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## James Madison College 35th Anniversary Celebration March 21-23, 2003

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### Friday, March 21

Faculty office hours for alumni visits  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. All college reception,  
Kellogg Center

### Saturday, March 22

All activities in the Kellogg Center  
8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast  
10:00 - 11:30 First sessions  
11:45 - 2:00 Lunch: Keynote speaker  
John Walters, U.S. Drug Czar  
2:30 - 4:00 Second Sessions  
Free time  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Reception  
7:00 - 10:00 Dinner and program

### Sunday, March 23

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Breakfast/brunch for all in  
Case Hall cafeteria hosted by the JMC  
Student Senate  
Tours of JMC Library and college renova-  
tions

*An invitation with panel and speaker  
information will be sent to all alumni soon!  
Watch for it and register right away.*

## Leadership Gifts Help Secure the Future of JMC

In fall 2002, James Madison College launched a capital campaign to provide financial security for the future and take the college to a new and higher level. Thanks to the generosity of seven major leadership gifts and hundreds of annual donors, the college has already raised \$1.4 million or 47% of its goal to raise \$3 million by the close of 2007.

Four of the seven leadership gifts are from friends of the college who appreciate the strength and quality of its liberal arts and public affairs focus. Three are from dedicated alumna who appreciate the preparation that Madison gave them for their careers. JMC would like to thank these seven for their generosity that, combined, totals \$826,000:

Sumner and Irene Bagby  
Marilyn Darling ('75)  
Burton Gerber  
Nell Hennessy ('71) and Frank Daspit  
Helen Kirkpatrick  
Celia Vlasin Martin ('81)  
David and Joan Porteous

"I appreciate the generosity of these alumni and friends of the college," said Dean Garnett. "Gifts of this size will increase our endowment and provide the financial security we need to make Madison's future even brighter." The JMC endowment currently stands at \$636,000. The campaign goal is to increase the endowment to more than \$2 million.

"This campaign represents a major step forward for the college," said Garnett. "To this point in Madison's history, we have been blessed with great success among our students and faculty, but we cannot rest on our laurels and past accomplishments. The Campaign for James Madison College will significantly increase Madison's endowed funds and give the college the resources to compete effectively with peer institutions."

JMC graduates speak highly of their Madison education and their experience at a "residential college." Such good will and appreciation are among Madison's best assets. Furthermore, Madison's earlier struggles

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FROM THE DEAN

## Madison at 35

In March we gather to celebrate James Madison College's 35th anniversary. When Dean Herbert Garfinkel founded the college in the late 1960s, he had no way of knowing whether his experiment would succeed. He knew that the opportunity he had been given to found a residential college owed much to the social passions and discontents of the 1960s, but he also knew that the longevity of his work depended on the college not simply being a creature of its time. That we now celebrate three and a half decades and look forward to more to come is a tribute to Dean Garfinkel, the original faculty, and the students, all of whom believed that something would come of their commitment to the Madison experiment.

These early years saw the college and the university as a whole plunged into sharp debates over everything from the curriculum and degree requirements to civil rights and Vietnam. In protest over the administration of the college's original writing requirement, these founding students held a mock funeral of Jimmy Madison. The class of 1971 helped to develop their next year's curriculum as they attended freshman classes, repeating the process each year until the entire four-year sequence was in place. Students and faculty went on retreats together, generating tales of great times, intellectual camaraderie, and prodigious consumption to rival those of Paul Bunyan and his blue ox.

By the time I arrived in 1973, this founding generation of students was gone and wild romps in the woods had been replaced by more sedate "sherry

hours," a rather tame practice that would now require a special session of the state legislature to hold in Case Hall under current regulations.

Times change. Fields have come and gone or been transformed. Original faculty like Dean Garfinkel, Chitra Smith, Dudley Buffa, Wesley Fishel and, yes, George F. Will moved on, retired, or, sadly in the case of Dr. Fishel, passed away. Madison itself was threatened in the early 1980s, as deep statewide budget reductions and a hostile provost put Madison on the chopping block. An enormous effort of current faculty and students, alumni, and influential friends saved the college. The years since have seen Madison become MSU's premier undergraduate program, one of its "crown jewels" in the words of MSU President Peter McPherson.

Yet what strikes me on the eve of our celebration is not so much the change, but the continuities. The first is that we have always been blessed with outstanding and dedicated faculty and staff. If you look at the current roster, Katie See, Ken Waltzer, Doug Hoekstra, Ron Dorr, Michael Schechter, Dick Zinman, and Jackie Stewart have served the college for more than 25 years. There are many more who are working toward and beyond this milestone.

But faculty excellence is more than longevity. Today's students find their faculty mentors not only from among those who have been here for decades, but also from among the younger faculty. My time in JMCD would not have been the same without professors like Jack Paynter, Doug Hoekstra, Peter Lyman, and Dick Zinman; today's PTC D students still have Dick Zinman and Doug Hoekstra, but they speak passionately about "newcomers" such as Curtis Stokes, Folke Lindahl, Eric Petrie, and Louis Hunt as well. I could say the same about the other fields. From the founding to the present, the faculty have made Madison a special place.

The second continuity is great students and alumni. Here I am not simply talking about our award winners or our most prominent graduates, but about the many who brought to Madison and to their subsequent professional and

personal lives a passion for political and social questions, a zest for civilized debate and competition, and a desire to effect change. This newsletter has provided hundreds of stories over the years of alumni and student achievement in education, law, government, and business. There are hundreds more such stories to tell.

Yet we are also a different place after 35 years. We could not avoid it. The college is no longer an experiment, but an established institution, well known within Michigan and with a growing reputation nationally.

We have grown to more than 1,000 students, increasing the percentage of out-of-state and minority students.

We have added five new faculty positions in the last four years and are looking at new academic directions to complement old strengths.

We have built the university's strongest study abroad program, while expanding our traditional field experience programs to places like Sri Lanka and Turkey. We want to make James Madison College an entryway into the wider yet increasingly interconnected world.

We have started long-needed renovations to Case Hall, and more improvements are to come.

We have created the foundations of a successful development effort, expanding our ability to provide scholarships, support faculty research, carry out renovations, and explore new academic options. As the state of Michigan experiences budget problems, this private giving to the college represents an essential cushion against shortfall and shocks.

In March, we will take a few days to celebrate, led by our 1971 graduates and their traditions of merrymaking. There is much to celebrate and, of course, much more to do to live up to the expectations of Madison's past and to respond to the challenges of its future. Yet I believe that if we continue to expand the reach and effectiveness of our extended community of alumni and friends, Madison's future will be very bright indeed.

*Sherman Garnett*  
Dean



## ALUMNI SCENE

# Attend Madison's 35th Anniversary!

This is truly an exciting time at James Madison College. Events both at the larger university and the college are taking shape that will strengthen JMC for many years to come.

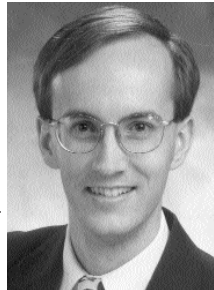
Thanks to generous donations from alumni and friends, the alumni scholarship funds will distribute \$7,700 to current and entering students during 2003. The endowed Alumni Scholarship Fund will distribute a total of six \$1,000 awards—two each to assist with general tuition, field experience, and study abroad opportunities. In addition, the endowed Alumni Scholarship for Diversity will fund two \$850 awards to students whose presence or activities enhance the diversity of the college.

In addition to overseeing the award of these scholarships, the board is working closely with the college on planning the 35th anniversary celebration on March 21-23, 2003. The calendar of events and list of invited and confirmed speakers are remarkable and serve as impressive testaments to the range of activities of JMC graduates. If you have not done so already, please visit the college's Website or contact the college for more information about this important milestone.

If you are not able to attend the 35th anniversary celebration, I hope that you are able to participate in other activities of the association that support the college. With revenue generated by memberships in the association and a great deal of time and labor donated by alumni, your JMC Alumni Association:

- Sponsors events such as Career Night and Law Night for current students
- Helps identify internship and employment opportunities for current students
- Sponsors alumni receptions across the nation

- Provides information to all college alumni through support of this newsletter
- Contacts prospective students to answer their questions about JMC
- Creates volunteer opportunities such as assisting the Christopher House with an Adopt-a-Family program, coordinated by members of the Chicago alumni group Chere LaRose Senne, Holly Nakfoor, John Clifford, and Dave Gribb
- Works with the college dean and development officer as part of MSU's new capital campaign, the Campaign for MSU
- Plans new initiatives to bring more alumni together in social and professional settings both in the greater Lansing area and in other cities across the nation



*Jeff Williams, IR '94*

On behalf of the entire board, I hope you will be able to attend the 35th anniversary, and I look forward to receiving your comments and ideas about current and future activities of the association.

*Jeff Williams (IR '94)  
President, JMC Alumni Association*

**As always, the JMCAA welcomes any ideas, suggestions, or input from our members. Further, if you are interested in volunteering with efforts such as Law Night, phone calls to prospective students, or other events, contact Kim Allan at (517) 353-3381 or fill out and return the form on the JMC Website in the alumni section at [www.jmc.msu.edu](http://www.jmc.msu.edu)**

## FORMER JMC DEAN RETIRES FROM MSU

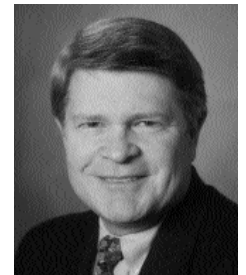
Barbara Steidle, former dean of James Madison College, has retired as an administrator at Michigan State University after 32 years, 14 of which she was in charge of undergraduate education and academic services at the university level. Shortly after Steidle was appointed JMC dean, the existence of Madison as a free-standing college was challenged. During her tenure, the college not only survived, but prospered. Steidle recently commented that "Madison students themselves significantly shape the direction and character of the college. They go beyond their role as students, contributing to the success of Madison by their service to the community and their promotion of the college."

## OTHER ALUMNI NEWS

### 1970s

Teresa A. Sullivan (SOCEC '70) has assumed the position of executive vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Texas (UT) System, the first woman to hold that position. Sullivan, a professor of sociology and law, had been vice president and dean of graduate studies for UT Austin since 1995. She has been a faculty member at UT Austin since 1981 and has held other administrative positions, including vice provost, associate dean of graduate studies, chair of the sociology department, and director of women's studies. Sullivan's scholarly interests have included social demography (especially labor force and ethnic groups) and the sociology of cultural institutions such as science, education, law, and religion. Sullivan earned master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Chicago.

Keith Ashmus (SOCEC '71), attorney with Frantz Ward LLP, Columbus, OH, was named president-elect of the Ohio Bar Association. He will assume the presidency on July 1, 2003. For most of his career, he was a partner with Thompson Hine LLP, Cleveland. Ashmus served on the board of trustees of the Cleveland Bar



*Keith Ashmus*

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## Alumni Scene *continued*

Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the California Bar Association and an honorary life member of the Hispanic National Bar Association. An active volunteer, he currently serves on the Greater Cleveland Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

**David C. Thompson (IR '71)** is a public health adviser for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He presented the abstract "The Role of Community-Based Substance Abuse Treatment, Outreach and HIV Services in Reducing HIV Risk Behaviors" at the XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain in July 2002. The abstract is based on his and his colleagues' work with the National Minority AIDS Initiative, which funds 128 local projects nationwide.

**Rick Lilly (SOCEC '74)** is an asset management coordinator for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He served on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners from 1984 through 1990 and the Lansing City Council from 1993 through 1997.

**Robert Bordley (JMCD '76)** currently works at GM focusing on customer relations management and is developing a comprehensive model of warranty cost. Bordley was recently elected program chair of the Marketing Section of the American Statistical Association after finishing his term as the association's chair of the Risk Section. He has recently published five papers in the *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, *American Statistician*, *Operations Research Journal*, *Journal of Marketing Research*, and *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*.

**John Heffern (IR '76)** was recently promoted to the position of political adviser to the U.S. ambassador to NATO in Brussels. He, his wife, and five children will remain in Brussels for two more years before returning to Washington to work at the Department of State. Heffern has been in the Foreign Service since 1982.

**Michael McConnell (JMCD '76)**, nominated by President Bush as a federal appellate court judge to the 10th Circuit Bench in Denver, CO, was confirmed in November.

McConnell, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Utah, is one of the most distinguished scholars in the fields of constitutional law and theory, with a specialty in the religion clauses of the First Amendment. He has conducted nine arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court and



*Michael McConnell*

is widely published in the fields of the church-state relations and the First Amendment. McConnell is married to JMC alumnus **Mary McConnell (IR '77)**, who was a Rhodes scholar. He received his J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School (1979).

**Vence Bonham Jr.'s (Urban '79)** experience working to end disparities in the nation's health care system has taken him to Washington D.C., where he is



*Bonham speaking with Madison students, March 2002.*

serving a one-year appointment as a consultant with the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Bonham, an associate professor in the MSU Department of Medicine's Health Services Research Division, was appointed the NHGRI's senior consultant to the director on health disparities. Bonham's research in health policy has focused on the ethical, legal, and social issues related to genetics and race, and especially on the ways that race and socioeconomic status result in health disparities among different communities. He also is a member of national advisory committees of several groups that focus on genetic education and outreach, including the March of Dimes Gene Project. Bonham earned a law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1982. He also holds

appointments in MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, and the MSU-Detroit College of Law.

## 1980s

**Ed Coppola (IR '81)** returned from a year in London where he opened a new office for Zurich Emerging Markets Solutions (ZEMS) and was promoted to chief operating officer of ZEMS. Part of Zurich Financial Services of Switzerland and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ZEMS provides political risk and credit insurance to companies and banks for their cross-border exposures in emerging markets. ZEMS was created five years ago and, with offices in London, Barcelona, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo, has become one of the world's leading providers of political risk insurance.

**Richard Cordray (JMCD '81)** was elected as a county treasurer in Franklin, OH. Cordray is an attorney, specializing in constitutional and appellate litigation, and an adjunct professor of law at The Ohio State University



*Richard Cordray*

College of Law. He received a J.D. with honors from The University of Chicago Law School in 1986 and an M.A. with First Class Honours in Philosophy, Politics & Economics from Oxford University in 1983 through a George C. Marshall Scholarship. By special appointment from the U.S. Justice Department, Cordray argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and was a member of the Gore recount legal team in Florida in 2000.

**Paul Dumouchelle (IR '81)** is currently serving on the Presidential Exploratory Committee of the Green Party of the United States.

**Richard E. Hagerty (JMCD '81)** is a partner at the law firm of Troutman Sanders LLP, resident in its Tysons Corner, VA office. He is a commercial litigator specializing in title insurance claims and coverage litigation, creditors' rights and bankruptcy, and general commercial disputes. Hagerty is a member of the Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia bars.

**R. Thomas Homan (SOCEC '81)** was recently named chairman of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. He also serves as city manager for Delaware, OH.

**Paul Burke (IR '82)** has written the book *Targeting Your International Career, An Undergraduates' Handbook on International Career Development*. The book provides frank information and specific strategies that lead to international careers. Burke is the manager of international relations for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

**Anne M. Mervenne (Urban '82)** was named co-director of the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP), administered by Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. Along with James Agee, co-director, she will expand its efforts to train Michigan citizens in public policy and governance under new leadership and with the help of a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Mervenne, who served as MPLP co-director with Lynn Jondahl from 1997 to 2000, is currently a member of the program's advisory board. As special adviser to former Michigan Governor John Engler and Michelle Engler, Mervenne served as director of the governor's southeast Michigan office, executive director of the Michigan Women's Commission, and as the governor's director of appointments, personnel, and management intern program. Her career includes seven years of service with Michigan Senator Doug Cruce and four years as county commissioner for Ingham County.

**John Sharood (SOCEC '83)** organized a buyout of Eurotherm Gauging Systems (EGS) from Invensys and is currently Eurotherm's president. Sharood, who brings financial and operational expertise from his experience with Eurotherm Gauging group, plans to guide the company in investing more in research and development and in global expansion. Based in Billerica, MA, EGS is a global provider of specialty measurement and control solutions for converters and companies in the lightweight coating, aseptic coating, co-extrusion, and biaxially oriented film and sheet markets. Previously, Sharood worked for GE operations in the United States and Europe.

**Dena Skran (IR '83)** is the chairperson of the Department of Government at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. She recently led a group of faculty and students on a three-week study tour of China and will do the same in Hiroshima next year. The study tours are funded by a grant from the Freeman Foundation.

**Elizabeth Marazita (IR '84)** married Michael Spano on August 24, 2002. They honeymooned in Beijing and live in Seattle.

**Mark Burzych (SOCEC '85)**, attorney with Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC, Lansing, was appointed to the Michigan Public Education Facilities Authority by former Michigan Governor John Engler. Burzych is active in local and state political organizations and has worked on numerous election campaigns. He was an intern for former U.S. Vice President George Bush and a staff member of the Michigan Republican State Committee.

**Wallace Jefferson (Urban '85)**, appointed to the Texas Supreme Court on March 14, 2001 by Governor Rick Perry, was elected to the court in November. Jefferson, who is certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, has argued and won two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court—both in 5-4 decisions. After graduation from JMC in 1985, Jefferson attended law school at the University of Texas, where he encountered famed constitutional scholar Charles Alan Wright. He returned to San Antonio in 1988 to practice law at the law firm of Groce, Locke & Hebdon before founding the appellate specialty law firm Crofts, Callaway & Jefferson in 1991. Jefferson was the 2002 James Madison College commencement speaker.

**Jeff Kingzett (Urban/JMCD '85)** is the village manager/downtown development authority director for the village of Birch Run in Michigan. He earned his

master's in public administration from Oakland University in 1994.

**Kevin Manning (IR '85)** and his wife, Mariah, have a son, Noah Barile Manning, born June 20, 2002.

**Scott Hards (IR '86)** married Asako Hata on May 1, 2002 and resides in Tohigi, Japan.

**Gregory P. Conyers (JMC '87)** has been appointed program administrator of justice initiatives for the State Bar of Michigan. He will coordinate and implement justice projects and support communications on a wide range of state-bar-led justice issues. He will also assist the Pro Bono Involvement Committee by proposing policy recommendations and working with volunteers to implement committee decisions. He will assist advocacy efforts for the Michigan Litigation Assistance Partnership Program and the Legal Services Advocacy Steering Committee. Conyers was previously director of e-Community Development, Think Detroit, where he helped build the capacity for on-line participation by young people in Detroit community issues. Conyers resides in East Lansing, MI.

**Patrick Filbin (JMCD '88)** has joined Plunkett & Cooney P.C. as a member of the firm's Professional Liability Practice Group. After graduation from Madison, he worked as a lobbyist and a legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Paul Kanjorki (D-Pa). Filbin then earned his law degree at Thomas Cooley Law School where he served as associate editor of the school's law review.

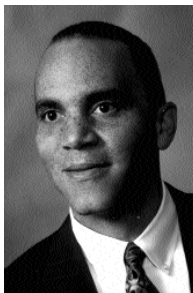
**John Birmingham (SOCEC '89)** has joined Foley & Lardner's Detroit office as a partner.

Previously he was an equity member of Detroit law firm Dykema Gossett, LLC, where he represented employers in state and federal trial and appellate courts, the National Labor Relations Board, administrative tribunals, and all ADR formats. He earned his J.D. magna cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School in 1992.



Courtesy of the MSU Alumni Association Magazine.

*Mark Burzych*



*Wallace Jefferson*



*John Birmingham*

**Jim Frishman (IR '89)** has started his Ed.D. program in educational leadership at Western Michigan University. His goal is to work in central office administration in the area of curriculum and instruction. Frishman currently teaches world studies and U.S. history at Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids, MI. He earned his M.A. in educational technology and instructional design from MSU in 2000. Frishman is also a member of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.

### 1990s

**Lawrence Leib (MS '90)** is running for judicial office to fill the vacancy in the 47th District Court. Leib has practiced in both state and federal courts and has represented clients in the state courts of California, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Leib received the Pro Bono Award for Outstanding Representation by the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for providing legal services to the poor.

**Tony Leiserowitz (IR '90)** has been awarded a National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Award for his dissertation "Global Climate Change: Risk Perceptions and Behavior." Leiserowitz is pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon.

**Christopher Tracy (JMCD '90)**, formerly an attorney with Fognani Guibord Homsy & Roberts in Chicago, has taken a job with Howard and Howard in Kalamazoo, MI. His practice will include commercial litigation, environmental litigation, health care litigation focusing on fraud and abuse issues, and white-collar criminal work. Tracy has been active in the JMC alumni group in Chicago.

**Alicia Farmer (JMCD '91)** and **Phil D'Anieri (IR '86)** have added a second child, James, to their family. Their first child, Avery, is 4. Farmer is program coordinator in the University of Michigan's Program on the Environment. D'Anieri is pursuing a Ph.D. in urban planning at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan and was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship to support his work. The family lives in Ann Arbor, MI.

**Deb Meizlish (MS '91)** has completed her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Michigan (UM) and has been hired as a program manager at the UM Center for Research on Learning and Teaching.

**Karen Sendelbach, (JMC IR '91)** has been admitted as a shareholder to the Ann Arbor law firm of Nichols, Sacks, Slank & Sendelbach, P.C. The firm focuses on family law and mediation. Ms. Sendelbach has been practicing law since 1994, and concentrates her practice on family law and appellate work. She lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, James, and their son Nicholas.



*Karen Sendelbach*

**Patti Glaza (IR & Economics, '92)** has been named vice president of finance for Small Times Media. Small Times Media is the leading source of news and information about the business of small technology, which includes nanotechnology, MEMS and Microsystems. Glaza is responsible for strategic forecasting, budget management, business development, and financial performance measurement at Small Times Media. Before joining Small Times, she was director of business development, marketing, and operations for HealthMedia, Inc. Glaza holds an MBA from the University of Michigan. She is a resident of Royal Oak, MI.

**Terry Langston (SR '92)** has recently been selected as the new executive director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. As the sixth executive director of the foundation, he will be responsible for progressive financial and administrative management of the nonprofit corporation that has within its asset-base Kettunen 4-H Center, the state's 4-H volunteer leader training and youth development center in Tustin, MI. He will also be responsible for the solicitation, management, and distribution of private gifts and grants to support the work of Michigan 4-H Youth Development. Langston comes to the foundation after serving as development officer for corporate and foundation relations and director with student development and youth outreach services at Olivet College, Olivet, MI. He received his M.A. from the MSU College of Human Ecology in

1996. He resides in Ovid, MI, and currently serves on the JMC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Dave Millar (IR '92)** has been selected as managing editor for outside articles for the MSU-Detroit College of Law *Journal of International Law*.

**Roger M. Bundy (MS '93)** is an attorney with Garson & Associates Co., LPA. He earned a J.D. from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. Bundy is a member of the Ohio Bar, Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Cleveland Bar Association, the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association, and the City Club of Cleveland. He is married to Amanda Sheffler, who is a sales manager for U.S. Home Corporation. They reside in Cleveland, OH.

**Scott Wilson (American Public Affairs '93)** is director of electronic sales for Elsevier Science in St. Louis, MO.

**Mark Cunningham (IR '94)** is currently serving an assignment in maritime intelligence for the U.S. Coast Guard in Miami, FL.

**Tom Elenbaas (PTCD '94)** has been named pastor at the University Reformed Church in Ann Arbor, MI. He earned his advanced degree at Western Theological Seminary.

**Tatiana Repelin-Downer (IR '94)** is a human resources manager at RR Donnelley. She earned her master's in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois.

**P. J. Cherrin (SR '95)** works at the Claims Conference in New York City, assisting survivors of the Holocaust, former slave laborers, and others to receive the compensation to which they are entitled under recent agreements with the German and Swiss governments.

**Jennifer Joseph (SR '95)** works as a human resources generalist for Bayer Pharmaceutical. She has also held positions with the human resource department of Citibank and United Technologies. Joseph earned her master's in labor relations and human resources from MSU in 1998.

**Daniel J. Oginsky (PTCD '95)** has joined Dykema Gossett PLLC in Lansing as an associate. He will focus primarily on regulatory and administrative law matters. He previously worked in Washington, D.C. on issues related to electric and natural gas restructuring

and regulation at the state and federal level. A resident of Lansing, MI, Oginsky received his J.D. with honors from George Washington University. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Administrative Law Section and the District of Columbia Bar.

**MC Rothhorn (Roth, IR '95)** and **Tamiko Rothhorn (Horner, IR '95)** had a daughter, Katarina Umi Rothhorn, on May 31, 2002 in San Francisco, CA. They have moved back to the Lansing area to be closer to Katarina's grandparents.

**Paul Zalmezak (PE '95)** is a program assistant for the Washington Low Income Housing Network. He worked previously as a planner with the Greater Downtown Partnership of Detroit, MI.

**Dayne Walling (SR '96)** is a policy advocate for the Urban Coalition, a nonprofit research and advocacy organization based in the Twin Cities that focuses on local and state welfare reform, health disparities, and racism.

**Deanna Edwards (SR '97)** is the new host and executive producer of the MSU Urban Affairs Program *MetroLIVE*. Edwards is an academic adviser at Madison and is the president and CEO of the Greater Lansing Urban League.



Deanna Edwards

**Joel Fauson (IR & SR '97)** is a national security analyst with the Science Applications International Corporation. He is also working on his law degree at Georgetown University.

**Holly (Kurth) Krueger (SR '97)** is a stay-at-home mom and volunteers for the Program for Early Parents Support. She and her husband, Kris (MSU Electrical Engineering '98, JMC computer tech '97-98), are the parents of a daughter, Lily (1-21-99), and a son, Cole (10-21-01). They recently bought their first home in Duvall, WA.

**Cheryl Lyons (PTCD '97)** is the head librarian at the Capital Area District Library, Holt (MI) branch. She holds an MLIS from Wayne State University and has worked as a librarian in several positions.

**Stephen Seitz (IR '97)** has recently accepted the position of governmental affairs director for the National

Emergency Number Association (NENA). In his new position, which is stationed in Washington, D.C., Seitz will assist and direct the organization's leadership in the development of government focus

strategy and programs. He will advocate on behalf of NENA and the 9-1-1 industry in Washington and to state and local governments, as well as work on building strategic alliances between NENA and other organizations. Seitz has extensive experience in federal, state, and local governments, having served elected officials, private interests, national associations, grassroots organizers, and nonpartisan political leadership initiatives, specializing in telecommunications, technology, public safety, and transportation issues.

**Julie Egan (IR '98)** has returned from a summer 2002 internship in Morocco studying the impact of micro-credit on the role of women in Northern Morocco. She interned also at UNESCO and worked on a project focusing on civil society, governance, and inequalities in Arab countries. In fall 2002 she resumed classes at Sciences Poli in Paris.

**Melissa Seckora (PTCD '98)**, an editorial associate and on-line art critic for the Washington bureau of the *National Review*, was described in a recent UPI story as having "taken on the *New York Times* and the academic establishment and won."

Seckora has already scored several journalistic coups, most notably her discovery of academic dishonesty on the part of an Emory University professor. She also forced the *New York Times* to issue a retraction on a story related to the Boy Scouts. As a result, she made guest appearances on Fox News, CNN, and National Public Radio. While a student at Madison, Seckora worked in the office of then Dean William Allen. She credits professors Ron Dorr and Constance Hunt as being major influences. After studying in Germany, she



Stephen Seitz



Melissa Seckora

Courtesy of the MSU Alumni Association Magazine.

worked as publications editor at the Federalist Society before joining the *National Review*.

**Aaron Shafer (IR & PE '98)** is a tax attorney with Herzfeld & Rubin, P.C. He earned his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University and is completing an LLM in taxation from New York University.

**Nicole Zayac (IR '98)** works for a law firm in San Francisco. She earned her law degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

**Christina Juarez (IR '99)** works with U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow in her Detroit southeast regional office as a constituent service representative. Her focus areas include immigration, U.S. Customs, and other international affairs issues.

**Patricia Kemp (PTCD '99)** won the Maine Library Journalism Award for outstanding media coverage of Maine library issues for her article "A 'Library in the Park' versus preserving historic value," *Rumford Falls Times*, January 30, 2002. The article discussed the town's decision whether to build a new, much needed library in a park or an addition to the current building that would preserve the historical integrity of the library. Kemp has been a *Rumford Falls Times* (Augusta, ME) reporter for two years. Many of her stories have focused on human interest, features, and health and education-related material. She was the recipient of an American Cancer Society Media Award in 2001 and has received acclaim from readers for her informative and enjoyable stories.

**Mark Moon (IR '99)** completed his master's degree in education at Harvard and has returned to China to live, working as the director of admissions for three international schools. He served his internship with one of the schools in Indonesia and another in China.

**Kip Pierson (PTCD '99)** is an actor with the Shenandoah Shakespeare Company. He has worked with multiple Shakespeare festivals around the country. He earned an MFA in acting from the University of Georgia.

**Geoff Wyatt (IR '99)** is on the 2002-2003 Board of Editors of the *Law Review* at Harvard.

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## 2002-2003 Outstanding Alumni Awards

### Nomination Deadline: March 15, 2003

The James Madison College Alumni Association Board of Directors sponsors two annual awards to honor distinguished alumni. The *Distinguished Alumnus* and *Honorary Alumnus* acknowledge those individuals who have positively represented the college or have significantly contributed to its progress. Distinguished Alumni are nominated by fellow alumni and members of the college faculty and administration. JMCAA accepts nominations of those who are not alumni for its Honorary Alumni award. Award recipients are selected by a committee appointed by the JMCAA Board of Directors. The alumni awards are presented at the JMC spring commencement.

#### Recipient Selection Criteria

##### Distinguished Alumnus Award

- Must be an alumnus of James Madison College
- Must have achieved prominence in his or her field
- Must have demonstrated service to James Madison College through its alumni organizations, its academic divisions, its committees, or in other capacities.

##### Honorary Alumnus Award

- Nongraduates of James Madison College whose efforts have significantly contributed to the progress and development of the college.

#### Past Award Recipients

##### Distinguished Alumnus Award

Michael McConnell, 1997  
Bryce Sandler, 1998  
Paul Long, 1999  
Richard Cordray, 2000  
Wallace Jefferson, 2001

##### Honorary Alumnus Award

Herbert Garfinkel, 1997  
Gordon Guyer, 1998  
David Porteus, 1999  
Dixie Platt, 2000  
Louis Hirsh, 2001

## Alumni Scene *continued*

### 2000-02

Jeff Ditmar (IR '00) is studying law at DePaul University College of Law.

Aaron Jost (IR '00) recently earned his M.A. from the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University. He has accepted a position in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Nonproliferation, Office of Policy Coordination. Jost did his Madison internship at the State Department in Florence, Italy.

Mayuko Shimakage (IR '00) is a program assistant at the Program for International Studies in Asia (PISA), which is hosted by George Washington University. PISA is an international non-profit organization devoted to the expansion of international relations training and research in Asia. PISA has provided specialized programs in international affairs to academic institutions and government agencies in Asia for nearly 15 years.

Catherine Chen (PTCD '01) met in December 2002 with Tom Ridge, the first U.S. Secretary for Homeland Security, at the Office of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Chen is a national security analyst with Science Applications International Corporation.



Catherine Chen with Tom Ridge

Aldi Henry (IR '01) is a defensive back for the Calgary Stampeders. He was selected in the third round (18th overall) by the Toronto Argonauts in the 1997 Canadian College Draft. He was then released by Toronto on June 25, 1997. He was later signed as a free agent by the Calgary Stampeders on July 22, 1997.

### Designate category in which this nominee is placed:

- Distinguished Alumnus
- Honorary Alumnus

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### ■ Nomination Deadline: March 15, 2003

Please include a letter of nomination that outlines the professional accomplishments of your candidate. Identify special honors and recognition received by your nominee and indicate why you think this person should receive the award. Include your name, address, and phone number.

**Please mail, fax, or e-mail nominations to:**

Kim Allan

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East Lansing, MI 48825-1025

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**Tiffany Parker (IR/PE '01)** accepted a position as an analyst in the Government Market Unit of Accenture, a consulting firm that specializes in technology consulting and outsourcing. She will be based in their Detroit office, but hopes to enjoy lots of business travel. Parker was a member of the MSU's Honors College and she completed the JMC Honors Program. While at MSU, she participated in the JMC Student Senate, International Relations Organization, and the ASMSU Funding Board. Parker recently bought a home in East Lansing and will marry in June 2003.

**Kathleen Romig (SR '01)** has been selected as a presidential management intern and will work on the Food Stamp program in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Jennifer Vallier (IR '01)** is an investment banker with Fahnstock & Co., Inc.

**Adam Wright (PTCD '01)** is in his second year at Harvard Law School and this year will be serving as teaching assistant in Michael Sandel's core curriculum course "Moral Reasoning: Justice."

**Cortney Kosmala (SR '02)** was recently accepted into Teach for America and will be going to the Mississippi Delta.

**Mike McCarthy (IR '02)** is teaching English during a two-year stint in Lisakovsk, Kazakhstan.

**Ilya Perchikovskiy (SR '02)** is also working at the Claims Conference in New York City assisting Holocaust survivors, former slave laborers, and others to receive the compensation to which they are entitled under recent agreements with the German and Swiss governments.

**Michael Sirlag (IR '02)** is an international affairs specialist for the U.S. Department of Defense. He interned at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and is currently working on an MPA at George Washington University.

**Joel R. Szirtes (PE '02)** has accepted a position with Flexible Plan, a financial planning group, in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

**Jennifer Troxell (PTCD/PTCO/IR '02)** is a staff analyst for DFI International. She is currently working on a master's in political science at American University in Washington, D.C.



## Madison Students Nominated for Marshall, Rhodes, and Truman Scholarships

Four Madison students were nominated for prestigious scholarships in fall 2002: **Jelena Slijivic (IR '00)** of Shelby Township, MI for the Marshall Scholarship; **Edward Timke (IR/French)** of Bailey's Harbor, WI, for both the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships; and **Jared English** of Jackson, MI (**IR/finance**) and **Kevin Glandon** of East Lansing, MI (**IR/PTCD**) for the Truman Scholarship. The nominations themselves are distinct honors.

Marshall Scholarships provide an opportunity for American students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership potential to continue their studies for two to three years at a British university. Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest of the international fellowships, bring outstanding students from many countries to Oxford University. The Truman Scholarship is an award of tuition, fees, books, room, and board to students who have extensive records of public and community service, are committed to careers in government or elsewhere in public service, and who have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

At MSU, 16 students, 5 of them from JMC, have earned Rhodes Scholarships. MSU has also had 8 Marshall Scholars, 6 of them from JMC, and 8 Truman Scholars, all from JMC. The university's first George Mitchell Scholar and first Carnegie Junior Fellow were JMC students. JMC also boasts 10 Fulbright Scholars and 5 National Science Foundation Fellows.

## JMC Leads MSU Debate Team to Honors

The MSU debate team, dominated by James Madison College students, excelled in fall 2002 tournaments.

At the Harvard University Debate Tournament, the team of **Dave Strauss (IR, junior)** and **Greta Stahl (IR, junior)** had a record of 7-1 in the preliminary debates, earning them the top overall seed going into elimination rounds. **Calum Matheson (SR, senior)** and **Joe Siegmann (IR/PE, senior)** were the fifth seed going into elimination rounds with a 6-2 record. Both teams advanced into the final round, known as the "sweet 16," before being defeated.

MSU also took home two individual speaker awards: Matheson took first place and Stahl took second among more than 150 competitors. This achievement marks the fourth consecutive top-speaker award for Matheson this year.

Held annually in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Harvard tournament is one of the most challenging of the semester, with virtually every top debate team in the country competing.

Subsequently, the MSU team took second-place honors at the Motor City Debate Tournament at Wayne State University in Detroit. MSU advanced all four of its younger teams into the elimination rounds, including the second-place team of **Anjali Vats (IR/psychology, senior)** and Aaron Hardy.

Both tournaments followed the Kentucky Round Robin Tournament at the University of Kentucky in Lexington in October, where Matheson was named the top individual speaker for the second year in a row. He is the first person to do so in the 32-year history of the tournament.

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## O T H E R STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Julie Bashkin (PTCD/SR/Russian)** was named a Gillette Research Fellow. She will use her award to begin a senior thesis on Belorussian Jews during the Holocaust. Through intensive interviews with her family and archival research, Bashkin hopes to investigate the Nazi invasion, the Nazi ghetto in Minsk, evacuations, and her family members' lives when they fled and later returned to Minsk.

**Jared English (IR/finance, senior)** and **Matt Clayson (IR/PTCD, senior)** were recognized along with former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelly between quarters of the fall 2002 MSU/Purdue football game for their work organizing a coalition of student governments from both public and private colleges and universities united in the mission of defeating Michigan Ballot Proposal #4.

**Jon Hoadley (freshman)** was the recipient of the 2002 MSU Pride Scholarship. Hoadley graduated in the spring of 2002 from Vermillion High School in Vermillion, SD with an extraordinary record of accomplishment. He achieved a 4.0 GPA; was one of the top-ranked debaters in the country; organized one of the largest high-school debating clubs nationwide; played several instruments and sang in ten different community bands, orchestras, and choirs; worked as a member of the School Violence Prevention Committee; served as an attorney for the Vermillion Youth Court; and organized major community service projects. Among the community service projects in which he took a key leadership role was Soles for Souls, which collects and ships shoes to an orphanage in Guatemala. One of Hoadley's teachers remarked that "the directors of his activities are truly dreading his graduation, as Jon is the lifeblood of anything he participates in. He motivates his peers to achieve more, aim higher, and do bigger things."

## My Dinner with President Walesa

By *Agnieszka Ostrowski*

Lech Walesa went from dockyard electrician to national hero with a speech that roused the Polish people to oppose Communism. Having heard him speak, I understand how he did this. Walesa is amazingly alive and passionate. His words, in the original Polish and even in translation, have a vitality that could inspire anyone. In every word he says, his conviction shines through, whether he's talking about the international system or fishing—his favorite hobby.

After Walesa's lecture at the Wharton Center, a small dinner was held for him. In attendance were many of the important figures of MSU and James Madison College, and, amazingly, me—a junior at JMC studying international relations. As it was my first experience in such august company, I arrived at the dinner completely petrified. It was President Walesa himself who put me at ease. He hadn't been expecting to hear anyone speak Polish, and asked me for my story. In explaining how my family and I had come to the United States, I forgot to be nervous. Walesa, of course, moved on to speak of his work with MSU President McPherson, while I used my newfound confidence to enjoy some fascinating conversations with the people around me.

At one point, Walesa asked about James Madison College, and President McPherson asked me to talk about it. I explained the classes I had taken and the theories they had covered. Walesa was thrilled! I was talking about the ideas that he believes can solve today's problems. Walesa left the dinner satisfied that Michigan State University and James Madison College are creating great future leaders, while I went home in a daze, having met a great man and a hero.



*JMC junior Agnieszka Ostrowski (IR) with former President of Poland Lech Walesa and MSU Dean of International Studies and Programs John Hudzik at a dinner following Walesa's address at MSU's Wharton Center for Performing Arts in October 2002.*

Join the JMC Senate at the 4th Annual

### *Charity Ball*

The 4th Annual James Madison College Student Senate Charity Ball will take place on Saturday April 12, 2003 at the Michigan Athletic Club located in the Hannah Plaza East Lansing on Hagadorn Road.

For information, e-mail Nick Gonzales at [gonza147@msu.edu](mailto:gonza147@msu.edu)

## JMC International Relations Delegates Recognized at National Conferences

Two JMC students who are members of the MSU International Relations Organization (IRO) were recognized at fall 2002 conferences. Social relations junior **Mary Hynes** was named Best Delegate for her work in the Hungarian Cabinet at the October National College Security Conference in Washington, D.C. JMC PTC senior **Daniel Eichinger** was named Outstanding Delegate in the UN Security Council at the November Model United Nations Conference at the University of Pennsylvania. IRO's 100-plus members include more than 80 JMC students as well as students from colleges and majors across MSU. IRO sent 12 members to the Washington, D.C. conference, where they served on committees discussing topics that included the future of UN peacekeeping and the conflict with Iraq. At the Pennsylvania conference, a group of 57 IRO members represented the nations of China, Argentina, Indonesia, Lebanon, Zimbabwe, and Luxembourg and returned with eight awards, perhaps the best showing ever for the organization. Delegates representing MSU were recognized with awards in nearly every committee.

In fall 2002, membership in IRO reached record levels. IRO continues to meet each week in Case Hall as it prepares for spring semester conferences in Montreal, Boston, and Ottawa. For more information, visit the Website at <<http://www.msu.edu/~intlrel>> or e-mail [intlrel@msu.edu](mailto:intlrel@msu.edu)



*A group of MSU International Relations Organization members pose after attending fall 2002 conferences. All are freshmen. L to R: Carrie Smith (JMC), Lisa Johnson (JMC), Heather Hynes, Josh Rabinowitz, James Hensley (JMC), Jason Ardanowski (JMC), Sean Williamson (JMC), Jaime Figueroa (JMC), Sean Tackett (JMC), Lauren Bell (JMC), Kannan Raghunathan.*

## MSU Distinguished Scholarships Go to JMC Freshmen

Three of MSU's 20 Alumni Distinguished Scholars (ADS) and University Distinguished Scholars (UDS) for 2002 are Madison students.

**Jason Ardanowski**, son of David and Kathryn Ardanowski, holds academic interests in the areas of international relations, economics, political theory, and biochemistry. Ardanowski chose MSU "because of the academic quality of the Honors College and James Madison College, and the welcoming, approachable nature of all the students, faculty, and administrators I met." Ardanowski attended Winston Churchill High School in Livonia, MI, where he participated in the National Honor Society, Churchill Quiz Bowl, and student government.

**Ann DeLuca**, daughter of Margaret Madagame and Tad DeLuca, decided that "the reputation of James Madison College and the benefits of the undergraduate research program attracted me to Michigan State University." De Luca's academic interests include JMC, English, and psychology. She was active on the debate, forensics, track, and cross-country teams at Gaylord (MI) High School.

**Frances Howes** chose JMC because it "seemed to be a place where I could learn actively as an individual and not just be one more in a sea of faces in a lecture hall. I'm really excited to be coming to MSU." Howes's academic interests include political theory, Spanish, writing, and astronomy. Howes was active on the academic quiz bowl, radio astronomy, and Web writing teams at Grosse Pointe (MI) North High School. Her parents are Kathryn Rogers (IR '75) and John Howes.

## 2002 Homecoming Parade and JMC Alumni Tailgate



*More than 70 alumni, faculty, students, and friends enjoyed the third annual James Madison College*

*Homecoming tailgate brunch on October 19, 2002. Despite the cold weather, the crowd was enthusiastic about the food and company. Be sure to join us in 2003 for the fourth annual JMC tailgate.*

for survival are over. The college's leadership in undergraduate education is recognized across campus and the state of Michigan. Each year JMC has a waiting list of students hoping to enroll, and Madison alumni are graduating to pursue successful careers that have the potential to change the world. Increased financial resources will play a critical role in building yet another asset: Madison's profile outside of Michigan.

"Thanks to recent fund raising efforts, we have begun awarding more and larger scholarships from college funds to attract students to Madison," said JMC Director of Development Rocky Beckett. "Recruiting great students and talented, dedicated faculty will be key to Madison's future, just as it has been in our past."

"Gifts of every size are welcomed and needed to reach our goals," said Beckett. "We ask every alumnus and friend of the college to consider making an annual gift to support the college. We plan to double the number of annual donors to 1,250 as we increase participation through the campaign."

The Campaign for James Madison College is part of a university-wide Campaign for MSU that will raise \$1.2 billion.

If you would like more information about the Campaign for James Madison College, opportunities for giving, joining the Founders Circle, or making a gift to the college, please contact Rocky Beckett at [beckettr@msu.edu](mailto:beckettr@msu.edu) or call (517) 432-2117.

## DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

## Plant a seed today!

A year ago I was reading a book that contained this anonymous quote:

"Anyone can count the seeds in an apple; no one can count the apples in a seed."

I find this a profound statement of unlimited potential.

It has grown on me to the point that it has become part of the vision for my position as director of development for James Madison College.

I regularly have the good fortune to talk with JMC alumni who have benefited from such unlimited potential. James Madison College and its faculty and staff have planted countless seeds over 35 years. Many have born fruit in the lives of graduates through careers, families, and other accomplishments and milestones both big and small. Numerous graduates and friends show their appreciation by giving back to the college through financial contributions. These gifts, in turn, plant new seeds and opportunities for current students.

As director of development, I am grateful for those who have planted seeds. I intend to continue in your footsteps by planting seeds and building relationships that will serve the college and others well into the future. I ask all alumni and friends of Madison to do the same. Plant a seed today! You may never know the true extent of your effort, but you will know that it makes a difference for the college and that numerous people benefit from your thoughtfulness.

Please contact me at [beckettr@msu.com](mailto:beckettr@msu.com) or (517) 432-2117 and ask me about my favorite story of Ron Dorr planting a seed. The first ten people to contact me will be eligible for a drawing for two MSU men's basketball tickets.

*Rocky Beckett*  
JMC Director of Development



*Rocky Beckett*

## FOUNDERS CIRCLE

### Detroit Mayor Addresses 2002 Founders Circle Luncheon

Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was this year's keynote speaker at the annual JMC Founders Circle Luncheon. Several hundred students, faculty, and guests heard the mayor describe his administration's accomplishments. The mayor has led a turn-around in Detroit; balancing an inherited \$169 million budget deficit, streamlining city departments, expanding and coordinating after-school activities, cleaning up trash, and disposing abandoned vehicles. He challenged students saying, "The biggest places you can make differences are in urban centers like Detroit."



## FACULTY SCENE

### JMC's Waltzer Co-Curates Museum Exhibit

JMC Professor Ken Waltzer has co-curated an exhibit at the MSU Museum, with MSU Assistant Professor of History Kirsten Fermaglich, that explores the ambivalences in Michigan Jewish life during the Depression and World War II. *Uneasy Years: Michigan Jewry During the Depression and War* is on view through June 15, 2003. The exhibit is a companion to *Varian Fry: Assignment Rescue*, a



Ken Waltzer

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum traveling exhibit also on view at the MSU Museum.

*Uneasy Years* emphasizes the active responses by Michigan Jews to the plight of European Jews in the late 1930s. "Amidst the Depression and the coming of war, Michigan Jews expressed high concern about the fate of Jews abroad," said Waltzer. "They raised increasing funds to be sent abroad, participated in the boycott of German goods, protested Nazi expansion outside the German consulate, sought to liberalize American immigration policies, and supported a Jewish homeland in Palestine. They backed Roosevelt and preparedness, and they enlisted and fought (and died) in the war with special purpose."



Harry Klein at his bar mitzvah in 1934.

The exhibit comprises five parts: "At Home in Michigan," "Jews in the Mind of Michigan and America," "Divided America: The Coming of War," "Immigration and Refugees," and "Michigan Jews and World War II."

Public programs complement the exhibits. Keynote speaker Sheila Isenberg, author of *A Hero of Our Own—The Story of Varian Fry*, kicked off the series with an appearance at MSU in November. Filmmaker Pierre

Sauvage, who is working on the film *And Crown Thy Good: Varian Fry in Marseilles*, will speak at MSU on April 10, 2003. Other programs will feature speakers and panels on the subjects of rescue, rescuing children, hidden children, and on Michigan Jewish life in the 1930s and 1940s. An outreach program is being planned in partnership with schools, organizations, churches, and synagogues.

Programming is sponsored by the MSU Museum, MSU Jewish Studies Program, and Congregation Shaarey Zedek of East Lansing, with assistance from the Michigan Humanities Council and cooperation from the Michigan Jewish Historical Society.

The exhibits can be viewed during MSU Museum hours: weekdays 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sundays 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Anti-Nazi demonstration, March 18, 1938, Detroit, MI.

### MSU Recognizes Two Madison Faculty with Major Awards

Michigan State University accorded two Madison faculty members prestigious honors at its 2003 Awards Convocation in February.

Professor of International Relations **Mohammed Ayoob**, cited as "the leading scholar of Third World security studies at a time when the subject merits attention more than ever before," was one of ten MSU faculty to receive the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award. The award is based on a comprehensive and sustained record of scholarly excellence in research and/or creative activities, instruction, and outreach.

Ayoob has published numerous articles and four major books in recent years, including *The Third World Security Predicament: State Making, Regional Conflict, and the International State System*. The award recognized his work for challenging "prevailing wisdom and assumptions" and making "widely acknowledged contributions to the theory of international relations. It is deeply informed by history and conventional



Mohammed Ayoob



Rod Phillips

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Michael Schechter

## Connecting with Students

By Michael G. Schechter

*The Honors College, in conjunction with the Honors College Student Advisory Committee and the Honors College Alumni Association, awarded Professor Michael G. Schechter the 2002 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students. The award was established to recognize exceptional contributions to Honors College members through teaching, advising, and/or mentoring. He was asked by the Honors College to share his thoughts on his work with students.*

Some two decades ago, a graduating senior—a Madison College student and Marshall Scholar—walked into my office and bluntly asked: “Will you be in the same chair if I come back to Case Hall twenty years from now?” I was somewhat taken aback. Just what was behind the question of this ambitious young man—who subsequently clerked for two U.S. Supreme Court justices and has now pled four cases before the U.S. Supreme Court? While I sheepishly responded to him then, “I guess so,” now I would boldly respond: “Of course! I love my job; from meeting eager new students every semester to being challenged by inquiring minds. And I know that my teaching and my research are immensely improved by conversations with students just like you.”

Yes, I have been very fortunate in teaching in James Madison College for more than a quarter century, for I’ve worked closely with some of this university’s most gifted students. A number have achieved success while here, winning Truman Scholarships, being nationally ranked debaters, serving internships with the United Nations or the U.S. Department of State. Some achieved recognition upon graduation, winning Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, or National Science Foundation scholarships or being admitted to top law or professional schools or getting great jobs throughout the world. For others, success came some years after graduation: becoming the National Public Radio reporter in Moscow; heading up the Michigan division of the American Civil Liberties Union; opening up one of the first U.S.-based law firms in China; founding and heading a technology firm; helping to write environmental legislation for the former Soviet Union; teaching International Relations in Wisconsin or American Political Thought at MSU; serving in the Peace Corps in Africa, Asia, Central America or Central Europe; making their mark in the management consultant field in Atlanta, Chicago, or D.C.; serving as a U.S. foreign service officer; or working for nongovernmental organization in the Yucatan. My relationships with Madison College students have taken a variety of forms. Most of the interactions, of course, take place in the classroom. I also offer Honors Options, which provide opportunities for students to explore topics in greater depth and in informal settings. Sometimes the format or assignments I set out at the beginning are renegotiated by the participants. For example, recently students decided that they wanted to read and discuss a play in addition to two nonfiction works I had chosen. Using fiction proved so successful that, last semester, I assigned our “Policy” class two novels that related to the theme of the class: the dilemmas of democracy.

One of my favorite Honors Options was in conjunction with a course I was teaching on U.S. foreign policy. The weekly honors sessions focused on race and U.S. foreign policy. The students compared a collection of scholarly historical accounts in U.S. history with the same events as represented in their high school textbooks. Students were astounded to see how differently history was constructed in their collegiate and high school readings. The debate, rather heated at times, concentrated on when students should be exposed to various interpretations of U.S. history. Many thought back on their education, conversations with parents, and about their younger siblings’ schooling.

Other special experiences over this long span of time included a course I devised on U.S. Culture and Education. It paired Madison students with beginning

### Faculty Awards *continued*

literature in political science and international relations and combines a mastery of the perspectives of international relations and comparative politics.”

Professor of Humanities, Culture and Writing **Rod Phillips**, whose work focuses on the environmental concerns of the Beat Era writers and who is himself a poet, was one of six MSU faculty to receive the Teacher-Scholar Award. The award is given to those who, early in their careers, have earned the respect of students and colleagues for their devotion to and skill in teaching and who show scholarly promise. Phillips teaches American history and literature from 1600s to the present. He was cited for his ability to inspire “students, peers, and the wider public to understand the connections between nature, culture, and public affairs.”

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## O T H E R FACULTY NEWS

**Pam Aronson** presented a paper at the August 2002 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Chicago titled “Growing Up Alone: The Individualized Life Course and the Absence of Young Women’s Role Models.”

**Allison Berg** was promoted to associate professor with the award of tenure in spring 2002.

**Louis Hunt** published “Principle and Prejudice: Burke, Kant and Habermas on the Conditions of Practical Reason,” *History of Political Thought* (12:1, Spring 2002). He also delivered a paper in Uppsala, Sweden in summer 2002.

**Louise Jezierski** wrote the policy brief “Latino Community Development in Mid-Michigan Cities,” one of eight papers in the urban-focused initiative *Informing the Debate: Race, Urban Inequality and Social Justice*. Jezierski was promoted to associate professor with the award of tenure in spring of 2002.

**Rod Phillips** published “‘My Virtuous Desert’: Kerouac’s Dharma Bums” in *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism* (Vol. 17, 2002). He was awarded the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award in February 2003 (see separate story).



Bryan Ritchie

**Bryan Ritchie** published "Foreign Direct Investment and Intellectual Capital Formation in Southeast Asia," Technical paper no. 194 (August 2002), Organization of Economic Cooperation and

Development. In 2002, he was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Dissertation Award by the Council of Graduate Schools in the social science category for his dissertation "The Political Economy of Technical Intellectual Capital Formation in Southeast Asia." The award is made annually to individuals who, in the opinion of the award committee, have completed dissertations representing original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline.

**Michael Rubner** was interviewed by Reuters (Washington, D.C. office), the *Detroit News*, and the *Lansing State Journal* on American foreign policy toward Iraq. In October 2002 he presented a series of four seminar talks titled: "Whose Land Is It? The Arab-Israeli Conflict from the Beginning to the Present" for the Adult Education program of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, East Lansing.



Michael Rubner

**Michael G. Schechter** published "European Union Foreign and Security Policy: Why it is Often Dismissed and Why It Shouldn't Be" in *The Political Economy of a Plural World: Critical Reflections on Power, Morals and Civilization* (Routledge, 2002) by Robert W. Cox. He presented the paper at the 2002 annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Midwest in St. Louis, MO (November). Also at the meeting, he served as a panel chair and discussant on the panel "The Influence of International Organizations" and was elected to serve on that organization's executive board. In August 2002 he presented two talks at the Midwest Institute on International/Intercultural

Education: "Globalization or Global Education: Meanings and Conceptual Issues" and "Globalizing the Curriculum: Proven Strategies." He was also one of two faculty speakers at the Honors College Freshman Convocation in August 2002. Schechter has two new related research projects (jointly with Bill Taylor, chairperson of the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife) funded by MSU's Institute for Social Science and Public Research: "Global Governance: The Case of Fisheries and Wildlife Policy-Making and the State of Michigan" and "The Impact of Globalization on Fisheries and Wildlife in Michigan: A Comparative Case Study."

**Curtis Stokes** is the director of a new doctoral program in African-American and African



Curtis Stokes

Studies. The program, which examines the social, cultural, and political experiences of black peoples in the United States, Africa, and elsewhere in the black Diaspora, is one of six in the United States and the only one in the Midwest. Housed in the College of Arts and Letters, it is a cross-college and interdepartmental effort designed to cultivate scholars, teachers, and socially engaged individuals.

**Kenneth Waltzer** addressed the directors of Jewish Studies programs at the Midwest Jewish Studies Association at Case Western Reserve University in October 2002 on "Jewish Studies and the Present Moment," focusing on appropriate responses to the rise of anti-Semitic activities around the globe and the rise of anti-Israel activities in Europe, the U.S., and on campuses. He also received Kussy Fellowship funds to study "The Cigarette Sellers of Three Crosses Square in Warsaw, 1943-44"—a gang of Jewish children who survived by selling cigarettes and receiving aid from the Jewish Underground in Warsaw after the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto. Survivors live today in Canada, the United States, and Israel. In addition, Waltzer co-curated an exhibit at the MSU Museum in connection with MSU Jewish Studies (see separate story).

### Connecting continued

international (mostly Korean) students. My favorite assignment for that class was when they all went to the MSU Kresge Art Museum to look at various artifacts and then were required to compare their reactions to them. The religious objects sparked the most reactions. This semester a couple of Madison students asked that I organize an extra class on International Organizations for those involved in Model United Nations activities. How could I resist this way to spend some of my "spare time"?

I really get to know students in two settings besides the classroom. Madison College has its own Honors Program; part of that program requires that students do a year-long senior thesis, culminating in a public defense in front of the faculty, students, and often family members of the graduating senior. Weekly meetings with the student are typical of the preparation for such an event; the intensity seems to increase as the deadline approaches.

But I probably get to know my students best through serving as an academic adviser. Serious academic advising raises questions about students' passions, insecurities, strengths, weaknesses, dreams, idiosyncrasies, and aspirations. I immediately think of an advisee who confided that he wanted to leave a physical mark on this world when he left it: he has gone on to a varied and successful career after earning his master's degree at Harvard's architecture program, one that prides itself in admitting undergraduate liberal arts majors.

Whether in the classroom, over e-mail, special classes, 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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