

# JAMES MADISON SCENE

A newsletter serving James Madison College alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends.



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## EVENTS

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### Alumni Pizza Night

Monday, September 21, 2015  
from 6-8 pm



Alumni Pizza Night brings together current Madison students and JMC alumni working in a variety of fields for an interactive, dynamic networking event. Alumni help students learn firsthand about a wide array of potential career paths, make connections, and practice networking skills in a casual, comfortable setting. Alumni connect with other alumni and meet the next generation of amazing Madison students.



Rajmohan Gandhi

### 2015 Founders Circle Event

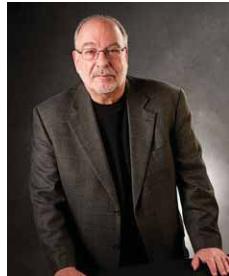
Featuring **Rajmohan Gandhi**  
Presenting "*Feats and Fault-lines of India's Democracy*"

Wednesday, September 30,  
2015, 5:30 pm Kellogg Center  
Big Ten A

Despite a population (largely youthful) of a billion and a quarter men and women, 25 continuous years of economic growth, 68 years of democracy, a current elected government that seems stable and secure, and the growing visibility of talented Indians worldwide, why is India not more of a force for good in the world? In attempting to address this question, the speaker will, among other things, draw on his experience as an intermittent participant in India's political processes and also as an explorer of reconciliation between divided groups.

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### Acclaimed Professor Kenneth Waltzer Retires After 43 Years at Madison and MSU



Kenneth Waltzer

Kenneth Waltzer, professor of history in James Madison College, former dean and associate dean of James Madison College, former director of integrative studies in the arts and humanities in the College of Arts and Letters, and former director of Jewish Studies at Michigan State University, retired effective January 1, 2015 after 43 years of teaching, scholarship, and service.

Waltzer received his BA from Harpur College, the State University of New York at Binghamton, and his PhD from Harvard University, where he was a Harvard Prize Fellow. He came to join in the building of James Madison College at MSU in 1971, even before completing his degree. While at JMC,

he headed the urban field and participated in what later became the social relations and policy major. He developed a reputation as an excellent teacher and mentor. In his first years in the college, he also authored the working paper that became the foundation for the college's freshman writing program; subsequently, he was the faculty's spokesman during MSU's efforts, amidst the financial crisis to close down James Madison College.

Later, after a new era of college growth and success, he led James Madison College as interim dean through the curriculum transition from quarter terms to semesters. In 1995, in recognition of his work, he was invited to give the Alexander Meiklejohn Lecture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on "The Residential College Idea." He also led the beginning stages of the globalization of the IAH curriculum when he served as director of general education in the arts and humanities, and, with Steve Weiland, he envisioned and helped build the university's new Jewish Studies Program, including its special initiative in study abroad in Israel.

During his career, Waltzer won a State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award (1990), the mid-Michigan Alumni Club Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award (1998), the College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Faculty Study Abroad Award (2001), and several other awards. More recently, he was a member of the Brandeis Israel studies faculty seminar (2005) and also a member of the in-

### Waltzer Endowment Nears Goal

To honor Professor Emeritus Ken Waltzer, his former students, friends and colleagues have created the Ken and Sandy Waltzer Teaching Excellence Endowment for James Madison College. Ken was instrumental in designing the purpose of the fund of creating two annual teaching awards in the college. Professor Waltzer wrote, "James Madison College has emphasized excellence in teaching as a criterion for faculty success and has become known for its tradition of excellent teachers. But the college has not to date had its own annual awards to honor special teaching excellence or highlight teaching excellence as a key element in the collegiate culture."

Please consider making your most generous contribution to honor Ken and recognize teaching excellence. Once there you will find a list of leadership donors to the Waltzer Endowment. Gifts of every amount are welcome. The college is happy to announce that we have raised \$95,000 thus far towards a goal of \$100,000. Help us reach the goal and beyond.

For more information contact Rocky Beckett at (517) 432-2117 or [beckettr@msu.edu](mailto:beckettr@msu.edu).

FALL 2015



Dean Sherman Garnett

## FROM THE DEAN

We are in the midst of the opening of the semester. The return of the students and the flurry of activity that comes with them is our sign of the coming of autumn, as sure as the turning of the leaves or the migration of birds. Our 49th class of freshmen—the Class of 2019—has already settled into the rhythm of the public affairs course and writing sections. Our concern during these opening couple of weeks is understandably focused on academics, and yet we are already attempting to get students, including freshmen, to think about their long-term goals and careers. Madison was founded on the notion of a link between classroom and society, the study of public affairs and the making of public policy. From the beginning we have required a semester-long field experience, long before internships across the undergraduate curriculum were common. We believed our curriculum and residential program could and should lead to significant work.

Over the years Madison has supplemented this focus on a semester in the ‘real world’ with a wide variety of programming and advising geared at helping students explore professional paths, prepare for life after graduation, and connect to alumni and professionals in a wide variety of fields. We want our students to think about their futures before their final semester, and we want to be in a position to help them understand options, through services we provide and the connections we help create between them and you, our successful alumni.

We have recently revamped our Field Experience Program. It remains an intense, semester-long placement in a professional setting in law, government, advocacy, non-profit, or business. However, our students now have increased flexibility and discretion in the types of research assignments they do. We still want them to reflect on their experience in the light of larger policy and social issues, but we want them to do so in a way that is true to their experience and needs: and a 25-page paper is not the only or necessarily the best way to do this. They can now carry out joint research with their faculty sponsor, submit products from their work, or even make a film or a website.

The number of credits offered for field experience has also become more flexible. Today’s students often do not need a full semester’s worth of credit for the field experience, so we have made the credit variable, with the aim being to give each student the credit she or he needs. JMC’s field experience coordinator, Max Olivero, has recently completed new internship development projects locally, nationally, and internationally, with a particular focus on the City of Lansing and the many internship and career opportunities available in both the public and private sectors.

Our students’ field experience placements in recent months have been impressive. This past summer, students interned around the world in a wide variety of professional sectors such as business, law, intelligence, government, non-profit, public relations, health administration, and international affairs. The number of internships in business has increased in recent years as more students apply their Madison education and explore career opportunities in that sector. Students interested in business completed internships with organizations such as Deloitte, IBM and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. An international relations and Chinese double major participated in MSU’s new Internships in China program located in Shanghai this past summer. While in Shanghai she completed an intensive Mandarin language program in addition to an internship with the China-Italy Chamber of Commerce. Another student double majoring in international relations and accounting completed a joint international marketing internship with the Food Export Association of the Midwest and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Given our students’ strong interest in law school and legal careers, we remain strong in placements in organizations like the Michigan Attorney General’s Office, Michigan Supreme Court, and private firms in the Lansing area and around the country. This summer, a student interested in the intersection of international security, intelligence, and criminal justice completed a security management internship at Cedar Point Amusement Park, combining his academic coursework in international and criminal justice by evaluating and assessing various security concerns to the park. Other students completed government internships in congressional and legislative offices, lobbying and consulting firms, the White House (see “student section” for featured story), the governor’s office, and many more government organizations.

On the international affairs front, internships in refugee services and development were popular endeavors as students worked with refugees in communities here in Lansing, but also in places like Cape Town, South Africa and Chiang Mai, Thailand. We also had six students working with the United Nations focusing on issues from diplomacy between the U.S. and foreign nations to universal access to reproductive healthcare. A handful of students worked with the U.S. Department of State, both in Washington, DC as well as in embassies and consulates around the world. The feedback we have received from internship supervisors this past summer is exceedingly positive, and the college continues to maintain its outstanding reputation among many organizations around the world.

Our commitment to providing career-related support to students (freshmen through seniors) is paying off, too. More than ever, Madison graduates are pursuing a diverse range of paths after earning their degrees. We continue to empower students for success in law, policy, and advocacy, and business—but we’re also seeing many alumni use their public affairs experience in some atypical (and very interesting!) ways.

A very recent graduate just started working for Facebook as a product manager, and another as an energy advisor for CLEARResult—a company aimed at helping utilities, business, and individuals make the wise use of energy a way of life. We have a graduate working as a data analyst for the Michigan Association of United Ways, one as a production assistant for WKAR, and another as an assistant program manager for GIGTANK—a boutique accelerator for seed-stage startups developing ultra high-bandwidth business applications. Another graduate is working as a research scientist for Backyard Brains, a company that designs products aimed at providing insight into the inner workings of the nervous system, and one IR alumna recently founded her own company—Brew Export, LLC—to enable local craft brewers to sell their products internationally (where the demand for craft beer is growing exponentially). It’s exciting for all of us to see so many graduates ‘breaking the mold’ by using their degrees in such innovative, unique ways.

I am proud that these outstanding examples are part of strong overall placement rates. JMC is able to track outcomes for almost every graduate—meaning we know exactly what our alumni are doing upon graduation (at a rate of 98 percent in 2014). This last year, 97 percent of our graduates either jumped directly into a career or into graduate/law studies. Our 2014 graduates are currently working at 130 different employers and are pursuing advanced degrees (JDS, Masters, MBA, and PhDs) at over 20 different institutions around the world. The college remains focused on providing the most demanding public affairs curriculum in the country in a residential setting. Teaching is our mission and avocation, but we understand that we have to support our students in broadening their understanding of career options, giving them practical experience of options through an internship, and support their efforts to obtain employment or admission at graduate and law schools. I believe we have done every bit as well in this work as we have done in the classroom. And, we owe a great deal of gratitude to the many alumni and friends who continue to offer internships and jobs to our students and provide advice and mentoring.

### Sherman W. Garnett

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# JMC FALL EVENTS

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A noted Indian politician, academic, and advocate for tolerance and reconciliation, Rajmohan Gandhi has served in the Indian Senate and as president of Initiatives of Change International, a global nonprofit aiming at reconciliation and trust-building. He has been a research professor at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and also academic director of that campus's Global Crossroads Living and Learning Community. A grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Rajmohan Gandhi has published eleven books and has had a distinguished career in journalism. He is a guest lecturer at James Madison College at MSU for the fall of 2015.

The talk will be available by livestream video and as an archived video.

Go to: <http://livestream.com/msualumni/Gandhi>



## Annual James Madison College Homecoming Tailgate Brunch

**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

**9:30 am to noon**

**Case Hall Southpointe Dining Room**

MSU pompon team and a student a capella group will perform. All Madisonians, families, and friends welcome. No charge, but an RSVP will be helpful in planning food.

Email Kim Allan  
for more information  
[allank@msu.edu](mailto:allank@msu.edu).



**Dr. Abigail R. Hall,**  
assistant professor of  
economics at the  
University of Tampa, will  
speak on "The Political  
Economy of Drones and  
National Security."

**Monday, October 26,  
2015 12:30 pm**  
**Club Spartan, 3rd floor, Case Hall**



Abigail R. Hall

## James Madison College Alumni Association Annual Meeting

**Saturday, October 10, 2015, 1:00pm**

JMCAA Board of Directors Meeting will follow  
Everyone welcome

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international scholarly delegation sent by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum to open and appraise the Red Cross International Tracing Service archive (2007). He gave the Wineman Lecture at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2009 and has lectured internationally on his recent work in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, and the United States. He was the Myron and Margaret Winegarden Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan-Flint (2011-12).

As a teacher-scholar, Professor Waltzer's interests have been in American social and political history, including urban, immigrant, and minority history, and also modern Jewish history, particularly the study of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

In the early 1980s he was one of the "new historians of American communism," about which there was controversy in the New York Review of Books. Later, he co-authored (with Kathleen Geissler) the CD-ROM American Identity Explorer: Migration and Immigration, published by McGraw-Hill (1999, 2002), an attempt to wed urban, immigrant, and minority history with the new technology.

Most recently, his major scholarly project has been a forthcoming book, The Rescue of Children and Youths at Buchenwald.

A full-length documentary film, Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald, based on his work, was completed in 2012. Recently the film was shown at the UN and UN-related sites around the world in connection with the 2015 International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Also related to this recent work, Waltzer led a team that discovered and headed off a major Holocaust memoir fraud, Angel at the Fence, which was slated to become an international best-seller and blockbuster movie. In connection with his work on Buchenwald, Waltzer has been responsible for mobilizing support for the recognition of two rescuers as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem.



Kenneth Waltzer



**Kenneth Waltzer's career and retirement were commemorated with a weekend of social and academic festivities**



# ALUMNI NEWS



Laura Marie Casey

On behalf of the JMCAA, I'd like to welcome to our newest alumni from the class of 2015. Congratulations – we are happy to have you join us!

This is an exciting time for the JMCAA for a few reasons. This summer, the JMCAA launched a new program called JMC Connect. Our intent is to extend the public service mission of James Madison College to alumni and like-minded individuals

beyond the walls of Case Hall. It's our hope that JMC Connect becomes an outlet for JMC alumni to be more connected with their Madison peers in countless communities through service projects, social gatherings, connecting with incoming and outgoing JMC students, and participation in college-sponsored activities.

For the inaugural JMC Connect project, we partnered with the college and joined first-year students as they embarked on their very first service project as members of the Madison family. Our thanks to the alumni who participated by welcoming freshmen to campus on August 30 and those who helped with the service project on the 31st.

James Madison College has a milestone coming up quickly. In 2017, Madison turns 50. I know it seems early to be talking about it, but 2017 will be here before we know it and the planning will start next year for a variety of activities and events to celebrate our birthday in true Madison style!

Recently, the MSU Alumni Association announced a significant change to their membership structure. As of July 1, 2016, the MSUAA will be eliminating the dues requirement for membership. The reason for this change is simple – it allows the MSUAA to focus on activities to enrich the lives of all Spartan alumni and friends, not just its members.

Every alum is part of the MSU alumni family and will receive a basic level of service from the MSUAA. However, going forward, any alumni or friend who makes an annual gift of \$100 to the college or program of their choice becomes Spartan Loyal, which brings an enhanced level of service from the MSUAA.

The mission of the JMCAA has always been to help foster and advance loyalty to the college, encourage alumni to connect with each other and with the students, and most importantly to engage in activities that further the success of the college. In the past, the JMCAA received a portion of the dues paid by MSUAA members. This allowed us to contribute to college activities like this newsletter, Career Day and Pizza Night, among others. With this change, we will no longer receive these funds from the MSUAA.

If you are a current or previous MSUAA member, we ask you to become Spartan Loyal and instead of paying dues, make a minimum annual contribution of \$100 to James Madison College and continue to support the college and its activities. Current MSUAA Life Members will be permanently recognized as Spartan Loyal donors but, even if you are a Life Member, please consider continuing to support the college in whatever way has the most meaning for you.

If you'd like more information about the MSUAA's change, visit [alumni.msu.edu](http://alumni.msu.edu) and click on the Membership tab.

There are many alumni who support the Madison College in many ways, and we are grateful to all of you. The JMCAA board remains focused in our mission and in support of alumni and students. As always, please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Go GREEN!

**Laura Marie Casey**

**SR '93**

President, JMCAA

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### Alumni Voices Profiles

<http://jmc.msu.edu/alumni-voices/>



Gabe Schneider

### Gabe Schneider (IR/Envir Econ '03)

Principal, Northern Strategies 360,  
Traverse City, MI

### Jason Mikula (SR '05)

Senior Manager,  
Growth Marketing,  
LendUp,  
San Francisco, CA



Jason Mikula



Antonio Senagore

### Antonio Senagore

(IR '05) Attorney at  
Fisk Kart Katz and  
Regan, Ltd., Chicago, IL



John Rood

**John Rood**  
(IR/PTCD '05)  
President/Founder,  
Next Step Test  
Preparation, Chicago, IL



Ging Cee Ng

**Ging Cee Ng (SRP/  
Econ '08)** PhD Student  
in Economics,  
University of Chicago,  
Department of Economics Education,  
Chicago, IL



Alex Plum

**Alex Plum (IR/PTCD/  
PE '08)** Global Health  
Initiative Program  
Coordinator, Henry  
Ford Health System,  
Detroit, MI



Molly Korn

**Molly Korn (SRP '12)**  
Legislative Aide,  
Michigan House of  
Representatives,  
Lansing, MI

**John Fournier (PTCD '07)** Deputy Chief  
of Staff, Office of the Mayor, City of  
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

If you are interested in submitting a profile, please contact  
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## James Madison College

Alumni in Public Service

Congratulations to James Madison College alumni for the strong representation in the fall 2014 election. If you are, or you know of, a Madison alum who ran for public office this year in Michigan or around the country, please let Kim Allan at [allank@msu.edu](mailto:allank@msu.edu) know.

**Jim Ananich (PE '98)** of Flint won re-election to the Michigan Senate, 27th District, in the November 2014 election and was subsequently elected as the Senate minority leader.

**Curtis Hertel (SR '00)**, formerly the Ingham County register of deeds, won the Michigan Senate seat in the 23rd District. He was appointed Senate Democratic caucus whip for the new session in the Michigan Legislature.



Swearing in ceremony, with JMC Professors Katie See and Constance Hunt

**Jon Hoadley (SR '06)** was elected to Michigan's 60th District State House seat. He was also recognized as 'Young Democrat of the Year' by the Michigan Democratic Party at its annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner early in 2015.

**Adam Kroczaleski (PTCD '14)** was elected as county commissioner in Arenac County, MI.

**Steve Marino (PTCD '13)** was elected as county commissioner in Macomb County, MI.

**Margaret O'Brien (IR '96)** was elected to the Michigan Senate seat in the 20th District.

**Kate Powers (SR '99)** was elected to the East Lansing School Board.

**Eric Schertzing (JMCD '85)**, who has served as Ingham County (MI) treasurer for more than 10 years, was defeated in the race for Michigan's 8th District for U.S. Congress. He made a strong showing, receiving more than 41 percent of the vote.

## 1970s

**John A. Heffern (IR '76)** assumed the position as deputy assistant secretary for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs in the U.S. Department of State in February 2015. Heffern, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, served as the U.S. ambassador to Armenia from 2011-2014. His prior experience included deputy chief of mission (DCM) at USNATO, Brussels; DCM in Jakarta, Indonesia; and, executive assistant to the undersecretary for political affairs. Other previous posts include: USNATO; Tokyo; Malaysia desk officer in Washington; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Abidjan, Ivory Coast; and Guangzhou, China. From 1994-1996, Heffern served as a Pearson Fellow on the Asia Subcommittee for the House International Relations Committee. Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Heffern served in the office of Senator John C. Danforth (R-MO) as the Senator's office director and research assistant.

**Mark Teicher (Urban '79)**, attorney, has been elected as president of the Portage, Base & Whitewood Owners Association. The homeowners association represents riparian owners on the Portage Lake chain of lakes, extending over four townships (Dexter,

Hamburg, Webster, and Putnam) and two counties (Washtenaw and Livingston). Teicher also has been elected to the board of directors of Michigan Lake & Stream Associations, Inc., a statewide nonprofit dedicated to the preservation, protection, conservation, education, and wise management of Michigan's inland lakes and streams, with membership exceeding 100,000.

## 1980s

**Riina Kionka (IR/German '83)** is the chief foreign policy advisor to the president of the European Council, Donald Tusk. Kionka was most recently the head of the Central Asia Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS). She received her doctorate in international relations from Columbia University in New York. She has worked as an analyst at Radio Free Europe and later moved to the Estonian Foreign Ministry, where she headed up the political department and was the undersecretary for EU affairs. She was also the Estonian ambassador to Germany. In 2005, she started work at the Council Secretariat of the European Union, focusing on issues related to the United States, counter-terrorism, the United Nations, and human rights. From 2007 to 2010, she was Javier Solana's personal representative for human rights. Between 2010 and 2012, Kionka headed up the EEAS's Division for Human Rights Policy Guidelines. She has written extensively on the security of the Baltic states and Europe generally.

**Jeff Ploussard (IR '83)** is an outside sales representative for BlueWave Computing. Prior to working at BlueWave, he was a sales and marketing professional for Lucent Technologies and AT&T, a public relations officer for the mayor of Chicago, and legislative assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives. He serves as a sergeant-at-arms for Toastmasters International, a math tutor for Hands-On Atlanta, and a volunteer for Adopt-A-Road. He received a postgraduate diploma in economics from the University of Sussex and an MBA from the University of Michigan. Ploussard has traveled, worked, or studied in Switzerland, Cyprus, Togo, Ghana, England, France, Italy, Austria, India, Peru, and Kenya. He and his wife Kathleen, a yoga instructor, live in Gwinnett County, Georgia with their three teenagers.

**John Hetherington (IR '85)** was appointed in June by the board of directors of Ipas as the new president and CEO. Hetherington is currently the managing director of Population Services International/Europe (PSI) and has a wealth of leadership experience in developing and managing large-scale, integrated reproductive health programs in Asia and Africa, working in challenging settings. He brings specialized expertise in social marketing, social franchis-



Photo courtesy of BuzzFeed News

**Mary Kay Henry (Urban '79)** is the president of the Service Employees International Union and the driving force behind the Fight for 15. Read the story, "Meet One Architect of the Minimum Wage Protest Movement," by Cora Lewis in BuzzFeed News.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/coralewi/s/meet-one-architect-of-the-minimum-wage-protest-movement#.xnrVLNME5Z>

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ing, and behavior change from his work with PSI over the past 18 years. He is also a passionate advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

**Steve Arwood (JMCD '86)**, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is charged with implementing and executing MEDC's core mission of business development and attraction, community development, providing access to capital, and

improving Michigan's image and brand. Arwood has also been named director of the newly created Talent and Economic Development Department, announced by Governor Rick Snyder in December 2014. In 2013, Governor Snyder ap-

pointed Arwood as director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and chief regulatory officer, with the mission of serving in a leadership role in reinventing the state's regulatory and licensing environment. He served as LARA deputy director overseeing the Unemployment Insurance Agency and Employment Security and Workplace Safety, which includes MIOSHA, Employment Relations, and Workers' Compensation. He joined LARA in 2011 from Windlab Developments, USA, where he served as U.S. regional director. He has worked in wind energy development, conservation, and business development since 1999. He previously served as deputy director and in other executive management positions at the Michigan Jobs Commission under Governor John Engler. He has also served as director for the House of Representatives Programs and Policy, and the National Federation for Independent Business-Michigan.

**Scott Dueweke (IR '87) and Tom Van Hare (IR '83)** formed Freedom Flight International about 20 years ago, with the goal of enlisting private pilots to fly to South Florida for humanitarian search and rescue missions coordinated with the USCG to save Cuban rafters. Van Hare and Matt Lawrence wrote a book, *Dying to Get There*, about their adventures.

**Scott Dueweke (IR '87)** formed Zebryx Consulting in 2015 to provide public and private sector clients an understanding of identity and alternative payment systems. He is an expert on identity and anonymous payments on the Internet, and regularly advises senior leadership within financial institutions and the U.S. government. He had previously provided similar services for Agilex, and from 2006-2014 with Booz Allen Hamilton. Dueweke has been a leader in e-commerce and online payments since presenting on "Credit Card Security and the Internet" at the first Internet World Confer-

ence in 1994. He has presented at dozens of major conferences on identity and payments, including ID World Milan, ID World Abu Dhabi, the FBI's Facial Recognition Symposium, and the Biometrics Consortium Conference. Dueweke has worked with global law enforcement, including the FBI, Department of State, USAID, INTERPOL, EUROPOL, and the Icelandic Police Force. He spoke on behalf of the DEA at the International Drug Enforcement Conference general session before representatives from more than 100 countries.

## 1990s



Scott Dueweke and Joe Mignano

**Scott Dueweke (IR '87) and Joe Mignano (SR '03)**, attorney with the Department of Justice, working on behalf of the Drug Enforcement Administration, led technical outreach for the "-stans" in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, focusing on how criminal organizations are using new, often anonymous payment systems to modernize their operations and evade detection.

**Howard Kass (SOCEC '90)**, vice president of regulatory affairs for American Airlines was a signatory on a deal bringing American Airlines to Capital Region International Airport (Lansing) for flights to Chicago and Washington, DC in the fall. "American's service proposal is a big win and a boost to much-needed mid-Michigan air service," said Kass.

**Joseph J. DeVito (IR '92)**, attorney with Howard and Howard Attorneys PLLC in Royal

Oak, MI, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® 2016*. DeVito is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School (LL.M. Corporate Finance, 2005 and JD, cum laude, 1995) and is an alumnus of The Hague Academy of Private International Law.

Joseph J. DeVito



Andy Kutler

**Andy Kutler (JMCD '92)** is a writer living in Arlington, VA. He has previously worked on the senior legislative staff of two United States senators before serving as a senior policy officer with the U.S. Secret Service. He is working today as a consultant to the national

security community. Kutler's writings have appeared in *The Huffington Post* and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and he has just published his first novel, *The Other Side of Life*. He is a native of Madison, WI and has a master's degree from Georgetown University.

**Greg Aronin (IR '93)** manages Marathon's Washington, DC office and oversees all of Marathon's government affairs and policy matters, as well as new business activities in the DC area. Aronin's experience in government affairs spans more than two decades.

Prior to joining Marathon's executive team, he spent 11 years leading government affairs efforts for multiple Johnson & Johnson companies, supporting a \$10 billion annual portfolio of drug, device, and diagnostic therapeutic areas. During his tenure at Johnson & Johnson, Aronin led the company's engagement with members of Congress and key committee staff to reform the Medicare payment system for diagnostics, which ultimately played a critical role in stabilizing the U.S. diagnostic industry. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson, Aronin led regional government and managed care efforts for MedPointe pharmaceuticals and began his career directing government affairs activities for the 17,000 physician member medical society in Michigan. Aronin earned his master's degree in public health at the University of Michigan.



Greg Aronin



Tressa Shavers

**Tressa (Bankhead) Shavers (PTCD '93)** is currently serving as an associate dean for two of Strayer University's regions. During her five years at Strayer, she has served as a faculty member, campus dean, associate provost, and school dean in the College of Business, where she led the academic leadership team for Strayer University's Graduate Business Programs. She has been teaching and training adult learners for more than 15 years. She holds a master of arts degree in higher educational administration from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration and a doctorate in management continued on page 7

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from the University of Phoenix. She is a native of Michigan. Shavers has extensive middle- and senior-level management experience in corporate, nonprofit, and higher education institutions and believes that education is the gate-way to opportunity. She enjoys helping others reach their potential, playing basketball, singing karaoke, and spending quality time with family and friends. She is married and has one son.

## Allison Leotta's (IR '95)

new book *A Good Killing* was published this spring. This was her fourth novel in her crime thriller series. She was in Michigan in the spring to promote her book. Leotta is a contributor to the *Huffington Post*, where she reality-checks TV crime dramas like *Law & Order: SVU*. Her blog, the *Prime-Time Crime Review*, was named one of the best legal blogs in America by the American Bar Association. Leotta has provided legal commentary for outlets such as CNN, MSNBC, PBS, and Reuters TV, and she serves on the board of directors of the Mystery Writers of America. She previously worked as a federal prosecutor in Washington, DC and earned her JD from Harvard University.



Allison Leotta

**Marc Stewart (IR '95)** appeared on *This Week with George Stephanopoulos* on ABC News discussing the role of Colorado in the recent elections. Stewart is a reporter and news anchor at KMGH-TV, the ABC-TV affiliate in Denver, Colorado. He also returned to Colorado after an international reporting fellowship in China and Hong Kong, organized through the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii.

**Matthew Schneider (IR '96)**, chief legal counsel for the Michigan attorney general, was the lead trial counsel representing Michigan's governor, the state, and Michigan's executive branch departments in the City of Detroit's federal bankruptcy—a case that reached its conclusion in November 2014.

**Jonathan Stivers (IR '96)** was confirmed as assistant administrator of the Bureau for Asia at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) by the Senate in December 2014. He was a long-time staff member to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and recently served as her senior advisor. Pelosi said: "Jonathan Stivers will bring to USAID the expertise, professionalism, and attention to detail that he has long contributed as an invaluable and well-qualified member of my team. Stivers has played a central role in advancing my foreign policy priorities, especially in the fields of human rights, appropriations, HIV/AIDS, international trade, and in countries across the Asia-Pacific region. On the most challenging and critical issues of our day, he consistently exhibits

the leadership needed to improve the global community. Though we will miss his experience and expertise, I am proud that he will be serving these critical issues in his new position as assistant administrator for USAID for Asia."

**Julie Egan (IR '98)** has been named by the White House to serve on an administrative team aiding Detroit. Egan is a State Department senior adviser who will work with businesses in attracting and retaining international trade. She is a fourth-generation native of Detroit.



Julie Egan

**Nathan Harris (IR '99)**, doctoral student in higher education at the University of Michigan, authored a study on an admissions scandal at the University of Illinois. It was featured in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* article, "An admissions scandal shows how administrators' ethics 'fade,'" by Peter Schmidt. The potential for misconduct "pervades colleges and universities more than we assume—and even more than we feel comfortable acknowledging," says Harris in a paper on the study's findings, presented at the American Educational Research Association's annual conference in Chicago. "When we think about misconduct and corruption, we often think of it in terms of imperfect, immoral individuals, whereas in fact when you look deeply into cases of misconduct you often see much more complicated processes at play," Harris says.

**Marcus Sanborn (PTCD/IR '99)**, with three colleagues, has launched a new law firm, Blevins Sanborn Jezdimir Zack PLC. He had been an attorney with McAlpine PC for nine years. Sanborn has substantial experience in business disputes ranging from multidistrict product liability class actions to insurance claims relating to property damage, loss of business, and broker liability. Sanborn has been trial counsel on numerous multimillion dollar disputes that have proceeded to arbitration or trial and has been selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*. Sanborn graduated from Washington University School of Law in 2002 with high honors, where he was a member of the primary journal, *Law Quarterly*, and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. Sanborn was also the recipient of the Honor Scholar Award and the F. Hodge O'Neal Corporate Law Prize. He clerked for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and was a summer associate with Winston & Strawn, LLP in its Chicago office.

## 2000s

**Lisa A. Hall (PTCD '03)**, a member of the Grand Rapids office of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms, was recently named a partner of the firm. Named

a Michigan Rising Star in the areas of bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights by *Super Lawyers* magazine in 2013 and 2014, respectively, Hall is a member of Plunkett Cooney's Banking, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Practice Group. She focuses her practice primarily in the areas of creditors' rights and related issues. Her clients include regional and national financial institutions in commercial loan workouts, as well as creditors in state and federal court collection proceedings. Admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Michigan, Hall is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Grand Rapids and federal bar associations. She also serves on the board of directors for the Western Chapter of the Risk Management Association. Hall received her law degree, *cum laude*, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2006, where she served as a senior editor of *Law Review*. While attending law school, she served as a class representative in the Student Bar Association, a Cooley ambassador - peer mentor, and was a member of the Women's Law Alliance.



Lisa A. Hall

**Bryan Newland (SR '03)** is a trustee of the Law College Board of Trustees and adjunct professor at the MSU College of Law. Newland is an attorney with Lansing-based Fletcher Law—a national firm focused on Indian law—and a citizen of the Bay Mills Indian Community (Ojibwe) in northern Michigan. He represents tribal clients on issues including the regulation of gaming facilities, negotiation of tribal-state gaming compacts, the fee-to-trust process, and leasing of Indian lands. In 2008, Newland served as the Michigan Native vote coordinator for Barack Obama's presidential campaign, and was a member of the Obama-Biden presidential transition team. From 2009 to 2012, he served as counselor and then senior policy advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior – Indian Affairs. In that capacity, he helped develop the Obama administration's policies on Indian gaming and Indian lands, reforming the Department of the Interior's policy on reviewing tribal-state gaming compacts. He also led a team that reformed the BIA's Indian leasing regulations and worked with key officials to help enact the HEARTH Act of 2012. Prior to federal service, Newland worked in private practice representing tribes and commercial gaming companies on gaming matters arising under both state and federal law. He won the National Native American Journalists Association Award in 2005 for Best Column Writing (Monthly). He earned his JD, magna cum laude, from the MSU College of Law in 2007.

# ALUMNI NEWS



**Ed Timke (IR/French '03)** recently completed his PhD in communication studies at the University of Michigan. In July, he started a faculty position in the Media Studies Program at the University of California, Berkeley. Timke's dissertation is focused on popular media's roles in working through cultural, political, and social changes of the post-WWII period in and between France and the United States. His long-term interests focus on uncovering mass media's roles in international relations and how different cultures and people come to understand and imagine each other through the media. Before his PhD studies at Michigan, Timke completed a master's degree in international and intercultural communication from the University of Denver, and served as a program manager of exchanges between universities in the United States, France, and Switzerland at the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) in Washington, DC. He also taught English to French high school students in Saint-Etienne, France, for one year under a program offered by the French Ministry of Education and the Fulbright Commission. During his time at MSU, Timke received the Board of Trustees Award, was nominated for Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, participated in JMC's inaugural study abroad program in Central and Eastern Europe, and served as an intern for the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, the Center for Democracy in Washington, DC, and the office of Michigan State Representative Tom Casperson in Lansing. Timke attributes his wide-ranging interest in public affairs, as well as his dedication to undergraduate teaching, to Madison's strong liberal arts tradition and engaging learning community.



Ed Timke

**Michael Wilder (SR '03)** was chosen by Littler as a member of the 2015 class of Fellows for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). The LCLD Fellows program is designed to connect high-potential attorneys from member organizations with leaders in their legal field for a year-long professional development series. "We congratulate Michael on being selected to such a distinguished program," said Adam Wit, office managing shareholder of Littler's Chicago office. "Michael has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills within Littler and we look forward to his continued contributions to the firm." Wilder represents employers in various areas of employment law before federal and state district and appellate courts, the American Arbitration Association, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and other federal and state agencies responsible for investigating workplace discrimination and harassment. Additionally, he is an active member of Littler's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Practice Group. Wilder is also the shareholder responsible for associate hiring in the Chicago office. Active in professional and community organizations, Wilder is on the board of directors for Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Program, on the associate board for the Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services, a committee member for the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the American Bar Association, and a member of the National Black Lawyers – Top 100. In 2011, Wilder was the recipient of the Presidential and the Junior Counselor Award by the Cook County Bar Association. He was also the 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Chicago-Kent College of Law's Black Law Students Association. Wilder received his JD from Chicago-Kent College of Law.



Michael Wilder

**Jeremy Dalpiaz (PTCD '04)** has joined the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) as assistant vice

president for cyber and data security policy, where he will focus on regulatory, legislative, and market developments related to cyber and data security for the association. Prior to joining ICBA, Dalpiaz served as associate director of advocacy at the

Credit Union National Association (CUNA). He also served on the staffs of Michigan Representatives Nick Smith (Jackson) and Vernon J. Ehlers (Grand Rapids). He holds a master's degree in public policy with a concentration in national security policy from George Mason University. He married Michael Klonarides on Nov. 1, 2014 at the Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, VA.



Kelley Wall

serves as past president of the MSU Rocky Mountain Alumni Club of the MSUAA. Wall is currently the director of affiliate clinical operations at Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), where she provides technical assistance and consulting services in health center operations to 59 PPFA affiliates and 700+ health centers across the U.S.. Wall has been with Planned Parenthood for 13 years, and prior to this, spent two years in public service with AmeriCorps NCCC. Wall has a master's degree in nonprofit management from Regis University and lives in Denver, CO.

**Lindsey Hutchison (IR/PTCD'07)** is a Sudan and South Sudan policy analyst for the Enough Project. She joined Enough in May 2015 upon her master's graduation from Georgetown and

conducts research and advocacy for the organization, focusing on strengthening peace and justice mechanisms and creating accountability for those who commit genocide and other mass atrocities in areas of urgent crisis. Prior to joining Enough, Hutchison worked at Human Rights Watch in the Africa Division, where she focused on Sudan and South Sudan, as well as a range of justice, labor, and detention issues in the Horn and Southern Africa. Her field research experience includes documenting the status of prisoners in South Sudan's justice system and investigating the working conditions of laborers in Zambia's copper mines. From 2007 to 2009, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mozambique, where she worked with a community-based organization for people living with HIV/AIDS, conducting malaria prevention and education programs and building organizational capacity. In addition, she served as director of a national young women's empowerment network, organizing community groups and conferences throughout Mozambique. While in graduate school, Hutchison interned at the United Nations Development Programme in Timor-Leste (East Timor) and at the U.S. Department of State, Office of East African Affairs in Washington, DC. Hutchison holds a master of science degree in foreign service from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a concentration in international development. She also studied at the University of Cambridge and speaks Portuguese.



Lindsey Hutchison



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# ALUMNI NEWS



**Justin Gengler (PTCD/IR '05)** published *Group Conflict and Political Mobilization in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf: Rethinking the Rentier State* (Indiana Series in Middle East Studies). "The oil-producing states of the Arab Gulf are said to sink or swim on their capacity for political appeasement through economic redistribution. Yet, during the popular uprisings of the Arab Spring in Bahrain and all across the Arab Gulf, ordinary citizens showed an unexpected enthusiasm for political protest directed against governments widely assumed to have co-opted their support with oil revenues." Gengler draws on the first-ever mass political survey in Bahrain to demonstrate that neither is the state willing to offer all citizens the same bargain, nor are all citizens willing to accept it. Gengler is senior researcher at the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University.



Nick Micinski with Lakhdar Brahimi, former UN Special Envoy to Syria, at a conference in Geneva.

**Nick Micinski (IR/PTCD/Muslim Studies '08)** is a PhD student in political science at the CUNY Graduate Center. Previously, he worked in the NGO sector in London for five years on refugee and social enterprise issues. His research interests include immigration and refugee policy, peace-building, post-conflict reconciliation, civil society, and human rights.

**Sean (John) Jennings (IR '08)** published "Current topics in Colorado's regulatory landscape." 92 Denv. U. L. Rev. Online 183 (2015), available at <http://www.denverlawreview.org/online-articles/2015/6/11/current-topics-in-colorados-regulatory-landscape.html>.



Plum accepting Emory University's 2015 Humanitarian Award.

promote the health of adolescents, LGBT youth, and vulnerable populations. Plum's research has explored the intersection of religious identity, masculinity, and health among young people in Kenya, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Micronesia, where he served as a Peace Corps volunteer from 2008-2011. In Micronesia, he founded Camp Boys to Men, a replicable health empowerment and suicide-prevention intervention, for which he was recognized with Emory University's 2015 Humanitarian Award. Before starting at GHI, Plum was the director of programs at the nonprofit community agency Baldwin Center in Pontiac and was most recently a researcher with CARE USA's gender and empowerment team. He is a 2015 graduate of Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. Plum has been recognized as a Paul D. Coverdell Fellow, an Emory University Merit Scholar, a William Blount Scholar for Health & Human Rights, and is a 2007 inductee of Phi Beta Kappa. When he is not traveling or refereeing NCAA soccer, Plum lives in Detroit.

**Stephanie Tabashneck (SRP/psychology '08)** is a psychologist and holds a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from William James College. Her postdoctoral training includes a yearlong fellowship at the Center of Excellence for Children, Families, and the Law and an advanced certificate in Child and Family Forensics.

**Adam Blaylock (IR '09)** was chosen as the Michigan Speech Coaches Incorporated Assistant Forensic Coach of the Year. Blaylock is Bloomfield High School's assistant forensic coach in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The Bloomfield High School team qualified in eight out of eight of the limited preparation events to the state tournament. When asked about the value of speech and debate activities Mr. Blaylock said, "Forensic speaking teaches an incredibly large number of skills and life lessons. This season, I observed students from my team and others deal with adversity, find success, and overcome fears."

**Jonars Spielberg (IR '09)**, a 2011 Pardee Center Graduate Summer Fellow, is among the co-authors of a first-of-its-kind evaluation report on the use of solar lanterns as part of a deve-

**Alexander Plum (IR/PTCD/PE '08)** joined the Henry Ford Health System this summer as the Global Health Initiative program coordinator, with the responsibility of steering GHI's "global to local" health intervention adaptation model. Drawing on leading global evidence-based research and practice, he develops community-level programs that

lopment program. The report, recently published by MIT's Comprehensive Initiative on Technology Evaluation (CITE), is titled "Experimentation in Product Evaluation: The Case of Solar Lanterns in Uganda, Africa." Spielberg, a 2012 graduate of Boston University's international relations and environmental policy master's degree program and now an MIT staff researcher, was part of a nine-member team that traveled to western Uganda in 2013 to conduct surveys of consumers, suppliers, manufacturers, and nonprofits to evaluate 11 locally available solar lantern models.

## 2010s

**J. Cory Connolly (IR '10)** was named an Adams Entrepreneurs Fellow by Automation Alley, a host organization for the Adams Entrepreneur Fellowship Program. Automation Alley provides opportunities for college and university graduates to work with growing, early-stage companies in southeast Michigan. Connolly will be working with Levin Energy Partners, a company developing innovative business initiatives for the development of clean energy and energy efficiency projects in Michigan and across the country. He will be working primarily to further develop and deploy Levin Energy Partners' energy finance marketplace, called Lean & Green Michigan. He has extensive experience in energy and environmental policy, recently leaving a position as a senior research associate at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC. His work on energy and carbon markets has taken him to Argentina, Japan, and Mexico. Connolly was named by Forbes Magazine to the 30 Under 30 for Law and Policy list in 2012.

**Ephraim Folbert (IR '10)** is working as an assistant public advocate in the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy. He previously was a judicial attorney at the Eleventh District Court of Appeals and a law clerk/intern at the International Criminal Court - Cour Pénale Internationale. He earned his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

**Kwame Rowe (SRP/PTCD '11)** graduated in May 2015 from WMU-Cooley Law School. (The following information is excerpted from an article in *Detroit Legal News: Dream Realized*.) Rowe – who previously clerked for the Hon. Leo Bowman for the Sixth Circuit Court of Oakland County – launched his legal career in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, where he will be an assistant prosecutor trainee until he takes and passes the Bar exam. "What drew me to working as a prosecutor is continued on page 19



Kwame Rowe

# FACULTY NEWS



## New Faculty



**Sharlissa Moore** is an assistant professor of international energy policy jointly appointed between James

Madison College and the College of Engineering at MSU. Her teaching and research interests focus on the social, policy, equity, and security dimensions of energy systems, particularly those that cross nation-state borders and are undergoing dramatic change. She is writing a book on sustainable development and the Desertec vision, a plan to build solar and wind power plants in North Africa and to link the electricity grid around the Mediterranean region to provide for a 90 percent renewable energy future for the region. She studied this plan from a regional perspective, from the perspective of the national government in Morocco, and from the perspective of citizens living in desert landscapes in Morocco.

Moore is developing research collaborations in the College of Engineering to study the social and governance aspects of emerging energy technologies. She began her career studying astronomy and physics at Smith College and, since then, has continued to work with engineers and scientists to understand the social and policy dimensions of technology. For example, she has taught courses on sustainability and macroethics for civil engineering students. Moore received her PhD in human and social dimensions of science and technology from Arizona State University. She has served as the president of Student Pugwash USA, a nonprofit organization that engages science and engineering students in the societal, ethical, and policy dimensions of science and technology. She has also worked in science and technology policy in Washington, DC at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Science and Technology Policy Institute.

Sharlissa Moore

**Yael Aronoff**, with Eric Aronoff, published "Bordering on Peace: Spatial Narratives of Border Crossings Between Israel, Jordan and Egypt" in *The Design of Frontier Spaces: Control and Ambiguity*. Eds. Carolyn Loeb and Andreas Luescher (New York: Ashgate, July 2015). Yael Aronoff participated in the annual meeting of the Association of Israel Studies in Montreal, Canada in June, 2015, presenting a paper, "The War of Media Narratives: Deterring Deterrence?" She also participated in a roundtable on "The Israeli Elections of March 2015: Assessing the Consequences." She co-authored an op-ed with Saliba Sarsar, "Two-state resolution of Israeli-Palestinian conflict would solidify volatile Middle East," March 29, 2015 in the *Star Ledger*.

In March 2015 Aronoff was chosen to receive the MSU John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award. 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 a faculty member 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 Michigan State University. The selection committee for this award may select one recipient annually and only if it deems there is a worthy recipient. The award includes \$1,000 for professional activities.

Aronoff gave a number of public lectures at MSU and in the surrounding community: "Israel's Path Forward: Domestic and Foreign Policy Implications of the Israeli Elections," at Kehilat Israel Synagogue, East Lansing, MI, April 2015 and was a scholar in residence giving four lectures at Beth Tikvah Congregation, Hoffman Estates, IL, April 2015. She also spoke on "The Implications of the March 17th Israeli Elections," at James Madison College, Michigan State University, March 2015; "The Implications of the Israeli Elections," at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield, MI, March 2015; and was a participant on a panel on "Violence, Resistance, and Identity Politics from Ferguson to Paris" at Michigan State University, February 2015. Additional presentations include "The Political Psychology of Israeli Prime Ministers: When Hard-Liners Opt for Peace," at Michigan State University, December 2014; and "Teaching About Israel Today in Higher Education," Jewish Studies-Hadassah Brunch, University Club, East Lansing, October 2014.

**Mark Axelrod** and **Daniel Kramer**, with Brian Roth, Shyam S. Salim, Julia M. Novak, T.V. Sathianandan, and Somy Kuriakose, published "Cascading globalization and local response: Indian fishers' response to export market liberalization" in the *Journal of Environment & Development*,



Yael Aronoff

May 2015. Axelrod, with Julia M. Novak, published "Multi-level fisheries governance and its impact on fishers' adaptation strategies in Tamil Nadu, India, in *Environmental Policy & Governance*, May 2015. Axelrod and Michelle L. Lute published, "Public preferences for wolf management processes in Michigan" in *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*, 20(7) (2015). He also published, "Clash of the treaties: Responding to institutional interplay in EC-Chile swordfish negotiations" in *European Journal of International Relations*, 20(4): 987-1013 (2014). Axelrod presented the paper, "Importing International Norms through Apex Courts: Customary International Law in South Africa and India," in June at the Judicialization of International Relations Workshop at Northwestern University. He also presented at the MSU Science Festival on the "Unexpected Science" panel in April 2015.

**Ilana Blumberg** regrettably resigned as associate professor at JMC this spring. She and her husband, Ori

Weisberg, and their three children, Priya, Shai, and Tzipora, have relocated to Jerusalem, Israel, where Blumberg has taken a position as a senior lecturer in English literature at Bar Ilan University. She hopes to return to MSU to teach occasional short courses and encourages any former students to stay in touch. Blumberg can be reached at [jmb400@gmail.com](mailto:jmb400@gmail.com).



Ilana Blumberg and family

Her current book project on moral education in American schools and universities grew out of her 111 seminar, "Truth-telling in American Culture." She thanks the JMC community for a wonderful decade of teaching and research.

**Lisa Cook** appeared on the Melissa Harris-Perry show in July 2015 to discuss the economic crisis in Greece.



Lisa Cook gave a talk in June 2015 at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, where a number of Madison grads work. Left to right:

**Michael Christ** (IR/Business '12), **Stephanie Fries** (SR '00), **Allan Chung** (IR '98), **Brian Feeney** (IR/Econ '15), **Lisa Cook**, **Kathy Kleckner** (IR '07), **Christine Roeder** (Metro Studies '94), and **Daniel Amato** (IR senior).

# FACULTY NEWS



**Siddharth Chandra**, with JMC alumnus **John Joba**, published "Transnational cocaine and heroin flow networks in Western Europe: A comparison," in the *International Journal of Drug Policy*, in press (2015). Chandra and Yan-liang Yu published "The 1918 influenza pandemic and subsequent birth deficit in Japan," in *Demographic Research*, in press (2015). He and Eva Kassens-Noor published, "The evolution of pandemic influenza: Evidence from India, 1918–19," *BMC Infectious Diseases* (2014).

Public debate could be key to a strong economy, according to a study published by JMC professor **Siddharth Chandra**, director of MSU's Asian Studies Center, and Nita Rudra, associate professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University. The study was published in the most recent edition of the *British Journal of Political Science*, the first to measure the influence of public deliberation on economic performance. As it turns out, people who speak their minds loudly and often could be responsible for economic prosperity. The study is the first to measure the influence of public deliberation on economic performance.

**Ross Emmett** gave a lecture on "*Piketty's Capital in the 21st Century: A Critical Perspective*" at James Madison College in March 2015. Emmett gave a lecture on "Civil Society and the Centralization of Society" at the Limited Government and the Rule of Law conference, sponsored by the Acton Institute and Liberty Fund, in February 2015, in Grand Rapids, MI. He also gave a lecture entitled "Reconsidering Malthus" at a Scholar's Luncheon at Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, MI in November 2014 and for the PRAXIS group at Hillsdale College in February 2015. Emmett attended the ASSA conference for economists in Boston, MA in January 2015, and he attended the opening ceremony and conference for the Becker-Friedman Institute for Economic Research at the University of Chicago in October 2014 in his capacity as a member of the institute's advisory board for digital preservation of the history of Chicago economics.

**Louise Jezierski** appeared on the radio program "What is Your Ideal America?" on WDET in July 2015 in which she talked about the rising anxiety of Americans and their sustained optimism over the promise of opportunity, the declining chances for upward mobility, the debate over the size of government, and the promise of the Declaration of Independence for liberty and equality. The show also featured Marc Kruman, professor of history at Wayne State University. The show's production was also aided by **Veronica Walrad (SRP senior)**, who is doing her field experience at WDET.

**Benjamin Kleinerman** presented a paper "Barack Obama: Becoming Commander-in-Chief," in February 2015 at the University of

Houston. He published an op-ed "Hobbes, Locke, RFRA, and wedding photographers" in the *Library of Law and Liberty*.

**Mark Largent**, JMC professor and associate dean at Lyman Briggs College, has been promoted to full professor. His op-ed, "New rule on vaccines unlikely to help with compliance," appeared in the *Detroit Free Press* and *Bridge Magazine*. Largent's book *Keep Out of Reach of Children: Reye's Syndrome, Aspirin, and the Politics of Public Health* was published in February 2015. He appeared as a medical historian on an episode of the TLC TV show *Who Do You Think You Are?*, featuring the actor Sean Hayes.

**Russell Lucas** published, "Monarchies and protests in the Arab uprisings: Path dependencies or political opportunities?" in the *Journal of Arabian Studies*, 4, no. 2 (December 2014): 195–213. Lucas, Thomas Demmelhuber, and Claudia Derichs were the special section editors of "Rethinking the monarchy-republic gap in the Middle East," in the *Journal of Arabian Studies*, 4, no. 2 (December 2014). He also published the chapter, "The Persian Gulf Monarchies and the Arab Spring," in *Beyond the Arab Spring: The Evolving Ruling Bargain in the Middle East*, edited by Mehran Kamrava, New York: Oxford University Press, 2014, 313–340.

**Anna Pegler-Gordon** published "Shanghaied in Hoboken: Chinese exclusion and maritime regulation at Ellis Island" in the *Journal for Maritime Research*, November 2014. She published, "Documenting Belonging, Immigrants and Identity," in *From There to Here*, edited by Anonda Bell, Paul Robeson Galleries at Rutgers-Newark, in September 2014. Pegler-Gordon gave the presentations: "America's Chief Deportation Depot: Chinese New Yorkers at Ellis Island" at the Association for Asian American Studies meeting in Evanston, IL, April 2015 and "The Injustice in Internment: The Legal, Historical, and Social Implications of *Korematsu v. United States*" as a panel participant at the MSU College of Law, February 2015.



Jennifer Sykes

**Jennifer Sykes** led a study about the federal tax-relief program for poor, working families, "Dignity and Dreams: What the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Means to Low-Income Families," reported in the April 2015 issue of the *American Sociological Review*, about the federal tax-relief program for poor, working families. "The earned income tax credit is one of the most successful poverty-alleviating social policies to date. It takes a poor-paying job and makes it a decent job. It also removes the stigma and enhances feelings of upward mobility and social inclusion," said Sykes.



ADA 2015 - Conflict Resolution Class Picture

**Matthew Zierler** and his graduate students at ADA University's School of Public and International Affairs in Baku, Azerbaijan in early 2015, where he taught a short course on conflict resolution. Zierler attended the International Studies Association annual conference in New Orleans in March 2015, and presented a paper titled, "Foreign Policy Goals, Multilateralism, and the Role of International Governmental Organizations for Small States."

## Emeritus Faculty



Ron Dorr—Photo Courtesy of the Lansing State Journal

During 2014–2015, "working retiree" **Professor Emeritus Ron Dorr** published reviews of *March*, Book 2, by John Lewis; *Too Much Happiness*, by Alice Munro; *Wave*, by Sonali Deraniyagala; *Life Itself*, by Roger Ebert; *This is the Story of a Happy Marriage*, by Ann Patchett, *The Selected Letters of William James*, ed. by Elizabeth Hardwick; and *On Writing Well and Writing About Your Life*, by William Zinsser. He has also written essays about speeches given at MSU by Michelle Norris, John Lewis, and Harry Belafonte, as well as "Maya Angelou: Four Recollections." In April, the *Lansing State Journal* published Kate DuHadway's article,

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# STUDENT NEWS



**Olivia Reader (CCP senior)** participated in MSU's Study Away program in Washington, DC this summer, serving as a White House associate in the White House's Office of Presidential Correspondence.

She is pictured with the First Dogs, Bo (left) and Sunny (right) and in various other recognizable locations.

She writes: "When I told friends and family that I would be interning for the White House, I received a myriad of responses; some offered congratulations and excitement, some warned me of the corruption and deceitfulness that is inherent in politics, and some skipped the congratulations altogether and went on a full-fledged rant about how President Obama is destroying our country. Maybe it was the nature of my position, but I did not witness any of the selfish, corrupt, or unethical tendencies that are so often associated with politics. My department was responsible for reading and responding to the thousands of letters and emails that are sent to President Obama every day. The staff in my department worked tirelessly to respond to the president's constituents, and would often work until 10 pm and arrive the next morning at 7 am. These are not people who are inspired by money or greed; in a public service career, a large paycheck is certainly not the goal. These are people who are so passionate about the people in this country and the causes President Obama is fighting for that they will sacrifice almost anything to see his mission through."

"I was also able to catch a small glimpse into President Obama's heart, which is not ordinarily seen by the public; he is the only president that has taken time out of his very busy schedule to read ten letters per day from the American people. Regardless of which way you lean on the political spectrum, his dedication to staying so in touch with the American public is admirable. Sometimes I had the privilege of reading his handwritten responses; his replies were passionate, fervent, and sometimes sassy. If I learned anything this summer, it is that the people running our country do still care about the American people. This summer gave me hope for the future of politics and the future of our nation."



# STUDENT NEWS



## JMC Seniors Named to 2015-16 MSU Homecoming Court

Ten outstanding senior ambassadors have been named to the 2015-16 Homecoming Court. Three of the ambassadors are James Madison students: **Teresa Bitner (SRP/Education)**, **Bradley Disbrow (IR/microbiology/Honor's College)**, and **Nate Strauss (CCP/journalism)**.

Ambassadors, who were endorsed by an individual or an organization, were chosen through a highly selective process. The students were evaluated based on their leadership, community involvement, academic excellence, and Spartan pride. A group of MSU faculty, staff, alumni, and students conducted personal interviews with students to select the final 10 court ambassadors.

"This year I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with 10 of the most diverse, talented, and devoted Spartan students that we have here at Michigan State University," said Homecoming Court adviser Natisha Foster. "These students represent the vast experiences both in and out of the classroom that make MSU a world class institution." The students have begun their duties as ambassadors this summer, as they have been representing the MSU student body at various alumni, community, and university engagements. They will continue their commitment through the 2015-16 school year. During homecoming week, Sept. 28 – Oct. 3, ambassadors will attend many functions, including the parade on Oct. 2 and the football game on Oct. 3.



Bradley Disbrow

### JMC Student Leaders

#### MADI STUDENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**—DeMasi Darby-Washington**



DeMasi Darby-Washington

Danielle El-Amin

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JMC Student Senate with Professor Racioppi at the spring 2015 Charity Ball



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# STUDENT NEWS



## MSU United Nations Association Chapter

JMC and MSU students recently formed an MSU United Nations Association chapter and attended the UN Association Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, this summer. The meeting included UNA members from across the country and covered topics such as environmental sustainability, LGBTQ rights, peace operations, and refugee/internally displaced peoples issues. They ended the conference on Capitol Hill, meeting with Senator Gary Peters and numerous other Michigan congressional offices, advocating for the continued funding of United Nations peacekeeping operations. The UNA-USA's MSU chapter aims at upholding the UNA's dedication toward building a better understanding and support for the ideals and work of the UN. They endeavor to connect like-minded, international-oriented students and staff together in order to address controversial issues positively through the UNA.



In front of the White House, left to right:

**James Millar, Monica Watt, Harrison Jones, and Stephanie Djordjevic**

**President James Millar, (IR junior)**

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**VP of Advocacy Jackie Cicchini, (PTCD senior)**

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**VP of Operations JoEllen Gay, (non-JMC)**



Left to right: Nancy Lubeski (Greater Lansing UNA), Veronica Dullen (Georgetown Univ.), Lynn Bartley (Greater Lansing UNA), Michigan Senator Gary Peters, James Millar (IR junior), Stephanie Djordjevic (political science junior), Harrison Jones (CCP senior), JoEllen Gay (social science), Monica Watt (IR junior)



In front of the UNA backdrop, left to right: **Stephanie Djordjevic, Harrison Jones, James Millar, Monica Watt, and JoEllen Gay**



First meeting, left to right: **James Millar (IR junior), Bryant Hepp (IR senior), Monica Watt (IR junior), Apoorva Dhingra (IR junior), JoEllen Gay (social science), Jackie Cicchini (PTCD senior), Lynn Bartley (Greater Lansing UNA), Kristin Janka-Millar (UNA MSU adviser), Joseph W. Hess (past president of Greater Lansing UNA chapter)**

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**JMC interns at the UN building in NYC**

Left to right: Maria Perwerton, Sam Mather, Victoria Kulesza, Emily Steinert, courtesy of alumna Nicole Kim (IR '92), staff at the UN Population Fund.



**Students and professors in the 2015 summer JMC International Relations in Brussels study abroad program**, hosted by **Professors Norman Graham and Robert Brathwaite**. Photos courtesy of **Prof. Graham**.



**James Madison College study abroad program in Italy**, courtesy of SRP junior Emily Bott: the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica with Professor Craig, and Machiavelli's tomb with Professors Zinman and Petrie.

# STUDENT NEWS



## Frank H. Knight Scholarship Award

**Kevin Mills (PTCD/PE senior)** was selected as the recipient of the inaugural Frank H. Knight Scholarship. He is also pursuing a finance major in the Eli Broad School of Business and is a native of Novi, MI.

The Knight Scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually to a student enrolled in the Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy major whose undergraduate work exemplifies an intellectual curiosity for the practical application of where economic principles, political theory, and ethical deliberation intersect. The scholarship was created by Tiberian Advisers, LLC, the company founded by James Madison College alumnus **Bradley Dizik (PTCD '06)**.

Dizik created the Knight Scholarship in appreciation for the education his professors at the

Ross B. Emmett and Kevin Mills

college provided him in political theory, ethics, and economic principles. An anti-corruption and financial regulatory attorney, Dizik's career is dedicated to helping his clients understand how ethical and economic principles can inform and support their decision making and business processes. Dizik chose to name the scholarship for the noted economist Frank H. Knight (1885-1972), Morton D. Hull Distinguished Service Professor of Social Science and Philosophy at the University of Chicago, who helped make the integration of politics, economics, and ethics integral to the emerging field of constitutional political economy.

As part of his studies in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy and Political Economy, Mills took two political courses from **Professor Ross B. Emmett**, a historian of economics who has focused much of his work on Frank Knight. The two courses were MC 241: Politics and Markets, which included readings from Frank Knight, as well as other economists in the Chicago tradition, and a senior seminar focused on "Liberty, Justice, and Constitutionalism," with readings on constitutional political economy from Knight, F. A. Hayek, John Rawls, and John Tomasi. These courses, along with his studies in finance, make him a prime example of the kind of student the Knight Scholarship was designed to honor.

In response to the award, Mills remarked: "I would like to thank both James Madison College and Tiberian Advisers, LLC for providing an excellent opportunity for PTCD students interested in the niche of political economic ethics to feel that their hard work in academia is not without reward."

## William A. Demmer Scholars Program

Congratulations to the eight JMC students and 12 other MSU students who participated in the seventh annual MSU William A. Demmer Scholars Program in Washington, DC this summer in a variety of internships, including those in federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations: **Joe Brennan (PTCD junior)**, **Lizzie DePuntu (CCP junior)**, **Quincy Kittle (CCP sophomore)**, **Mitch Roberts (IR junior)**, **Simon Schuster (SRP junior)**, **Linsey Stauffer (SRP senior)**, **Bryn Williams (CCP sophomore)**, and **Sarah Wisely (IR junior)**. While in the program, students met once a week for a class taught by Mark Rey on natural resources policy. Every Saturday, students had firsthand experience in the subjects they learned about that week by going on field trips to Grey Towers National Historic Site, the Watergate complex, and the U.S. Capitol.



Jack Caporal and Quinn Zemel

Congratulations to the MSU debate team for finishing in the Elite Eight of the National Debate Tournament held at the University of Iowa. Pictured here are **Jack Caporal (IR '15)** and **Quinn Zemel (IR '15)** after their last debates for MSU.

The MSU Debate team of **Jack Caporal (IR '15)** and **Quinn Zemel (IR '15)** came in first place in a crowd of nearly 50 teams at the University of Miami debate tournament. They bested teams from Emory University, Vanderbilt University, the University of Kentucky, Indiana University, and Trinity University.



Congratulations to  
**Becky Barann**

(SRP/Econ/Honors College '15) who was chosen during her senior year as MSU's Student Employee of the Year. Barann was a member of the Spartan Marching Band for five years, serving as band president this past

season; a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a national honor fraternity; and Kappa Kappa Psi, a national honorary band fraternity. She also completed two study abroad programs. She was a valuable and excellent student employee in the JMC Admissions Office, starting in the fall of 2011.



Becky Barann

JMC junior **Joseph Brennan (PTCD/Honors College)** was one of four students nominated by MSU for the nationally competitive Udall Scholarship. The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment. Each year, the foundation awards up to \$5,000 for educational expenses to 80 outstanding students in the United States.



Joseph Brennan



Varsha Koduvayur

Congratulations to **Varsha Koduvayur (IR/CCP/Arabic/Honors College '15)**, chosen for the nationally competitive research assistant fellowship through the Carnegie Junior Fellows Program within the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

# STUDENT NEWS



**Brittany Zwierzchowski (PTCD '15)** was nominated by MSU for the Carnegie Junior Fellows Program.

Brittany Zwierzchowski

**Sam Mathers (PCTD senior)** published "Torture and Human Rights," in *Speak Out! The MSU Student Anthology on Civil and Human Rights*, MSU Press, Paperback, 2014. He was one of five MSU student authors reflecting on difficult questions and moments in history that have moved, angered, or challenged them.

**Hannah Jenuwine (SRP '15)** published "Third Grade Reading and Retention Policies to Improve Education Outcomes," in *Student Pulse 6.10* (2014).



**Raziel Lavalais (PTCD/HC/Econ senior)** and **Florence Otaigbe (IR/HC senior)** were nominated by MSU for the national Truman Scholarship.

Florence Otaigbe



Hannah Jenuwine



## JMC wins MSU Excellence in Diversity Award

James Madison College has won MSU's unit award for Excellent Progress toward Achieving Diversity and Pluralism. This achievement was made possible with the help of the JMC staff, faculty, and students, who have all contributed to make Madison a place that manifests its commitment to diversity.

## JMC Graduation 2015

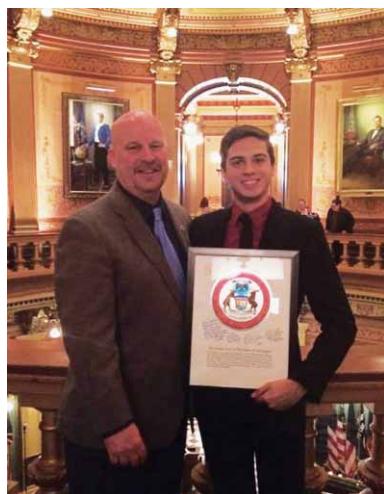


# STUDENT NEWS



**Kaue Gobbi (IR/Econ junior)** was the recipient of the Vernon Ehlers Award for Outstanding Legislative Intern in the Michigan legislature. He was an intern in Rep. Pscholka's Office in 2014-15 and was honored at an award ceremony in the Anderson Office-House Building, as well as on the House Floor of the Michigan State Capitol.

Gobbi, an international student from Brazil, will be graduating in December 2016. He plans to pursue a master's degree in international law following graduation next year.



Kaue Gobbi is pictured with House Appropriations Chair, Representative Al Pscholka.



The 2015 Race Conference "Race and Democracy" was held at Michigan State University April 2015. Organized by JMC professor Curtis Stokes, and co-sponsored by James Madison College, the MSU Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives and the MSU Office of the Provost, this 9th biennial conference was a great success. The photo above features the "Race and Justice in the U.S." undergraduate panel. Left to right: **Aaron Martinez (PTCD), Brenda Duong, Curtis Stokes, Madeline Sigler (CCP), and Kenya Abbott Jr. Evan Stivers (SRP)** is not pictured.

## DEVELOPMENT & STAFF NEWS



Rocky Beckett,  
Director of Development

Madison raised over a million dollars for the first time since starting a development program in 1994 and being established in 1967. The college is at \$1.126 million as of June 1st, mostly cash and bequests from its 8,000 alumni.

Madison hosted two outstanding retirement celebrations for MSU Distinguished Professor Emeritus M. Richard Zinman and former director of Jewish Studies and Professor Emeritus Kenneth Waltzer.

Approximately 150 alumni, colleagues, students, family, and friends attended the weekend events. More than \$500K was raised in Professor Zinman's name and nearly \$100K for a Waltzer endowment.

### Staff

**Kim Birchall** is already a bit familiar with the college given that she is married to Professor Ross Emmett and has been working part-time for the college since January. Birchall has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Alberta. She is enjoying her updated role as both a program planner and financial assistant.

**Emelia Hammond** joined JMC in August 2015 and serves as recruitment coordinator for Admissions. She previously worked at MSU's Visiting International Professional Program, providing international training programs, as well as with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, where she worked with refugee populations. Hammond earned her MA in international human rights along with a certificate in international development from the University of Denver. Receiving her BA from Alma College, Emelia double majored in political science and foreign service. In her free time, she enjoys travelling, being outdoors, and binge-watching shows on Netflix.



Emelia Hammond

JMC recently welcomed its new career services coordinator, **Karissa Chabot-Purchase**, a graduate of James Madison College (**PTCD '06**) who went on to earn her master's degree from the MSU College of Arts and Letters in critical studies in literacy and pedagogy. Chabot-Purchase has returned to JMC after spending six years in the Michigan House of Representatives, where she worked for five different legislators from diverse districts throughout the state—everywhere from the Upper Peninsula to southeastern Michigan. Before returning to JMC, she worked as the legislative director for State Representative Andy Schor (D-Lansing) where she was able to advocate on behalf of her own community. She and her husband, **Stephen Purchase (IR/PTCD '06)** live in Lansing with their two-year-old son, Lincoln. In her spare time Chabot-Purchase stays active in the community through a number of volunteer endeavors.



Karissa Chabot-Purchase



Submit Your Best Travel Photos today!

### JMC 2015 Photo Contest

Send us your photos for JMC's fourth "**Traveling the U.S. and Abroad**" photo contest for Madison students, faculty, staff, alumni, retirees,

and friends. Send the high resolution photos to [Kim Allan](#). Rules can be found [here](#).

# ALUMNI & FACULTY NEWS cont.



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my desire to serve the community," he says. "I believe everyone should be held accountable for their actions, and by holding people accountable the community becomes a safer and enjoyable place to live and prosper." Rowe received many honors in law school and was involved with the Oakland County Bar Association Inns of Court, Black Law Student Association, and served as treasurer on the Mock Trial Board, where he enjoyed teaching about trials and evidence. "The courtroom interests me, and I enjoy spreading my knowledge to beginning law students," he says. "My philosophy is to be humble, be honest, and work hard at whatever it is you do." The son of Donna Rowe and Ellis May, Rowe was born in Detroit and raised in Detroit and in Pontiac, where he currently makes his home. In his leisure time, he enjoys playing basketball, boxing, reading, playing chess, watching movies, and spending time with his children, Jayden and Kaniah.



Megan Threats

**Megan Threats (PTCD/CCP '11)** received scholarships from Technical.ly to attend the Forbes Under 30 Summit and the Technical.ly Rise Conference in October 2014. Threats recently launched Digital Girls, a nonprofit committed to helping women and girls secure academic enrollment, internships, and careers in IT-related fields. Digital Girls is currently accepting applications for the IT Girls Fellowship Program.

**Clare Algozin (IR '13)** spent time after graduating traveling in Australia and leading wilderness trips in Canada and Alaska. She now lives in New York where she recently finished an eight-month internship at Global Health Strategies, a consulting firm in the public health sector. She is planning to continue her education with a master's degree in public health and is working as an administrative/executive assistant while preparing. She has been conducting research, writing, and editing articles for Food Tank, a think tank whose content helps drive health, nutrition, and environmental policy.



Kaavya Ramesh

**Kaavya Ramesh (IR/CCP/Chinese '14)** joined the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC, as a program associate in the economic policy studies department, where she will work on a combination of communications, promotional strategies, event planning, and day-to-day department operations. After graduating from JMC, she worked as a policy associate at the DC-based Institute for Energy Research for seven months.



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"Professor's Goal: 75 Letters of Gratitude at Age 75," about Dorr's "five things for 2015." He also helped celebrate the retirements of Professors Dick Zinman, Ken Waltzer, and Ralph Taggart, whose 133 combined years of teaching have greatly benefited students at James Madison College and Michigan State University.

In August 2015, Dorr joined four others as the second group of inductees into the Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn Community School District (Iowa) Hall of Fame. This award recognizes "extraordinary feats in academics or extracurricular activities" when the inductee was in high school, sustained service to the Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn school district as a teacher, staff member, or volunteer, or distinctive achievements in one's life after high school. Dorr's twin brother, Don, nominated him. Dave Drefke, his second cousin and fellow graduate in the class of 1958, introduced him. Drefke stressed Ron's academic and athletic achievements in high school, three academic degrees, devotion to and skill in undergraduate teaching, awards in teaching, scholarship, and poetry, running for CROP, Haiti, and other charities, and Dorr's family. His philosophy of life and models for living, he said, came from the small rural communities of Cleghorn, Marcus, and Grinnell, Iowa. His vocational calling stemmed from teaching experiences in three colleges and universities in Bogota, Colombia, in 1962-1966. And his expertise in teaching the craft of writing, rhetoric, and humanities came from encounters with hundreds of students in two land-grant universities—six years in the Rhetoric Department at the University of Minnesota and 41 years in James Madison College at Michigan State University. At both places, Dorr stressed "the liberal and practical education" of students mandated in the Morrill Act of July 1862.



Michael Schechter

**Professor Emeritus Michael Schechter** remains active in his retirement writing analytical biographies of heads of intergovernmental organizations, especially World Bank presidents and NATO secretaries-general. To date, his biographies include Eugene Black, Tom Clausen, Robert McNamara, George Woods, William Cole, Colin Goad, Paul Hoffman, Lord Ismay, Laurence Michelmore, Sadako Ogata, Mary Robinson, Paul-Henri Spaak, and Thorvald Stoltenberg.

**Kenneth Waltzer** just published "Reflections on contemporary anti-Semitism in Europe," which appears in the journal Fathom's new Insight series, I (2015).

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