.

**Michael McBroom (IR/French '08)** is pursuing master's in international politics and finance economics at American University. He interned at two international NGOs: Population Services International (global health) doing program work with their West and Central Africa department and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (democracy aid) working with the Applied Research Center to update election news, election

results and past election summaries. He is currently interning with USAID's Operations Department.

**Scott Nowak (IR '08)** received a first place award for his oral presentation of his article, *Justice in Burma*, at the March 2011 MSU Graduate Academic Conference, sponsored by the MSU Council of Graduate Students. Nowak's work was published in May in Volume 19, Issue 3 of the *Michigan State Journal of International Law*.

**Jonathan Postema (PTCD/IR '08)** graduated from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University in May 2011. He participated in a work study program his final semester, allowing him to work with marginalized populations in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

**Allison Reijmer (SRP '08)** completed the master's of public policy and administration program at Northwestern University.

**Kathryn Tignanelli (SR/PE '08)** won second place for her appellate brief at the Regional Round of New York City Bar Association National Moot Court Competition held at the University of Toledo College of Law in Toledo, Ohio in November 2010.

**Elizabeth Wise (IR '08)** teaches math and English as a Peace Corps volunteer in Namibia. She is currently working on

developing libraries and rural community development projects.

**Melissa Helminiak (IR/PTCD '09)** is on *Law Review* at Wayne State University.

**Susan Parker (IR '09)** is a 2011 master of public policy candidate at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

**Matthew Robb (PTCD '09)** is teaching history through Teach for America at a high school in Detroit. For his internship, Matthew spent eight months in Des Moines, Iowa as a paid caucus organizer for the Obama '08 campaign.

**Mark Toaz (PTCD '09)** is a constituent services representative

for Congressman Mark Schauer (7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Michigan).

## 2010s

**Alan Bart (IR '10)** will attend Washington and Lee Law School

**Matthew Harris (CCP/French '10)** is on the French island of la Reunion as an English language assistant for the Academie (national school district) in the French Ministry of Education. Outside the class he is conducting political and anthropological research pertaining to the island's curious location at the cultural interstices of Africa, Europe, South Asia, and East Asia. He will use his research findings as the basis for applying to doctoral

programs in political anthropology.

**Dan Redford (IR '10)** is director of operations for FirstPathway



*Dan Redford*

Partners in China, which engages in EB5 developments in southwest Wisconsin. He was leading the China Creative Space project with the Gillespie Group in East Lansing, a real estate development company.

**Paula Willuweit (SRP '10)** is working for Teach for America in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## FACULTY SCENE

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[Mark Axelrod](#) published with Carole Gibbs and Edmund McGarrell “Transnational White-Collar Crime and Risk: Lessons from the Global Trade in Electronic Waste,” in *Criminology & Public Policy* 9(3): 543-560 (2010).

[Mohammed Ayoob](#) published several articles in “Foreign Policy. The first, “[The Middle East’s Turko-Persian future](#),” appeared in the January 11 issue.

[Lisa Cook](#) received an award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to conduct further [research on the Economics of Innovation](#), specifically patent activity among minorities. Cook was also selected for an Alfred T. Chandler, Jr. Travel Fellowship from Harvard Business School to conduct research on the [historical origins of financial crises](#). She will visit Harvard during the summer to conduct her research.

[Michael Crow](#) published an article in the October 2010 issue of *American Journal of Political Science*, entitled “Deciding to Provide: Local Decisions on Providing Social Welfare.” He will be serving on the editorial board for *Urban Affairs Review* next year, the journal of the urban

politics section of the American Political Science Association.

[Benjamin Kleinerman](#) co-authored (with Vincent Phillip Munoz) the article “[Did Founders Create War Powers?](#)” in the *Weekly Standard* and NPR. He was recently appointed as Garwood Visiting Fellow in the [James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions](#) at Princeton University for 2011-2012. In April 2011, he participated in the Montpelier Weekend Seminars, a unique professional development opportunity for social studies teachers and other civic educators that encompass a consistent core of knowledge about the principles of American constitutionalism — popular sovereignty, fundamental law, good government, full citizenship, and human liberty.

[Mark Largent](#) has been named an American Association for the Advance of Science Fellowship winner for 2011-2012. He will spend the next year in Washington, D.C. working at the National Science Foundation, where he will lead a project to assess and reform the NSF's Living Stocks Collections for Biological Research.

[Anna Pegler-Gordon](#) presented “Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Citizenship, and Military Service” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. She also presented “Asians at Ellis Island: Rethinking the Immigration Station as a Detention Center” at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Boston, in January 2011. In April 2011 she directed and presented at a workshop for high school teachers interested in learning about Asian American Studies and completed her term as acting director of MSU’s Asian Pacific American Studies program at the end of December 2010.

[Steve Rohs](#) spoke at New York University’s Glucksman Ireland House on his book *Eccentric Nation* on March 24, 2011. The presentation addressed the ways that Irish nationalism was created as a cultural phenomenon in New York in the nineteenth century, and was paired with an exhibition at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center. The talk was featured as part of a year-long series of nationwide events surrounding Irish arts in the U.S. entitled “[Imagine Ireland](#).”

[Michael Schechter](#) published "Systemic Change, International Organizations, and the Evolution of Multilateralism," in *The New Dynamics of Multilateralism: Diplomacy, International Organizations, and Global Governance* (Westview, 2011), James P. Muldoon, Jr., JoAnn Fagot Aviel, Richard Reitano, and Earl Sullivan, eds. Schechter is co-editor of *Sustainable Fisheries: Multi-Level Approaches to a Global Problem*. He and JMC alumnus **Daniel Blue (IR '10)** wrote the chapter, "The Inadequacy of Contemporary International Governance of Fisheries Ecosystems."

[Colleen Tremonte's](#) article "Window Shopping: Fashioning a Scholarship of Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning" appeared in the January 2011 issue of *The International Journal of Teaching and Learning*. She presented,

"Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching: A Model for Integrating SOTL in Graduate Education" at the Integrative Studies Association Conference in San Diego, California, in October 2010.

[Kenneth Waltzer](#) is historical consultant to a feature-length historical documentary, *Kinderblock 66*, being made by [Bigfoot Productions in New York](#). The film focuses on the main barrack in which underground personnel participated in the rescue and protection of children and youths at Buchenwald. President Obama spoke of such rescue when he visited Buchenwald in June 2009 with Elie Wiesel, who was one of the boys sheltered in block 66. The film is being constructed around Professor Waltzer's research on Buchenwald, which unveils the rescue operation sponsored by the German-Communist led clandestine

international underground, and around the return of four former block 66 prisoners, then teenaged youths, now elderly men, to Weimar for the 65th anniversary of liberation at Buchenwald last April, 2010.

[Richard Zinman](#) delivered a lecture at Ursinus College in November 2010 titled "Nietzsche, Democracy, and the Fate of the Philosophy." The lecture was hosted by **Paul Stern (JMCD '75)** and Jonathan Marks, who held a post-doctoral fellowship at JMC. In April 2011, Professor Zinman delivered a lecture at the University of Chicago titled "Leo Strauss in Claremont," one of 11 lectures delivered at a conference on "Leo Strauss as Teacher." The conference was organized by the new Leo Strauss Center at the University of Chicago. The project is funded in large part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Awards &amp; Achievements

**Alexander Barton (PTCD '12)** and **Brian Palmiter (PTCD '11)** were selected to participate in the 2011 Hertog Political Studies Program, held this summer in Washington, D.C. The program is funded by the Hertog Foundation and is currently directed by **John Walters (JMCD '74)** (also executive vice president of the Hudson Institute and formerly served as the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy).

**Eric Branoff (IR senior)** will be taking over as chief of staff for ASMSU. He was elected chairman of ASMSU's Student Assembly in spring 2010 but resigned, opting for a year-long study program in Amman, Jordan. He is taking over for Madison graduate Kara Spencer (IR), who has held the position since 2007. Earlier, he was awarded a Boren Scholarship, a Habib Scholarship, and the 2011-2012 Shao Chang Lee Scholarship Competition, as well as a Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship through the MSU Asian Studies Center and the U.S. Department of Education. The FLAS Fellowship program is designed

to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. FLAS fellowships offer tuition payment of up to \$18,000 per year (graduate) or \$10,000 per year (undergraduate), and a monthly stipend for each.

**Joseph DeLeon (CCP senior)** received the Dorothy Carr Houvener Award from the French department in the College of Arts and Letters.

**Rebecca Farnum (IR senior)** was named a Udall Scholar. Farnum will receive a [\\$5,000.00 scholarship from the Udall Foundation](#), which serves to support students planning careers focused on the environment or public policy. Farnum is a member of the Honors College and is also a major in interdisciplinary humanities, anthropology and global and area studies.

**Claire Glenn (SRP '11), Courtney Hurtt (SRP '11), and Elizabeth Dunham (IR junior)** were the first recipients of an [MLK-inspired award](#), the [MLK](#)

[Jr. Advancing Inclusion Through Research Award](#). Mitch Goldsmith earned honorable mention. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically..." And Michigan State University students have recently demonstrated how well they have taken this philosophy to heart. The award was created in 2010 to showcase the legacy of King's ideals of inclusive excellence through current students' research.

**Tradell Hawkins (SRP senior, business minor)** was selected to participate in the Harvard Business School's [Summer Venture in Management Program](#), a management-training program for rising college seniors designed to increase diversity and opportunity in business education.

**Sam Kilberg (PTCD/IR junior, Chinese minor)** received a Benjamin Gilman scholarship from the MSU Federal Credit Union to study abroad in Harbin, China this summer.

**Kevin Pietrick (PTCD senior, Peace and Justice Studies)** is the recipient of a \$500 Veterans for Peace Scholarship, awarded by the Utah Phillips/J. David Singer

Chapter 93 of Veterans For Peace. The award is intended for Michigan residents who pursue studies in a peace studies program or other program that actively promotes the study of global conflict resolution or issues of peace and justice. Pietrick is involved in issues of economic justice in particular, with very active roles in the Lansing Workers' Center as well as in MSU Students Advancing International Development. He plans to pursue a doctorate or master's in labor relations, labor studies, or possibly international relations.

**Mitchell Rivard (SRP senior)** is working in the press office of U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. Rivard's eight-week internship is part of the Victory Congressional Internship program, a new program from the Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute that provides outstanding, young lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered leaders with a summer experience on Capitol Hill.

**James Ross (IR sophomore)**, MSU golfer, won his first collegiate title in the fall. Ross finished the tournament tied at 2-over 146, but won the title with a par on the 10th hole in a playoff for the individual title.

**Anna Schroen (CCP/Japanese senior)** was awarded a \$15,000 [Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship](#). She is studying Asian political thought, Japanese, Japanese cultural history and Jewish and Holocaust Studies. She hopes to work as a Foreign Service Officer for the State Department, particularly

working with East Asian diplomacy issues.

## 2011 Graduates

**Mikayla Bouchard (IR)** was a cast member of a new play debuting at MSU, "[Happy Holy Days](#)." The play is an irreverent philosophical comedy which explores the intertwining of secular and religious celebrations in a collection of contemplative scenes both profane and profound.

**Trisha Brumley (IR)** will be working for the Michigan Republican Party.

**Caitin Duffy (IR)** is attending Wake Forest where she will earn her master's in communication, with an assistantship with the debate team.

**Isabel Laczkovich (PTCD), Nicholas Pfof (SRP/IR), and Sharmaake Sabrie (IR)** received the MSU Outstanding Senior Award at a ceremony in April. The award is given to 30 MSU students and selections are made by the MSU Senior Class Council. **Geoffrey Levin (IR), Alexandra Burkow (PTCD), and Elyse Gatt (IR)**, were selected from a national pool of applicants to participate as fellows in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Asia Pacific Homeland Security Summit, "Hosting Special Security Events: Government and Industry Perspectives," which was held in November 2010. **Levin** has special interests in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and his studies are focused on political economy and Jewish, Asian, and peace and justice studies.

**Burkow** has an interest in Jewish studies and hopes to attend graduate school to study issues related to national security and counter-terrorism. **Gatt** is interested in U.S./China affairs, public economics and international language studies. The student fellows program is an integral part of the summit, and the selection of three students from a single university is rare.

**Matt Kroeger (PTCD/IR)** will attend MSU College of Law.

**Aaron Majorana (PTCD/IR)** will attend MSU College of Law.

**Alex Marcinowski (IR)** will attend the University of Denver in security studies (masters).

**Brian Palmiter (PTCD)** was this year's winner of the Jack Chapin Memorial, awarded to the outstanding senior in PTCD. He graduated with a 3.95 GPA. His many awards include a research fellowship from the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, which culminated in his article "Letting Sleeping Scandals Lie? T.H. White and the Consequences of Executive Accountability," published in *A Dialogue on Presidential Challenges and Leadership*. He was also given an internship at the Scientific Freedom, Responsibility, and Law Program at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to work on and write about issues of professional ethics. For the next two years, Brian will be with Teach for America, teaching in Memphis, Tenn.

**Clifford Walls (SRP)** and MSU grad Alex Poe are canoeing all 2,350 miles of the Mississippi River to raise funds for the New Orleans organization "[Friends of the Fishermen.](#)"

**Nicholas Pfof (SRP/IR)**, secretary of PRISM and chairperson of the Alliance of

Queer & Ally Students, has been awarded the Stephen P. Pougnet and Christopher J. Green Scholarship for outstanding contributions to the LBGT community at MSU.

**Nicholas Pfof (SRP/IR) and Alice Topping (IR) were chosen to be members of the MSU**

**Homecoming court. Pfof's** studies focused on Sex and Gender and International Relations. He was chairperson of The Alliance of Queer & Ally Students and a JMC senator. Topping minored in Spanish, specialized in Peace and Justice Studies, and is a member of the Honor's College.