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



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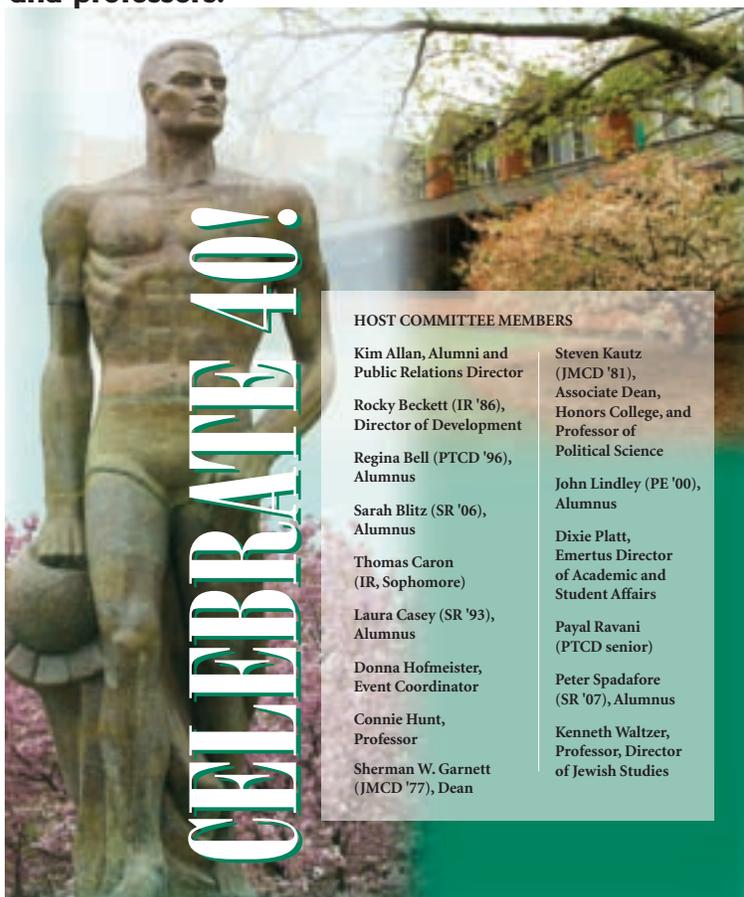
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Celebrate Madison's 40th Anniversary! Registration **INSIDE!**

September 28-30, 2007
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University

Join us for a fun and stimulating weekend of social events and thought-provoking programming with alumni, friends, students, and professors.



HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Allan, Alumni and Public Relations Director	Steven Kautz (JMCD '81), Associate Dean, Honors College, and Professor of Political Science
Rocky Beckett (IR '86), Director of Development	John Lindley (PE '00), Alumnus
Regina Bell (PTCD '96), Alumnus	Dixie Platt, Emeritus Director of Academic and Student Affairs
Sarah Blitz (SR '06), Alumnus	Payal Ravani (PTCD senior)
Thomas Caron (IR, Sophomore)	Peter Spadafore (SR '07), Alumnus
Laura Casey (SR '93), Alumnus	Kenneth Waltzer, Professor, Director of Jewish Studies
Donna Hofmeister, Event Coordinator	
Connie Hunt, Professor	
Sherman W. Garnett (JMCD '77), Dean	

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, September 28

6:00 p.m.: Reception, Kellogg Center

Saturday, September 29

All events at the Kellogg Center

8:00 a.m.: James Madison College Alumni Association Annual Meeting

8:30 a.m.: Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.: Community Welcome

9:15 a.m. Morning Session—**40 Years of Madison: Then and Now**

- A retrospective of the college, in the context of a changing world
- Alumni Voices

12:15 p.m.: Luncheon—**Top Tens of Madison**—featuring Madison student leaders

2:00 p.m.: Afternoon Session—**Madison in the 21st Century: Continuity and Change**

- What is new and exciting at James Madison College
- Alumni and Student Voices

4:30 p.m.: Free Time

6:00 p.m.: Reception and Dinner—**Madison Memories**

Sunday, September 30

9:30 a.m.: Brunch in Case Hall

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FROM THE DEAN

Madison Past, Present, and Future

The fortieth anniversary celebration of James Madison College to be held September 28-30, 2007, will give each of us a chance to look back at our own particular time at JMC—a period that we each undoubtedly regard as a golden age.

My golden age was the mid 1970s, although it is difficult to make a claim for a period also marked by the rise of disco. For some of you it might be the early, adventuresome years when the college was invented, or, alternatively, when JMC was under threat of closure and faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends rallied to its defense. Or it might be a period shaped by external events such as Watergate, the fall of the Berlin Wall, or September 11th, 2001.

Whatever you consider your JMC golden age, we hope to give you a chance to remember it with friends and colleagues as well as to review all of Madison's many golden ages. In gathering photographs and documents to represent our past, we have been struck by the fact that the college's first 20 or so years were definitely on the other side of the digital divide. We have unearthed old polaroids, mimeographed copies of student publications, and even some computer punch cards. (Prizes should be awarded to anyone from the classes of 1990 or later who knows what these are.)

The reunion will also be a chance to become better acquainted with Madison's present. We are larger than at any time in the past, with more than 1,200 students and more than 30 tenure-stream faculty. More than 70 percent of our students study abroad. Many come to the college with some international travel already under their belt, and all are decisively shaped by our global age. Although Michigan predominates as the home of Madison students, our out-of-state population has risen back to double digits, and we have a small but steady stream of international students as well. These students routinely have internships (and ultimately jobs) around the state, region, nation, and globe.



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Most important, they have new options, such as Muslim Studies and Science, Technology, and Environmental Public Policy. Next year, they will be able to major in Comparative Cultures and Politics (alongside old favorites like International Relations, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, and Social Relations and Policy). We now have an endowed chair in Israeli studies and many great faculty with fewer than ten years at the college who stand alongside those who have been here for more than three decades. While each of us will and should look back to our individual golden age,

the present age also glistens for the college—offering options for courses here and abroad unlike those of any other time (though alumni would still recognize the “policy” course, the small classes, the huge writing requirements, and the special atmosphere that has defined Madison since the beginning).

We should also see the reunion as a chance to look forward. We have not become a successful and prominent college by standing still. Permanent challenges still exist for a school of public affairs centered on issues of justice, equity, prosperity, security, and peace—challenges that manifest themselves in new and surprising ways. JMC must change to meet them.

Finally, we believe that some things about the college should never change. As we bring in faculty with new perspectives and areas of expertise, we still look for those with a passion for teaching and a commitment to our special culture. As we attract students at home on a shrinking planet and with the latest technology, we still want them to be moved by a commitment to public affairs. This underpinning will continue to produce the many future golden ages of James Madison College.

Sherm Garnett
Dean, James Madison College



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From Your Alumni President

A Banner Year for JMC Alumni Association

This has been an excellent year for the James Madison College Alumni Association (JMCAA). We have established several new committees to grow our programs and services and are recruiting more alumni to serve on them. You do not need to be a member of the board of directors to serve. We have also added three seats to our board that meets four times a year, in addition to participating in alumni association sponsored events. If you are interested in serving on either the board or on one of the following committees, please contact Kendra Howard-Averett, vice president, at akaken52@hotmail.com.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: plans events for students like Career Day, Law Night, and Pizza Night. In spring 2007, we held our hugely successful 4th Annual Career Day, featuring panels of alumni from many backgrounds who came to campus to talk with students about their future aspirations and career paths.

MENTORING AND INTERNSHIPS COMMITTEE: works with JMC to tap into the established alumni network to create a new mentoring program for juniors and seniors.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: reviews student essays for and selects winners of JMCAA Scholarship awards. This year we awarded Smith – Zinman Scholarships to Daniel Coyle and Tom Nehil; JMCAA Scholarships to Megan O'Brien, Allison Burkholder, and Martha Garces; and Study Abroad Scholarships to Melissa Grant, Debrah Lee, Michael McBroom, and Jacob Tornga

ALUMNI AWARDS COMMITTEE: annually selects and presents the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Honorary Alumnus Award. This year JMCAA presented **Marilyn Darling** with the **Distinguished Alumnus Award** and **Robert Banks** with the **Honorary Alumnus Award**.



Marilyn Darling

Darling is a 1975 graduate of JMC and president of Signet Consulting in Boston. She is a founding member of the JMC Board of Visitors and served as its chairperson for almost ten years. She has been published in the *Harvard Business Review* and other business publications. Darling and Signet Consulting are leading experts in the U.S. Army's "After Action Review" procedure. She and her late mother established the Freeman Darling Scholarship at JMC.

Banks was dean or acting dean of James Madison College during several periods in our history. He is retiring this year from MSU after a long and distinguished career. His current position is associate provost and associate vice president for Academic Human Resources. He has been a generous donor to Madison, and his daughter, Sarah C. Banks, is a 1995 graduate of JMC.



Robert Banks,
Sherman Garnett,
Richard Zinman

ALUMNI OUTREACH, EVENTS, AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: works to achieve three goals— increase JMCAA membership, increase revenue to support alumni association programming, and provide for networking opportunities.

In May, JMCAA hosted our second annual Lansing alumni networking reception. We hope this very successful event will continue to grow every year. If you are interested in getting more involved or assisting with a networking event in your area, please contact **Regina Bell** at rb8392@att.com

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James Madison College Alumni Association Board of Directors

Anne Marie Lindley, Holt, MI (PTCD '98) **PRESIDENT**

Kendra Howard-Averett, Holt, MI (MS '92) **VICE PRESIDENT**

John Lindley, Holt, MI (PE '00) **TREASURER**

Board Members

Regina Bell, Lansing MI (PTCD '96)

Lance Binoniemi, Lansing, MI (PE '01)

Ronald Bush II, Detroit, MI (SOCEC '87)

Catherine Grochowski, Utica, MI (JMCD '81)

Rachel Harris, Detroit, MI (SR '04)

Rujuta Srivastava, Brookline, MA (IR '93)

Richard Warren, Royal Oak, MI (IR '98)

Scott Watkins, Haslett, MI (IR '01)

Madison's various majors over its 40 years

CURRENT

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

PAST

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

From Your President, *continued*

We invite you to join us for the annual JMC Alumni Association meeting to be held the weekend of the James Madison College 40th Anniversary, September 28-September 30, 2007 in East Lansing.

One last note...

This is my last term serving as a member of the JMC board. I want to thank my

Annual Madison Homecoming Tailgate Brunch at Case Hall

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Two hours before kick-off

This tradition attracts over 100 alumni, faculty, students, friends, and family. Bring your guests and come even if you are not attending the game.

Contact Donna Hofmeister at hofmeister@msu.edu or 517-353-9977.



fellow board members for their service and commitment to the association, Dean Sherm Garnett and the college staff for their outstanding support, and the students for continuing to be an inspiration for alumni. Serving on the board has been a rewarding experience, and I encourage others to get involved.

We should all be very proud of the new JMC graduates. I look forward to reading about the many contributions they will make to society as they pursue their passions in life. It is my hope they will continue to stay involved with James Madison College and the alumni association as we expand our network of friends who are making a difference throughout the world.

Best Wishes,

Ann Marie Lindley

President, JMC Alumni Association (PTCD '98)

JMC Recognition on the Hill

—A reprint of "Two Chiefs for Hastings" by Jamie Weinstein in *Roll Call*, the newspaper of Capitol Hill, March 5, 2007

As experienced staffers of U.S. Representatives, both **Andy Keiser (PTCD '99)** and **David Goldenberg (IR '00)** were recently appointed as chiefs of staff. As longtime staffer for Representative Mike Rogers (R-Michigan), Keiser was promoted to chief of staff in the office. Prior to this position, Keiser had served as legislative assistant and legislative director for Rogers since 2001. Before that, he worked for the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan from 1999 to 2000. Keiser earned a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in 2005.

In addition, as former longtime staffer for Representative Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), Goldenberg will be replacing Fred Turner as personal chief of staff. Prior to becoming Turner's successor, Goldenberg was the deputy executive director for the National Jewish Democratic Council since June 2006. Before that, he worked as a legislative assistant, senior legislative assistant and ultimately legislative director for Hastings from 2001 to 2006. He started his career on Capitol Hill as staff assistant to Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) in early 2001. Off the Hill, Goldenberg worked for a Michigan state Senator and was involved in campaigns in Florida, Michigan and the District of Columbia. Goldenberg hopes to finish his master's degree in international commerce and policy at George Mason University this year.

ALUMNI NEWS

1970s

Joe Knippenberg (JMCD '77) is professor of politics and director of the Rich Foundation Urban Leadership Program at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA, where he has taught since 1985. He says he endeavors to be the kind of institution at Oglethorpe that Richard Zinman is at Madison, but constantly falls short of the master's example. Most of his scholarship focuses on the relationship between religion and politics, either in eighteenth-century liberal thought (e.g., Immanuel Kant) or in contemporary liberal legal and political theory (e.g., John Rawls, Richard Rorty, and so on). His punditry can be found online in columns written for sites like *The American Spectator Online* or in blog posts written mostly for *No Left Turns*, the group blog sponsored by the Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University in Ohio. Knippenberg is also an adjunct fellow of the Ashbrook Center. He and his spouse, Lee, home-school their children Liam (11) and Charlotte (9) in Dunwoody, Georgia.

1980s

Richard Cordray (JMCD '81), Democrat, has been elected treasurer of the state of Ohio. He won 57 percent of the vote and defeated Republican Sandra O'Brien, auditor of Ashtabula County. Cordray is an adjunct professor of law at The Ohio State University College of Law and is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar. He serves on the MSU James Madison College Board of Visitors and previously held the position of Franklin County's treasurer.

Andrew Whitaker (JMCD '83) has been named a Ruge Fellow of North Central College in Naperville, IL, where he is professor of economics and finance and chair of the Division of Economics and Business. The Ruge Fellows Program is the latest in a variety of programs that recognize, celebrate, and reward senior faculty for their contributions to teaching and the learning environment at North Central.



William Rosin

William L. Rosin (IR '84) has been elected to the Management Committee of the Bloomfield Hills, MI law firm Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler. The committee is responsible for the strategic direction and daily management of the firm. Rosin joined the firm in 1995 and has extensive experience in corporate legal matters, including acquisitions, joint ventures, entity formation, and financing as well as providing day-to-day general corporate legal advice for several national and international corporations. Rosin's practice also includes significant experience in representing clients in the purchasing, selling, leasing, and development of real estate. Rosin earned his J.D. from Wayne State University.

Tom Boyd (Metro '85) was re-elected as a 55th district court judge in Ingham County, MI.

Kevin Manning (IR '85) was elected vice president and secretary for 2007 of Foster Zack Little Pasteur & Manning P.C., where he is an attorney. Manning earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1988.



Kevin Manning

Ronald Tenpas (IR '85) will be nominated by U.S. President George W. Bush to be assistant attorney general (Environment and Natural Resources Division) at the Department of Justice. Tenpas currently serves as associate deputy attorney general at the Department of Justice and previously



Ronald Tenpas

served as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. Earlier in his career, Tenpas served as branch chief and deputy criminal chief and assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Maryland. He received his bachelor's JD from the University of Virginia.

Lisa Brown (Wilcox) (IR '86) worked for five years with the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, D.C. She earned an M.A. in international affairs from The George Washington University in 1989. She married Mark Brown in 2001, and their daughter, Sarah Nadine Ruby Brown, was born on November 26, 2004. Brown lives in Oklahoma and is currently a homemaker.

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Kirk Carlson (IR '86) is an accounting manager at Wolverine Packing Company in Detroit, MI, where he is involved in all aspects of financial reporting and accounting. Previously, he worked for several businesses as their senior financial manager. Carlson earned an MBA from Wayne State University in 1989. He began his professional accounting career at PricewaterhouseCoopers and became a CPA in 1993. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Carlson is a member of the adjunct accounting faculty in the Wayne State University School of Business and teaches the introductory financial accounting course. An avid runner, he has finished 15 marathons, including running the Detroit Marathon five times. He and his spouse, Elizabeth, have three children.

Scott T. Hards (IR '86) started HobbyLink Japan (www.hlj.com) in 1995, an Internet mail-order company based in Japan that markets Japanese hobby products to retail and wholesale customers around the world. Since then, the company has grown along with the Internet to 22 employees and roughly \$10 million USD in sales. Previously, Hards, who is a resident of Japan, worked for a Japanese bank, for other financial firms, and for himself for ten years. He lives with his spouse, Asako, and children in Tochigi prefecture, about 100 miles north of Tokyo, and gets back to Michigan once a year or so.



Scott T. Hards

John Manza (IR '86) is serving in Iraq for the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, where he coordinates reconstruction projects. Manza, who minored in the Italian language at Michigan State University, is assigned to the Italian Provincial Reconstruction Team (Recostruzione Sostegno Unità) where he builds schools, clinics, roads, bridges, and other needed infrastructure. Previously, he served for 20 years as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired from active duty as a lieutenant colonel in August 2006. While serving in the Marine Corps, he received master's degrees in both military science and political science. He is currently writing his Ph.D. dissertation, "A Critical Analysis of US Post-Conflict Reconstruction Efforts in Iraq."



John Manza

Thomas Panella (JMCD/French '87) serves as the senior water resources management specialist in the Central and West Asia Regional Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In this position, Panella directs ADB's irrigation and integrated water resources management operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including project development, investment lending, technical assistance, and policy and strategy formulation. He also has experience working in China, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, and Uzbekistan. Before joining the ADB in Manila in 2002, he worked for the World Bank in Washington, D.C. in the Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Department, for a resource management consulting firm from 1988 to 1993 in San Diego, CA and was convener of the California Urban Water Conservation Council in 1997. He received an MPP in 1995 and Ph.D. in 2003 in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1997, he also received an M.S. from the Energy and Resources Group at Berkeley with an emphasis on water resources.

Amy DeShon (JMCD '88) has been appointed the American Community Gardening Association's new executive director. DeShon has more than 20 years' experience in nonprofit management, fundraising, event planning, project management, and marketing/communications. She earned her Master of Public Administration from Western Michigan University, School of Public Affairs and Administration.

Jim Hudak (IR '88) was recently named vice president of sales and engineering for Metaldyne Corporation, a leading global designer and supplier of metal-based components, assemblies, and modules for transportation-related powertrain and chassis applications. Headquartered in Plymouth, MI, Metaldyne is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asahi Tec Corporation, a Shizuoka, Japan-based chassis and powertrain component supplier in the passenger car/light truck and medium/heavy truck segments. In this expanded role, Hudak is spearheading the plan to build a regional Metaldyne Technical Center in Japan and increasing Metaldyne's business with Asian automakers. Hudak will be located at Metaldyne's Yokohoma, Japan sales and engineering office.

James Mazzarella (IR '88) has recently been named the Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC) managing director of congressional and public affairs. MCC is a three-year-old federal agency seeking to alleviate global poverty through sustainable economic growth and a new approach to development. Mazzarella is responsible for the organization's strategic communications and works



James Mazzarella

to develop and disseminate messages across all media platforms and with others concerned with MCC's mission such as Congress, nongovernmental organizations, opinion leaders, and think tanks. Before joining MCC, he was director of federal affairs for New York State, where he acted as Governor George Pataki's chief liaison to Washington. He also served as chief of staff to Congresswoman Susan Molinari of New York, as well as her press secretary and worked with a number of international clients on their government affairs and media relations efforts including the Balkan Republics of Croatia and BosniaHerzegovina, as well as Kosovo, as each tried to win its independence from the former Yugoslavia. Mazzarella has conducted training seminars on media relations through the International Republican Institute and is an alumnus of the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

Robert O'Keefe (IR '88) is new business development manager for Hayes Lemmerz International, a large automotive parts supplier. Before moving back to Michigan in 2004, O'Keefe spent seven years working and living in Japan. While abroad, he used Japanese and Spanish to develop new business opportunities for his employer. O'Keefe relocated back to the U.S. with his spouse, Keiko Fujita, whom he met while working in Japan. He earned his master's in international management from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Allison Gurnitz (IR '89), owner of Coray Gurnitz Consulting, a small government-focused firm based in Arlington, VA, has recently been nominated as a candidate for the 2007 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Man & Woman of the Year. She and her team will vie for the title and aim to raise \$100,000 for the society. This unique national campaign focuses on raising money for the fight against blood

cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Nominated for the challenge by a close friend and survivor of lymphoma, Gurnitz says it was clear that this campaign is not just about giving back, but about giving life. For more information visit: www.AllisonsChallenge.org.

Gabe Labovitz (URBAN '89) is an economist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Chicago regional office. Previously, Labovitz spent 12 years at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and four years as chief market specialist. In fall 2006, Labovitz and his spouse, Stepheni, formerly a web programmer at Michigan State University, relocated to Chicago.

1990s

Anthony Leiserowitz (IR '90) is a research scientist at Decision Research and a principal investigator at the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions at Columbia University in New York. In 2006, he briefed the U.S. Senate on the topic "The Divide between Values and Behavior: Exploring American Perceptions of Global Warming and the Environment." Leiserowitz's research focuses on risk perception, decision making and behavior, and the human dimensions of global environmental change and examines the role of underlying cultural values, attitudes, and worldviews in human decision making and behavior. Leiserowitz is the author of more than a dozen peer-reviewed scientific articles for journals and books, serves as a scientific advisor to the Global Roundtable on Climate Change at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, and is a frequent invited speaker on the public's response to climate change and sustainable development. His work has also been cited in a *Mother Jones* magazine article. In 2003, he earned his Ph.D. in environmental science, studies, and policy from the University of Oregon.

Christopher Tracy (JMCD '90) was appointed to the board of the Kalamazoo Nature Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes environmental awareness. Tracy is an attorney in the Kalamazoo, MI office of Howard & Howard. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, including environmental, health, and white-collar crime. He is also a

member of the board of directors of the Park Foundation of Kalamazoo, the Alliance of the Great Lakes, the Montessori School of Kalamazoo, and the Gull Lake Quality Organization. He is active with the Greater Kalamazoo Rotary Club and the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy. Tracy earned his J.D. with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Michele Pardue (SR/APA '91) is manager of U.S. Staffing Operations for the Research and Development Division of Pfizer in Ann Arbor, MI. After graduating from Madison, Pardue attended graduate school in human resource management at Marymount University in Arlington, VA, completing 18 credits but not her degree because of an escalating travel schedule. In her work, Pardue says she continuously appreciates the values of hard work and leadership that she acquired while at Madison. Since Madison, Pardue has led what she calls a gypsy lifestyle. She met her spouse, Andrew, in the D.C. area and moved with him to Raleigh, NC, where they lived for eight years before moving twice with Pfizer: to Kalamazoo and then to Ann Arbor. The couple now lives in Dexter, MI, with their two children, two dogs, and three cats.

Jeff Sutter-Maas (formerly Maas) (JMCD/IR, '91) works full time as a business systems analyst for Ameriprise Financial and lives in St. Paul, MN



Erin and Jeff Sutter-Maas

with his spouse, Erin, and two occasionally uncooperative cats (see photo). In fall 2006 he began attending the part-time weekend program at Hamline University School of Law, also in St. Paul. He and Erin are now looking forward to 2010, when he says he will "get his life back."



Lance Boldrey

Lance Boldrey (IR '92) and his spouse, Angela, welcomed daughter Laurel Elizabeth Boldrey into the world on March 30, 2007.

Adrienne Honigstock (IR '92) and her spouse, Jay, welcomed daughter Sarah Ilyssa Honigstock into the world on March 1, 2007. Sarah, who her parents say will graduate with the MSU/JMC class of 2029, was 7 pounds 2 ounces and 19 inches long.

Evan Lichtenstein (PE '92) is the director of development for the College of Arts and Science at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Previously, he was the assistant director of development for the Weizmann Institute of Science in Chicago. Miami is in the midst of a \$500 million capital campaign that will end in 2010 when the university celebrates its 200th anniversary.

In Memoriam

LaShawn Gillon-Jackson (PTCD '94) passed away on February 14, 2007 at her home in Southfield, MI. She leaves to cherish her memory sons Joshua and Aaron Anthony and spouse, Kraig. In August 2006, she received a lung transplant.

Michael McCandless (IR '94) wrote "Fighting Terror by Indictment: A Review of How the Yemeni Justice Sector is Facing Salafi Jihadist Violence," published in the *Fletcher School Online Journal* for issues related to Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization, spring 2006. McCandless is a Southeast Asian specialist on sabbatical from the U.S. Department of State. At the Fletcher School at Tufts University he is focusing on Islamic Law.

David Ockert (PTCD/Japanese '94) is an associate professor at Shinshu University in Japan. An avid researcher, he has published several papers and has written a book on academic writing. An active martial arts practitioner, Ockert holds senior teaching licenses in Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. He plans to pursue his Ph.D. from Griffith University in Australia in the near future. Ockert and his spouse, Maki Kitaoka, have two children: a daughter, Mikuro, who recently turned ten, and a seven-year-old son, Kai.

Kevin Herbst (IR '95) won the 2004 Best Unpublished Novel award from the Arizona Author's Association, an international competition, for his debut novel *The End of Heroes* (www.theendofheroes.com). Along with the award came a publishing contract, and the book was released for sale in July 2006. Herbst lives with his spouse, Becky, in Chandler, AZ.



James Carlson

James Carlson (IR '96) is partner at the Chicago-based law firm of Un-garetti & Harris LLP. He earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1999. Carlson's practice involves complex commercial matters in state and federal courts including multidistrict litigation as well as mediation and arbitration proceedings. He has wide-ranging litigation experience with contractual disputes, commercial real estate litigation, professional liability issues, securities fraud, and intellectual property litigation.

Dayne Walling (SR '96) announced his candidacy for mayor of Flint, MI in May 2007. Walling is the recipient of the Harry S. Truman scholarship for public service and the Rhodes scholarship to study at the University of Oxford (England). He completed a second B.A. in modern history from St. Peter's College, University of Oxford, and an M.A. in urban studies from Goldsmith's College, University of London. Walling is a doctoral candidate in geography at the University of Minnesota with a fellowship from the National Science Foundation. His current research is on the economic revitalization and civic renewal of cities in the Midwest, which he is pursuing as a research fellow with the Genesee Institute of the Genesee County Land Bank. Walling is married to **Carrie Booth Walling (IR/PTCD '97)**, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Minnesota. They have two children, Bennett and Emery.



Dayne Walling

Michael Huber (PE '97) is an associate director with the global real estate services firm Cushman & Wakefield in New York City. He specializes in developing corporate location strategies with a specific focus on negotiating and structuring state and local incentives packages. Overall, Huber has spent almost eight years in the location advisory services arena since obtaining his Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago in 1999. He lives in Manhattan and married in June 2007.



Michael Huber

Barika (Whitehead) Pace (SR '97) is lead business planning consultant with Cognos Corporation. In this position, she provides project management leadership to Fortune 500 companies and federal government agencies. Previously, Pace spent five years in the automotive industry and three years with the U.S. Department of Labor as a regional financial manager. She holds a graduate certification from Harvard University and a Master of Arts from Wayne State University. She is married to fellow MSU Spartan Daryl L. Pace.

Jesse Saginor (PTCD '97) is an assistant professor of land development at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. His teaching duties are in the Master of Science in Land Development Program, which is housed in the College of Architecture under the Department of Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning. After graduating from Madison, he worked on a gubernatorial campaign in Ohio before getting an M.P.A. at Ohio State University (OSU) in 2001. Upon graduating from OSU, Saginor went on to Cleveland State University to earn his Ph.D. in urban studies and public affairs. His dissertation examined the use of eminent domain for economic development. His teaching and research focus on public-private real estate development and finance, land use, market analysis, adaptive re-use and redevelopment, and planning.



Jesse Saginor

Jordan Glass (PE '98) is a pension consultant for Glass Freedman Company in Bingham Farms, MI. With his father, Glass designs retirement plans for companies and their employees. Glass is member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Migration Task Force, an organization formed to discuss aspects of the Jewish Population Study, including ways to encourage young adults to live and work in the community. Glass is also involved with Federation's Young Adult Division (YAD), serving on its executive board and as YAD's associate campaign chair and YAD chair on the Leonore Marwil Detroit Jewish Film Festival.

Beau Kilmer (IR '98) received his Ph.D. from the Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard University. He will be working for the RAND Corporation in the area of health issues and public safety.

Kevin Simpson (SR '98) is a kindergarten-to-sixth-grade math specialist at Freedom Hill Elementary School in Fairfax County Public Schools, VA. Previously, Simpson worked as a fifth-grade teacher and curriculum coordinator at Vientiane International School in Laos. During summer 2007, he will be a consultant with the U.S. Department of Education and begin traveling to present "Got History?," a session that was selected to be videotaped and can be viewed online at <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/gothistory.html>. Simpson is the author of numerous history curriculum resources used by teachers and museums. He also recently wrote the Young Scholars Gifted and Talented curriculum "Dig in the Past," which focuses on introducing young learners to archaeology and archaeologists.

Tamara Warren (SR '98) is a writer living in Brooklyn, NY. She covers culture, music, and cars and has contributed to more than 75 publications including *Rolling Stone*, *Vibe*, *AutoWeek*, *Northwest Airlines World Traveler*, and *Forbes Autos*. She pens a monthly column in *DUB Magazine*. Some of her work is on her website: www.tamarawarren.com



Tamara Warren

Mike Cyran (PE '99) is compensation consultant at Watson Wyatt in Chicago. In this position, he advises companies on their compensation programs including their executive and sales incentive plans. Previously, he worked for Delphi Corporation as the compensation analyst in charge of U.S. salaried nonexecutive compensation programs. In 2002-2004, he took a leave from Delphi to earn his MBA in finance from the Michigan State University Eli Broad Graduate School of Management in its full-time MBA program.

Nate Harris (IR '99) will begin his Ph.D. in higher education administration at the University of Michigan. He holds a master's in education from Harvard University's School of Education.

Andy Keiser (PTCD '99) was named chief of staff for U.S. Representative Mike Rogers (MI-08). Specializing in international relations, defense and intelligence policy, Keiser earned a master's in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in 2005. Keiser and his spouse, Courtney, live in Washington, D.C. *See page 4 for more.*



Andy Keiser

Ari Kohen (IR/PTCD '99) published *In Defense of Human Rights: A Non-Religious Grounding in a Pluralistic World*, James Madison University (2007). Kohen is assistant professor in the Department of Justice Studies at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

2000s



Aaron Jost, second from right, front row, with members of the Powell Fellows class of 2006 and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, middle

Powell, Powell Fellows is a one year mentoring and career development program that brings 12-15 participants together several times a year to meet prominent persons in government, politics, academia, and the private sector to discuss policy, leadership, and other issues.

Christopher Thomas (IR/Econ '01) has been accepted to the Yale School of Management and will begin a two-year Master of Business Administration program in August 2007. In March 2007, he married Lisa Konikowski of Whippany, NJ and in April 2007 he completed his tour of duty with the U.S. Army at the United States Army Signal School Detachment (USASSD) at Fort Meade, MD after serving a one-year tour in Baghdad, Iraq. For his time at USASSD, Thomas was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.



Lisa Konikowski and Christopher Thomas

Natalie Oldani (PTCD '02) is program associate at Constella Futures, a private-sector international development company based in Washington, D.C., that focuses on enhancing public health worldwide. Before joining the company, she spent a year as a David L. Boren Fellow in Croatia and Serbia, examining the way historical memory and collective identity influence political rhetoric. In August 2006, she received a Master of Public Policy from the University of



Natalie Oldani in Mostar, Bosnia, Hercegovina

Wisconsin-Madison with a policy concentration of international business and government and a regional focus on the Balkans. She also became engaged to fellow University of Wisconsin alum Andre Radloff.

Katie Robiadek (PTCD '03), who received a \$20,000 Yazaki North America Inc. scholarship from the Canton (MI) Community Foundation that enabled her to attend James Madison College, is now the grants program officer for the foundation. She helped organize the foundation's thirteenth annual Winter Ball. Robiadek is also a dancer in a professional modern dance company called Happendance.

Michael A. Wilder (SR '03) has earned his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and been inducted into the prestigious Bar and Gavel Society. After passing the Illinois Bar, he was sworn in by the Illinois supreme court. Wilder practices in the area of employment and labor law and represents management at Littler Mendelson, P.C.



Michael Wilder

His practice includes advising and representing employers in a broad range of employment law matters, including employment discrimination issues arising under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Steven Babinski (IR/PTCD '04) began law school at the University of Michigan in fall 2005. In summer 2006, he did research for professors in the law library and worked with Professor J.J. White on a forthcoming edition of his treatise on the Uniform Commercial Code. Babinski is also an associate editor for the *Michigan Journal of Law Reform*. He is spending summer 2007 working for a law firm in Chicago.

Lauren D'Amore (SR/PTCD '04) joined the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) at the U.S. Department of State as



Lauren D'Amore, second from right, listens with Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security Ambassador Richard Griffin at the

Department of State OSAC Annual Briefing in Washington, D.C. on November 15, 2006.

an international security specialist and regional coordinator in August 2006. After graduating from JMC, D'Amore moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a Master of Science in conflict analysis and resolution at George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR). While working on her master's, she was also a research assistant at the U.S. Institute of Peace, focusing on ethno-political conflict. She completed her degree in May 2006. Her academic and professional regions of expertise include Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, and East Asia/Pacific.



Kyle Vile and Taylor Templin-Viele

Taylor Templin-Viele (Templin) (SR '04) joined the Teach for Virginia program following graduation from JMC. In 2005-2006, she taught elementary special education in a critical-need school in rural

Virginia. She completed a master's in school psychology in May 2007 at the College of William and Mary. She will continue in the program to earn an educational specialist degree (Ed.S.) and national certification in school psychology. She remains committed to pursuing every avenue of opportunity for all children to access education. Templin-Viele and her spouse, Kyle, who recently celebrated their two-year anniversary, live in downtown Richmond, VA.

Sandra Vasher (IR '04) is graduating from Harvard Law School in May 2007 and will work at Jenner & Block in Chicago.

Joy Yearout (PTCD/IR '04) serves as political and legislative director for the Susan B. Anthony List, a nationwide network of Americans dedicated to mobilizing and advancing pro-life women in politics. Yearout also coordinates pro-life Congressional outreach by working with various Capitol Hill legislative offices and tracking pro-life legislation. In addition, she is a master's degree candidate in security policy studies at George Washington University where she specializes in transnational threats and U.S. national security policy. She also serves as vice-chair of the board of directors for Students for Life of Michigan.

Lisa Bush (SR '05) is pursuing an M.Ed. in multicultural urban special education at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Education in Houston, TX.

Justin Gengler (PTCD/IR '05) has received Fulbright, National Security Education Program/Boren, and Foreign Language and Areas Studies scholarships for Arabic training and dissertation research in Yemen. He is currently a Ph.D. student in political science at the University of Michigan.

Tony Senagore (IR '05) is attending Chicago-Kent College of Law. As a member of the Moot Court Honor Society, he participated in the Rovner Moot Court Competition in fall 2006. In March 2007, Senagore attended the Prince Evidence Moot Court Competition in Brooklyn, NY. He is also a senior editor of the Chicago-Kent *Journal of International Law* and the teaching assistant for the first-year legislative process class.

Adam Briggs (IR/Spanish '06) is a senior regional analyst/business development officer for SkyLink Air & Logistic (USA), Inc.

Junichi Kitamura (IR '06) is interning in Sudan with AMURT International, a nongovernmental organization that coordinates thousands of volunteers all over the world engaged in development cooperation and disaster relief. She was assigned to a camp in Northern Bahr el Ghazal where refugees from Darfur and returnees from the North-South war are living. In this position, she assists the implementation of a vocational training center for refugees and returnees, a project donated by Japan's development agency. She returns to the U.S. in July 2007 and hopes to attend graduate school thereafter.

Trina Van Schyndel (IR '06) is a Peace Corps volunteer in Obukhov, Ukraine, teaching English as a foreign language in secondary education (ages 10-17). In addition, she is involved in civic life, environmental education, HIV/AIDS education, and summer camps/activities.

Carrie Smith (SR/IR '06) is working on her master's and eventually a Ph.D. in sociology at Ohio State University, specializing in comparative social change. Thus far, her coursework has included classes on urban sociology, immigration, statistical methods, and social theory. She also teaches two SOC 101 recitations and is a member of a departmental working group studying dissent and oppression in the Middle East.



JMC Scene is always looking for professional and personal news about Madison alumni, students, and faculty. If you would like an update about yourself to appear in a future issue of the JMC Scene, please send a notice or biography to Kim Allan at allank@msu.edu or to the mailing address on the back of this issue. Photos are always welcome.

From time to time, we may receive an update about you from a professional organization, news clipping, or faculty member. If you would prefer that we never include news about you in the JMC Scene, please inform us by writing to allank@msu.edu or calling 517-353-3381.



FACULTY SCENE

Kenneth Waltzer Celebrates 35 years at James Madison College and MSU



Kenneth Waltzer with Lou Hirsh, 1990s

United States, and modern Jewish history, including the study of anti-Semitism and the comparative study of American Jewry and Israeli Jewry, issues of rescue and survival during the Holocaust, and history and memory about the Holocaust. His major current project is the book *The Rescue of Children and Youth at Buchenwald*. In summer 2005, he was a member of the Brandeis Israel Studies faculty, and in summer 2006 he taught in Israel. He is preparing a book prospectus on the development of two new post-Holocaust centers of Jewish life in Israel and America and how divergent societies and cultures can be created by people who came from common origins. In 1990, Waltzer won a State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award. In 1998, he was awarded the Mid-Michigan Alumni Club Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award. In 2001, he was recognized as Outstanding Study Abroad Director by the College of Arts and Letters.

Waltzer was acting dean of James Madison College in 1990-92 and associate dean in 1989-90 and 1994-96. He served as director of the Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities in the College of Arts and Letters in 1997-2005.

Kenneth Waltzer, professor of history and director of Jewish Studies at Michigan State University, is celebrating his 35th year of teaching at JMC and MSU. Waltzer received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and has taught at MSU since 1971. His interests cover American social and political history, including urban, labor, and minority history, immigration and pluralism in the



Kenneth Waltzer today

Students, Alumni and Faculty Share Their Memories of Professor Waltzer

JMC Scene has received many extended tributes to Professor Ken Waltzer, which can be read in their entirety on the JMC website at jmc.msu.edu. Here are excerpts:

"Professor Waltzer expected high caliber work and he was always willing to help us do what it took in order to meet his standards. He also told you what he thought about your work—for better or for worse—and I believe that we were the better for it."

Jeffrey Cummings (MM '84), attorney/partner, Chicago, IL

"Like all (unfortunately rare) good teachers, he both encouraged the part of me that was curious and sincere in wanting to do good work, and was honest in pointing out when I had failed to follow through."

Phil D'Anieri (JMCD '90), program director at the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (spouse of Alicia Farmer)

"Spending my study abroad in Israel with ten other students and Professor Waltzer was one of the most amazing experiences of my life—and I can truly thank him for taking time out of his summer to spend a month with all of us."

Avi Davidoff (IR/Social Science, senior)

"Ken Waltzer has been a moral force at James Madison College—one of the creators of its excellence. He is a master teacher. He is such a clear, coherent, and insightful lecturer that I have asked students in my writing courses to summarize some of Ken's lectures in the Policy course."

Ron Dorr, JMC professor emeritus

"Whether dealing with students or colleagues, Ken is always direct, passionate, thoughtful, generous. His questions are coolly critical and incisive but his handshakes and hugs are very warm."

Alicia A. Farmer (JMCD '91), coordinator, Program in the Environment, University of Michigan (spouse of Phil D'Anieri)

"Ken Waltzer was the first professor I met at Madison. He taught my policy section, and I have never been the same. He was brilliant, insightful, and deeply concerned that we have a sustained, sometimes difficult, conversation with one another about the American political process, key issues, and policies. He modeled that conversation, putting his views on the table with reason and wit, and creating space for students to put their own views forward. I learned a lot from Ken, not only about the substance of the class, but on the role of the great teacher in creating the conditions for students to engage the toughest issues reasonably, seriously, and in a civilized manner."

Sherman W. Garnett (JMCD '77)
Dean, James Madison College



Chris Marshall
and his grandparents
with Kenneth Waltzer

"... his "Jews and Anti-Semitism" course (and it truly is his course) encouraged me to explore my own family history. ... he inspired me to ask more questions to my grandparents

and learn their unique stories. His teaching conveyed the importance of understanding past family experiences and asking questions with a sense of urgency."

Chris Marshall (SR '07)

"I was deeply honored last year when Prof. Waltzer invited me to teach two courses in the Religious Studies and Jewish Studies programs. I was mindful of Friedrich Nietzsche's famous quote, 'You are rewarding a teacher poorly if you remain always a pupil.'"

Jason A. Miller (IR '98), Rabbi,
Congregation Agudas Achi, Columbus, OH

"Ken has been my intellectual brother and companion in crafting programmatic development and over many years in learning to teach and grow in the context of Madison College. In our more than thirty years as colleagues and friends, I have learned immeasurable lessons from him about teaching and about collegiality. Ken has a powerful and even daunting sense of vocation as a teacher-scholar. The qualities which infuse this vocation are evident in all of Ken's work: his passionate intellect and historical curiosity, his engaged and critical mind, his rigorous and organized approach to

knowledge, and his recognition that respect for and genuine interest in the individual is a precondition for learning."

Katie See, JMC Professor

"He was wonderful at weaving American history together, pulling strands of information about American cities, European immigrants, and African Americans all together into a cohesive tapestry."

Dena Skran (IR '83, Rhodes scholar),
associate professor of government,
Lawrence University

"... one of the first things that struck me about Ken Waltzer was his interest in his students. ... I was also fortunate to get to know Ken and his family on a more personal level, as I ... "baby sat" the boys during the years we were at MSU ... there are not many people who can say that they have continued to have a relationship with one of their college professors."

Julie Beth Teicher (Urban '78),
attorney/shareholder and adjunct professor,
West Bloomfield, MI

"The first word that comes to my mind when I think of Professor Waltzer is passionate. He is passionate about his research and his teaching but also passionate about life. ... This passion is contagious. It seeps into his classes and is quickly spread among his students and sometimes even beyond his students and out of the classroom door ..."

Carrie Booth Walling (IR/PTCD '97), Ph.D.
candidate and JMC visiting professor
(spouse of Dayne Walling)

"Without Prof. Waltzer's course on metropolitan affairs, I would not have survived my Rhodes interviews."

Dayne Walling (SR '96/Rhodes scholar),
candidate for mayor of Flint, MI
(spouse of Carrie Booth Walling)

"As the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor, I wanted to explore my family's experience ... but I was unsure of how to proceed at age 18. Waltzer's commitment to my project and guidance was the catalyst for the large body of work I produced on film and the printed page, as a student, and in more recent years."

Tamara Warren (SR '98), freelance writer,
New York

"He helped me to learn about my family's past, pushed me to want to understand it better, and ultimately made me want to be a better Jew in today's society



Lindsey Weinberger with
Kenneth Waltzer and Lindsey's
grandmother

... He urged me to apply for the Kussy Scholarship, which I won, and I used the money to take an independent study to learn one-on-one with him, buy books to research for a paper I wrote about my grandmother. ... This was the first time that I did something outside of the classroom that I was passionate about and I wouldn't have done it if it weren't for him."

Lindsey Weinberger (SR '07)

"So, how do I write about one of the four or five most important people in my life without slobbering, or decimating a small forest? ... I arrived at Madison as the classic alienated kid ... To the extent that my mind ever opened, Ken gets the credit."

Jay Wilensky (JMCD '77, appellate public
defender, New Jersey

**“ He is passionate
about his research
and his teaching but
also passionate
about life ... ”**

"Ken Waltzer was simply one of the best teachers I ever had. No one did a better job of weaving different materials—films, historical documents, testimonies—into a course narrative. As a professor, I find myself consciously trying to incorporate various media into my courses to help students understand that 'texts' are everywhere and need to be read critically."

Joan Wolf (IR '89), assistant professor,
Women's Studies, Texas A&M University

Comparative Cultures and Politics

New Major Established at Madison

Comparative Cultures and Politics (CCP), a new interdisciplinary major in James Madison College, addresses one of the major challenges facing public and international affairs specialists in the twenty-first century: the need to understand the complex relationships between international affairs and culture. The new major draws on the expertise of the Madison faculty to take up such questions as:

- **What is the role of culture in contemporary politics across the world?**
- **What is the impact of globalization on cultural identities and intercultural relations?**
- **How do different societies and different groups within societies understand and articulate cultural identities and diversities?**
- **How and when do cultural representations and practices become politically salient?**

The curriculum will be explicitly comparative, examining the dynamic of politics and culture within specific political regimes. But students will also learn that cultures do not exist as isolated, autonomous entities; they bump up against one another and transform each other, and transnational institutions, actors, and processes affect cross-cultural interactions.

Comparative Cultures and Politics promotes the mission of James Madison College, to provide a liberal education in public affairs by preparing students with the intellectual and analytic tools to address cutting-edge political and policy questions. But it also provides a real innovation in undergraduate education, approaching the study of culture and politics through systematic interdisciplinary study across the social sciences and humanities.

Faculty participating in this major come from the fields of cultural studies, economics, English and film studies, history, political science, and sociology. Courses in this major advance new ways of seeing and analyzing culture and politics across the world and equip students to make substantial contributions to international affairs, public policy, and public life.

Daniel Coyle (junior IR/CCP) decided to add the CCP major not only because it was of great personal interest to him, but also because he felt it would contribute greatly towards his academic aspirations. "The new major offers an integrative approach to studying culture and politics in the international setting. I hope to develop skills from all areas of the social sciences, from history to economics to political science, in order to be able to comprehend specific global and local affairs," he says.

New Faculty



Tobin Craig

Tobin L. Craig, assistant professor, will be teaching in both the PTC D core curriculum as well as the STEPPS specialization. In August 2005, Craig defended his dissertation on Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis* and the place of technology in modern politics. He is currently at work on a book-length study of the unity of Bacon's political and scientific thought. His areas of research and interest center on the philosophic origins of modern science and technology and the practical and theoretical challenges posed by the advance of modern science and technology. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from Boston College. Craig also holds a black belt in Shotokan Karate.

Benjamin A. Kleinerman, who joins the JMC faculty in fall 2007, will teach political theory and constitutional democracy. His focus will be in the fields of American politics and American political thought. Kleinerman received his B.A. from Kenyon College in 1997 and his Ph.D. from MSU in 2004. He is currently a visiting scholar in the Program on Constitutional Government at Harvard University, having taken leave from his position as an assistant professor at Virginia Military Institute. His dissertation, "The Place of Executive Power in the American Constitutional Republic," argued that many presidency scholars have underestimated the power and importance of the founders' presidency.



Benjamin Kleinerman

Subsequently, Kleinerman published the article "Lincoln's Example: Executive Power and the Survival of Constitutionalism" in the December 2005 issue of the American Political Science Association's new journal *Perspectives on Politics*, arguing that Lincoln's words and deeds during the Civil War offer us useful lessons for our current concerns about executive power. He has another article on Locke's treatment of prerogative forthcoming in the *American Political Science Review*. Kleinerman is currently working on a book exploring the articulation and development of executive power within the liberal constitutional tradition. He also presented a paper at MSU's conference "The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism" exploring the effects of a more active Supreme Court on the political contestation between Congress and the president in matters of executive discretion and war powers. A wide-ranging scholar, he has also written on a diversity of other subjects such as Mark Twain's Connecticut Yankee and Theodore Roosevelt's court-packing plan. For his thoughts about executive power, he has been interviewed by the *Voice of America* and by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Retired Faculty

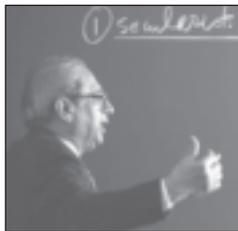
While in “soft retirement,” **Ron Dorr** continues teaching one-half time at JMC, offering MC 111 in the fall and MC 395 (Religion in American Literature) in the spring. He has also lent his voice to several MADhouses, especially the marathon public readings of *Moby Dick*, *Midnight’s Children*, *Leaves of Grass*, and *On the Road*. Outside JMC, Dorr has taught courses on religion and poetry, short stories, faith and film, and drama such as *Macbeth*, *Major Barbara*, and *A Raisin in the Sun*. Dorr also writes book reviews and leads book group discussions, including Stephen Greenblatt’s *Will in the World*, Chris Hedges’s *Losing Moses on the Highway*, and *Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner*. Dorr has also published *Sermons and Kin*, a collection of 16 sermons and 21 other speeches, including eulogies, tributes, toasts, and baccalaureate and commencement addresses, beginning in 1962 and ending in 2003. In January 2007, he recorded six interviews with MSU alumni who had participated in the Student Tutorial Education Project in 1965-68. During four summers, 120 students went to Holly Springs, MS and tutored incoming freshmen at Rust College in math, reading, music, recreation, and other skills. In January, over half of these alumni returned to campus for a reunion, listened to a tape recording of a speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. at the MSU Auditorium on February 11, 1965 that initiated the STEP program, reminisced about their experiences, and showed why this project, led by John Duley and others, was one of MSU’s finest moments in the twentieth century.

Professor emeritus **Michael Rubner**’s reviews of *The Accidental Empire: Israel and the Birth of the Settlements, 1967-1977*; *Man in the Shadows: Inside the Middle East Crisis with a Man Who Led the Mossad*; and *From Oslo to Jerusalem: The Palestinian Story of the Secret Negotiations* appears in the upcoming issues of *Middle East Policy*. He also presented five lectures on “Whose Land Is It? A Survey of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict from the Beginning to the Present” at the Wednesday Institute for Jewish Learning, an adult education program in Naples, FL. He reviewed and led a discussion of Jimmy Carter’s book *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid* at the Learning Resources Center of Temple Shalom in Naples, FL.

Other Faculty News

Mohammed Ayoob spoke at the Council of Foreign Relations, NY, in March 2007 at a roundtable on his forthcoming book *The Many Faces of Political Islam* (University of Michigan Press, 2007).

He also delivered lectures about the book *Mohammed Ayoo*b during October-November 2006 at the London School of Economics; the Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; and the Center for Muslim States and Societies, University of Western Australia, Perth. The book challenges other commonly held views that create what Ayoo calls “a highly distorted overall perception” of the Muslim world. In addition, he will be advising the latter two institutions regarding their newly established programs dealing with the Muslim world and exploring possibilities



of cooperation between these programs and MSU’s Muslim Studies Program, especially in regard to the study of political Islam in Southeast Asia. Ayoo’s expertise makes him a sought-after analyst, most recently at the IslamExpo in London in July 2006 where he made two presentations. Ayoo also published “State Making, State Breaking and State Failure,” in Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson, and Pamela Aall, *Leashing the Dogs of War: Conflict Management in a Divided World* (United States Institute of Peace Press, Washington, D.C., 2007).



Ilana Blumberg and family welcomed a baby boy, Shalom Iehudah (Shai), born January 21, 2007 at 9 pounds, 22 inches. He is named for his maternal great-grandfather and paternal grandfather and will be called Shai, which means “gift” in Hebrew. Big sister Priya is delighted. In March 2007, Blumberg also published her memoir *Houses of Study: A Jewish Woman Among Books*, now for sale on Amazon, as well as at Barnes and Noble and the University of Nebraska Press website. In this book, Blumberg traces her own path from a childhood immersed in Hebrew and classical Judaic texts as well as Anglo-American novels and biographies to a womanhood where the two literatures suddenly represent mutually exclusive possibilities for life. Set in “houses of study,” from a Jewish grammar school and high school to a Jerusalem yeshiva for women to a secular American university, her memoir asks, in an intimate and poignant manner: what happens when the traditional Jewish ideal of learning asserts itself in a body that is female—a body directed by that same tradition toward a life of modesty, early marriage, and motherhood?

Tobin Craig and his spouse, Sonya, welcomed their son, Conrad, into the world. He was a healthy 6 pounds 10 ounces and 21.5 inches.

Rita Kiki Edozie presented “Reconstructing Democratic Consolidation in Africa: Electoral Authoritarians and Delegative Democrats” at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Chicago in February 2007. She also presented “Sovereign Rights, Humanitarian Intervention, and the Legitimate Use of Force: A Pan African Perspective on Haiti 2004” at the Canadian Association for African Studies in Toronto, Canada, in May 2007. With Ravi Bhavnani (MSU Department of Political Science) and Jiaguo Qi (MSU Department of Geography), Edozie received the MSU International Studies and Programs’ GATI (Global Area Thematic Initiative) award (\$46,939 over a three-year period effective the 2006-07) for their multidisciplinary project “Resource Scarcity and Abundance: Oil, Democratization, and Conflict in the Niger Delta.” The project will be directed together with a team of Nigerian scholars from institutions located in the Niger Delta region. In examining the “local-national-international” inter-



Rita Kiki Edozie

connections and dimensions of the “conflict” in Nigeria’s Niger Delta region, the proposal is motivated by the following research themes: scarcity and abundance, conflict and violence, and civil society and democratization.

Mark Largent was a coauthor of “The Nazi Eugenics Exhibit in America, 1934-1942” (with Robert Rydell and Christina Cogdale) published in *Eugenics and American Mass Culture in the Thirties* (Ohio University Press, 2006). In March 2007, Largent organized and ran the annual Columbia History of Science Group meeting at the University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratory. In March 2007, he presented “Variation Under Domestication” at the Cambridge Companion to Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* Conference at Florida State University. In April 2007, he presented “Beyond Buck: Court Cases on Coerced Sterilization in the U.S.” at the Indiana Eugenic History Symposium in Indianapolis that analyzed and marked the enactment of the first compulsory sterilization law 100 years after it was passed by the Indiana legislature. The conference included a public symposium on the history of eugenic sterilization in the United States, dedication of an historical marker, and a day-long Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Workshop that will produce a collection of essays on the subject. In July 2007, Largent will attend the biannual meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology in Exeter, England.



Mark Largent

MARK LARGENT is director of STEPPS, which celebrated the 100-student mark in February 2007. Over the past two years, STEPPS has increased in size from 17 to well over 100 students.

Nicholas Mercuro was reappointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan Environmental Science Board in October 2006 for a period of three years. He also organized two art exhibitions for the MSU College of Law: “Building Islam in Detroit: Foundations, Forms, Futures” and “Displaced Sudan: The Cost of Silence.” In December 2006, Mercuro completed work on the five-volume, 2,000-page encyclopedia *Law and Economics* (Critical Concepts in Law / Routledge Major Work) for London: Routledge Press (forthcoming September 2007). Project assistant Lauren Yuille, a former JMC student, obtained reprint permissions for the encyclopedia. In March 2007, he organized “Various Approaches to Assessing the Evolution and Impact of Alternative Institutional Structures: A Workshop in Honor of the Career of Professor A. Allan Schmid,” held at Henry Center for Executive Development, MSU, exploring the variety of strands of what now comes under the moniker institutional law and economics, neo-institutional economics, or simply institutionalism. Seventeen scholars from the U.S. and Europe presented papers at the workshop and contributed chapters to the culminating book *Assessing the Evolution and Impact of Alternative Institutional Structures*, edited by Sandra Batie and Nicholas Mercuro, to be published in *The Economics of Legal Relationships* (book series) (London: Routledge Press, forthcoming 2008).

Simei Qing has written *From Allies to Enemies: Visions of Modernity, Identity, and U.S.-China Diplomacy, 1945-1960* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007). According to Steven I. Levine, University of North Carolina, “Simei Qing is an important and innovative scholar in the field of modern China’s international relations. This is a bold and pioneering work that transcends conventional diplomatic history to get at the intellectual, social, and psychological roots of Sino-American relations” (Amazon.com).

Michael Schechter wrote the article “Fisheries” published in the *Encyclopedia of Globalization*, edited by Roland Robertson and Jan Aart Scholte (New York: Routledge, 2006). In March 2007, he presented “Working to Eliminate Human Rights Abuses of Children: A Cross-National Comparative Study” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Chicago. He was coauthor of the paper along with Michael Bochenek, a graduate of MSU and Columbia Law School who is now deputy director of the Children’s Rights Bureau at Human Rights Watch. While an undergraduate at MSU, Bochenek took Schechter’s course on public international law.



Michael Schechter

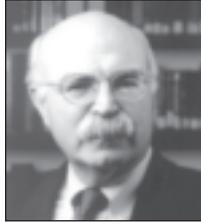
Ken Waltzer presented “The Kovno Boys: Survival at Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Mauthausen” at the 37th Annual Holocaust Scholars Conference in Cleveland, OH, in March 2007. A train from Dachau to Auschwitz carried 131 Kovno boys marked for death, but upon their arrival at Birkenau the children were not gassed. On the basis of testimonies, interviews, and archival work in the U.S. and Israel, Waltzer follows them inside Auschwitz-Birkenau, and then follows the remnant, about 40 boys, to Buchenwald and Mauthausen. In April 2007, he made a presentation at JMC on his book-in-progress, *The Rescue of Children and Youth in Buchenwald*, in which explores why there were 904 children and youth still alive to be liberated when the U.S. Third Army liberated Buchenwald on April 11, 1945. Among them were Elie Wiesel, a 16-year-old youth from Transylvania (later a Nobel Peace Prize winner) and Israel Meir Lau, an 8-year-old child from Poland (later an Israel Prize winner).



Matt Zierler

Matt Zierler presented “The Politics of Membership: Turkey and International Governmental Organizations” (of which he was a coauthor) at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in March 2007 in Chicago. Throughout late fall 2006 and spring 2007, Zierler made a number of media appearances on issues relating to North Korea and the war in Iraq, including an appearance on the Kathleen Dunn show on Wisconsin Public Radio in December 2006 to discuss the changing course in Iraq.

The Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, a research center in the Department of Political Science directed by **Richard Zinman**, hosted the conference The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism in January 2007 at MSU's Kellogg Center. It brought together more than 25 of the country's leading scholars of constitutionalism, the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court, and American politics. The conference approached this political and intellectual ferment from some distance and focused on the idea of constitutionalism and the place of an institution like the U.S. Supreme Court in our own constitutionalism and from a variety of disciplinary or methodological perspectives — historical, comparative, philosophical, and social scientific, as well as legal and jurisprudential.

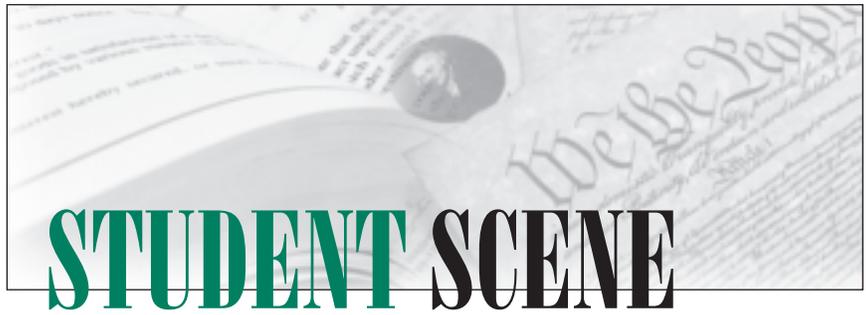


Richard Zinman

Jonas Zoninsein co-organized (with Joao Feres, Jr. of Brazil) the II International Conference on Affirmative Action at IUPERJ, the Rio de Janeiro Institute for Social and Political Research, in September 2006, bringing together leading scholars from Brazil and the United States. Conference papers addressed racial inequality in the job market; the experience with affirmative action in Brazil, India, and the United States; and legal dimensions of inclusion programs in higher education. The papers were published in a single volume by the Federal University of Minas Gerais Press in Brazil. Zoninsein and Feres, Jr. also published *Affirmative Action and the University: A Comparison of National Experiences* (Brazil: University of Brasilia Press), a volume of papers addressing the affirmative-action experiences in higher education of Brazil, Malaysia, South Africa, and the United States that were originally presented at the I International Conference on Affirmative Action in January 2005 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Jonas Zoninsein at commencement with Yael Aronoff and Rod Phillips



Monica Mukerjee (IR/PE, senior)

received the Truman Scholarship, which was created to find and recognize college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service; and to provide them with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.



Madison Students Active in Darfur Advocacy

Spartans Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND) is a student advocacy organization devoted to ending the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Cofounded in February 2005 by **Lindsey Hutchison (IR/PTCD, senior)** (and STAND's president until May 2007) and **Sharifa Crawford (SRP, senior)**, **Terrell Frazier (SR '06)**, **Josh Feinberg (IR '05)**, and **Katherine Pitsch (IR '05)**, MSU STAND works to increase awareness about the genocide; challenge the indifference of peers, families, and governments;



STAND silent protest

Photo by the State News

raise relief and development funds for victims and displaced persons; and urge political action for a swift, sustainable, and just solution. MSU STAND is based in Case Hall with many Madison members and has a listserv that reaches more than 600 people weekly.

Thanks to the generous support of JMC Dean Sherman Garnett and Professor Ken Waltzer, members of STAND have been able to participate in several national leadership conferences on Darfur. STAND's initiatives have included an event called Tie-Dye for Darfur in which 70 students tie-dyed Stop Genocide in Darfur shirts to raise money to establish schools for refugee children, a candlelight vigil at Beaumont Tower, and STAND Together for Darfur, a silent protest on MSU's Farm Lane bridge. STAND has given presentations to classes, worked with organizations across campus, and spoken to more than 1,500 high school and college students across the state, resulting in the establishment of new STAND chapters. STAND has also had congressional meetings on Capitol Hill and collected hundreds of constituent letters on Darfur to Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Mike Rogers.

STAND is currently involved in the state of Michigan targeted divestment campaign and is also available to give presentations on Darfur in the Lansing area. STAND works with community members all over Michigan and welcomes anyone to join. The 2007-08 STAND officers include Madison students **Emma Rector (freshman)**, **Rachel Kulasa (PTCD/SRP, junior)**, **Kari Jaksa (IR/PTCD, sophomore)**, **TJ Bartczak (SRP, sophomore)**, and **Kate Morgan (freshman)**. They can be contacted at MSU.STAND@gmail.com.

Field Experience/Study Abroad



Lauren Beach (senior SRP/microbiology and molecular genetics) completed her field experience in fall 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland, working at the World Health Organization (WHO) in the HIV Department. Statistics such as the 2.9 million people killed as a result of AIDS last year prompted her interest in getting involved while studying abroad. "If it's not me, then who?" says Beach. While at WHO, her advocacy work included the creation of an international mailing

list of HIV experts and a collaborative effort to write a technical information kit for worldwide distribution regarding the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. She hopes her work will bridge the communication gaps in developing countries.

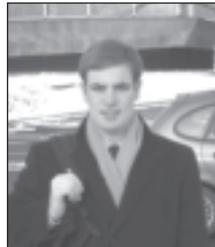
Dave Coogan (senior IR/Russian and East European Studies) in front of Fyodor Dostoevsky's apartment, St. Petersburg, Russia. Coogan completed his 12-week field experience at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, interning in the political department there. He contributed to the Human Rights Report and a number of political demonstrations and youth movements.



Katherine Ditzler (senior, SRP/IR) completed her field experience in London in fall 2006, interning with Alone, a charity that supports young people aged 16-26 who are homeless, prevents homelessness through family mediation, and raises awareness. In her field experience, Ditzler developed a curriculum to teach the skills associated with peer mediation as well as

other lessons on conflict resolution skills.

John Jennings (junior IR) has completed his three-month field experience in Geneva, Switzerland with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), an agency of the United Nations, where he interned in the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises division. Jennings also studied French in order to get around the city and better appreciate the culture Geneva has to offer.



James Madison College is committed to expanding students' understanding of other countries and cultures by encouraging a Study Abroad experience as part of their curriculum. Study Abroad contributes to academic advancement, intellectual and personal growth, and professional development, in addition to helping students relate to other cultures and intellectual traditions.

Summer program locations include:

Brussels, Belgium • Cambridge, England • Hungary, Romania, and the Czech Republic • Jerusalem, Israel • China, Thailand, and Laos

Semester programs include:

Budapest, Hungary • Czech Republic • Istanbul, Turkey
London, England • Belkent University, Turkey
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Internship programs are available in:

Istanbul, Turkey • London, England • Thailand
Madrid, Spain • Dublin, Ireland • Paris, France
Bangladesh • Australia

MSU Debate Team Features Madison Students

Three teams exclusively comprising James Madison College students were invited to compete in the National Debate Tournament in Dallas, TX, March 30-April 2, 2007. They are senior honors students **Debbie Lai** (IR, senior) and **Varsha Ramakrishnan** (IR, senior); **Andrea Reed** (IR, senior); and **Garrett Abelkop** (IR, junior), **Amit Bindra** (IR, junior), and **James Durkee** (PTCD, junior). Michigan State University was the only public school nationwide to receive three invitations. Each year, 78 two-person teams are invited to compete.

"Getting three invitations is a particular honor given the list of other schools, including some of the elite academic institutions in the nation," said **Greta Stahl** (IR '04), director of the MSU Debate Program and 2004 national debate champion as an MSU senior. "I'm very proud of our students to be on that list."

This year's debate topic was "Resolved: the United States Supreme Court should overrule one or more of the following decisions: Planned Parenthood v. Casey; Ex parte Quirin; U.S. v. Morrison; and Milliken v. Bradley."

For more information on the MSU Debate Program, visit the website at www.debate.msu.edu.

Madison Students Represented at Conferences

Fourteen Madison students presented papers at the 4th Annual Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Undergraduate Student Conference, *Latin America and the Caribbean Legacies and Transformations: Polarities and Solidarities*, in March 2007 at the MSU International Center. Those presenting were **Matthew Barkell** (IR, sophomore), **Sarah Blitz** (SRP '06/Spanish '07), **Ashley Dalman** (IR, senior), **Nicole Dunn** (IR, senior), **Amber Finkbeiner** (IR, senior), **Robert Goren** (IR, senior), **Elle Gotham** (IR, senior), **Eric Gregory** (PTCD, junior), **Jessica Jean** (IR, senior), **Rebecca Lewis** (IR, senior), **Camila Matricardi** (IR, senior), **Brian Shekell** (IR, senior), **Kristin Sulewski** (IR/SRP, junior), and **Jessica Wayne** (IR, junior).

Four Madison students presented two papers at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in April 2007 at Dominican University of California: **Nate Bailey** (IR, senior), **Erin Fish** (IR, senior), **Debbie Lai** (IR/Chinese, junior), and **Kristin Sulewski** (IR/SRP, junior). Since its inception in 1987, the NCUR has been an annual event designed to promote undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study. This year's conference featured approximately 1,200 oral and 700 poster presentations. Under the supervision of JMC Professor Bryan Ritchie, Bailey, Fish, and Lai wrote "How Does My Hair Look? Understanding the Impact of Gender on Secondary Education." The authors analyzed the rise of single-gender schools in the United States and whether attending same-gender high schools is academically beneficial and superior to attending a coeducational secondary schools. In addition, following a research trip to Thailand with Professor Ritchie, Sulewski wrote "The Dichotomous Socio-Economic Systems of Urban and Rural Thailand: Implications for the Success of Sufficiency Economics."

2007 Student Awards, Honors, Scholarships

Gabriela Alcazar (freshman) received the BRAVO Scholarship, awarded by the nonprofit Bravo Foundation to support academically talented students in financing their education.

Amanda Baranowski (IR, senior), Erin Biebuyck (SRP/History, senior), Margaret Corser (IR, senior), Caitlin Guthrie (IR, senior), Claire Knittel (PTCD, senior), Katherine Lester (PTCD, senior), Evan Lowe (PTCD, senior), Ging Cee Ng (SRP, senior), Alexander Plum (IR, senior) and Kristin Sulewski (IR/SRP, junior) received the Office of Study Abroad Academic Excellence Award.

Arupa Barua (IR, senior) received the Sidney DeVere Brown Undergraduate Paper Prize offered by the Midwest Council of Asian Affairs (MCAA) for her paper "An Evaluation of Microfinance and its Effects on Empowering Women in Rural Bangladesh." She presented the paper at the MCAA annual conference in Madison, WI in October 2006. The paper will be published in the Wittenberg University *Student Research Journal* in 2007. Barua is now completing an internship in Bangladesh with the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee.

Leighanna Beach (sophomore) received the MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholarship.

Megan Block (IR, junior), Nicholas Elliott (IR/Chinese, junior), Scott Hedges (IR, senior), Sandy Ma (IR, senior), Ging Cee Ng (SR, senior), and Neringa Tuyilgire (IR, senior) received the MSU Federal Credit Union Study Abroad Scholarship.



Thomas Caron (IR, sophomore) won the MSU Undergraduate Historian Competition. Caron will serve as the chair of the JMC Student Senate in 2007-08.

Allison Campbell (IR, junior) was chosen to be the student speaker at MSU's Women's Leadership Conference in November 2006. She also received the Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship, an award through The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The scholarship provides up to \$8,000 of academic assistance per academic Summer 2007

year for full-time study during the junior and senior years, and a summer internship at NOAA.

Allison Campbell (IR, junior), Ashley Dalman (IR/Muslim Studies, senior), Nick Micinski (IR/PTCD/Muslim Studies, senior), and Monica Mukerjee (IR/PE, senior) were selected as this year's MSU Truman Scholarship nominees.

Nicholas Elliott (IR/Chinese, junior) received the Undergraduate Shao-Chang Lee Scholarship.

Megan Hard (senior, PTCD) (*photo p. 19*) received the Dean Charles H. King Scholarship from the MSU College of Law. As part of this program, recipients are given a full-tuition scholarship to the law school. Hard's interests include the French Enlightenment, Tocqueville, and John Rawls. She is currently a fellow at Dykema Gossett PLLC for the semester, and her future goal is to practice governmental law, specifically in the areas of education and election reform.

Kristin Hendricks (freshman) received the MSU Distinguished Freshman Scholarship.

Rebecca Holloway (IR, sophomore) has been granted an Ambassadorial Scholarship by Rotary International, the oldest and one of the best-known programs of the Rotary Foundation. Academic-year Ambassadorial Scholarships, granted to further Rotary's goal of furthering world understanding and peace, are for one regular academic year, usually nine months, and can total \$26,000 depending on the university attended. Holloway's application was sponsored by the McAllen Rotary Club. She is considering several universities in Germany and Switzerland at which to study to fulfill her goals of working in the international arena in business, government service, or nongovernmental agencies.

Kathryn Jones (IR, senior) received the Undergraduate Shao-Chang Lee Scholarship.

Nick Micinski (IR, senior) received the Around the World scholarship/grant from the Circumnavigators Club, an \$8,000 scholarship awarded since 1981. Eligibility for the scholarship requires a research proposal.



Nick Micinski in Egypt

Micinski wrote the first draft of his proposal, "A Survey of Muslim Diaspora and Minority Communities Around the World," while participating in study abroad in Egypt in fall 2006, expanded it over winter break, and defended it before the selection committee in January 2007. The scholarship enables Micinski to travel for at least ten weeks as an ambassador representing both the United States and the Circumnavigators Club to five different countries and three major regions of the world.

Meagan Montez (PTCD/SRP, sophomore) received the Sylvia E. Tramm Scholarship, a \$1,000 award. Montez, who saw how education improved the socioeconomic status of her own family, is interested in how educational opportunity is limited for low-income and other historically under-represented students. During summer 2007, Montez is interning in Madrid, Spain in educational policy, health policy, and civil rights law.

Justin Reifert (IR, senior) was nominated for a Carnegie Endowment for Peace Junior Fellowship. Each year the endowment offers eight-to-ten one-year fellowships to uniquely qualified graduating seniors and individuals who have graduated during the past academic year selected from a pool of nominees from close to 300 colleges. Carnegie Junior Fellows work as research assistants to the endowment's senior associates.

Samuel Stuckey (junior) received the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor ceremony in December 2006. He has been an active member of Boy Scout Troop 64 in Okemos, MI since 1999, earned 25 merit badges, is an Order of the Arrow Brotherhood member, and has served in several leadership positions.

Adam Wagner (IR/Muslim Studies/Western European Studies, senior) received the Ryder Scholarship from the MSU College of Arts and Letters. The Ryder Scholarship is a study abroad scholarship for undergraduates specializing in the field of international relations. Wagner will be traveling to Europe in summer 2007 on the Democratization and Economic Transition in Eastern Europe and Turkey Program and will use this experience as his required JMC Field Experience. Wagner also studies Arabic and German.

Chen Wang (freshman) received the MSU Distinguished Freshman Scholarship.

The following students were recipients of James Madison College scholarships and awards:

Marc Allen (PTCD, junior), Kathleen Birrell (PTCD, junior), Thomas Caron (PTCD, sophomore), Jacqueline Conger (freshman), Rebecca Dennis (IR, sophomore), Julia Fruman (IR, junior), Kristin Hanson (SRP, junior), Allison Horowski (IR, junior), Sarah Little (IR, junior), Tanya Rodriguez (IR, junior), Noel Schroeder (IR, junior), Brian Jonars Spielberg (IR, junior), Brett Staron (IR, senior), Matthew Thomas (IR, junior), Adam Wagner (IR, senior), and Elizabeth Wise (IR, senior) received the Dean's Award for Study Abroad.

Allison Burkholder (IR, sophomore), Martha Garces (SRP, senior), and Megan O'Brien (SRP, sophomore) received the JMC Alumni Association Awards for Study Abroad.

Ashley Dalman (IR/Muslim Studies, senior) received the first John S. Habib Scholarship in Muslim Studies. Recipients are selected on the basis of their professional goals involving Muslim studies, academic achievement, and/or financial need. The scholarship was created by Dr. John S. Habib, a Diplomat in Residence at James Madison College and the College of Social Science for 2005-06, to encourage students to advance their knowledge of other cultures and international studies at Michigan State University. Dalman also received the Michael G. Schechter All-University Endowed Award and Outstanding International Relations Graduate Award. She is graduating after three years of study. Dalman is fluent in Spanish and has become proficient in French. For the past two years, she has also studied Arabic. In summer 2007, Dalman is serving as an intern at the U.S. Department of State with the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. In the fall, she plans to pursue a law degree and master's in public policy at George Mason University in order to begin a career in human rights or immigration law.

Christopher Dawood (IR/PE, junior) received the Michael and Audrey Rubner Scholarship for International Studies, a \$1,500 award. His academic interests include international development and security with a focus on sustainable devel-

opment practices and Middle East foreign policy. In the future, he hopes to work with organizations such as the U.S.

Agency for International Development or the World Bank in helping to develop third-world economies, or pursue a career in international trade and finance. In addition, his studies in international development have taken him to Thailand and Laos. Dawood is a first-generation American; his parents were both Iraqi exiles.

Jason DeSantis (freshman) and Daniel Shaffer (sophomore) received the JMC Alumni Diversity Scholarship. This award, open to every student admitted into the first-year class, is designed to emphasize the importance of ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity in the college.

Karl DeVries (sophomore) received the Ron Dorr Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing, awarded annually in recognition of the best academic essay, autobiographical narrative, or piece of creative writing submitted by a JMC student. The award is named in honor of Professor Ron Dorr, whose vision, dedication, and passion for teaching have immeasurably enriched the college.

Carlos Eyzaguirre (freshman) and Samuel Shore (freshman) received the Dixie Platt Fellows Scholarship, a gift honoring Dixie C. Platt, formerly director of academic and student affairs, who was known for her sound judgment and sensitivity to students and faculty. Her own career and work with the college have affirmed the relationship between liberal education and public service.

Amber Finkbeiner (IR, senior), Jessica Hancock (IR, senior), Michael McBrook (IR, senior), Dorothy Morley (IR, junior), and Jacob Tornga (PTCD, senior) received the Dolly Madison Field Experience Scholarship.

Amber Finkbeiner (IR, senior) and Elisabeth Utter (PTCD, senior) received the Gordon and Norma Guyer Endowed Internship Scholarship. Finkbeiner is completing her field experience with Green Cross International in Geneva Switzerland during summer 2007. Her research interests focus on international agricultural issues. During summer 2007, Utter will complete her field experience in London, England at Palmer Wade, a law firm of solicitors with established expertise in employment discrimination law. Her academic interests include

history – especially American Civil War history, politics, and social and political theory.

Melissa Grant (IR/Russian/East European Studies, senior) and Debrah Lee (PTCD/STEPPS/International Development, sophomore) received the JMC Alumni Association Field Experience Scholarship. Grant's academic interests include ethnic mobilization within the former Soviet republics, Turkic languages, and the politics of Russian nationalism. Lee will complete her internship through the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) in Bangladesh. BRAC, one of the world's largest nongovernmental organizations, works with issues of international development and places emphasis on change at the grassroots level.

Megan Hard (PTCD, senior) and Thomas Nehil (PTCD, senior) received the Jack Chapin Memorial Award, awarded annually to the outstanding senior in political theory. It memorializes Jack Chapin (JMCD '77), one of the college's most brilliant graduates.

Rebecca Holloway (IR, sophomore) and Marcella Ceva (freshman) received the A. Gordon Adams Scholarship. This gift honors A. Gordon Adams, Jr., a 1942 graduate of MSU, and affirms his belief in the benefits of a broad and liberal education and in the importance of students whose understandings of public affairs can forge public and private linkages that emphasize the value of service. The Adams scholarship was established to attract talented students to JMC.

Tricia McCarthy (SRP/Spanish, senior) received the Dr. Charles A. and Marjorie A. Gliozzo Endowed Scholarship for Domestic and International Internships.

Nick Micinski (IR, senior) received the Burton Lee Gerber and Rosalie P. Gerber Scholarship, a \$3,000 award designed for IR majors at JMC to reward academic excellence, diverse extracurricular activities, and public service.

Amanda Palaka (freshman), Megan Threats (freshman), Kaitlyn Cramer (sophomore), Ashley Porter (sophomore), Patrice Johnson (freshman), and Laura Warbelow (SRP, sophomore) received Dean's Scholarships.

Meera Patel (freshman) and **Adam DeLay (freshman)** received the JMC Alumni Endowed Scholarship. Established by the JMC Alumni Association, this award is open to every admitted student in the first-year class and is designed to introduce students to the college's focus on interdisciplinary study in the social sciences and public affairs.

Amanda Rabe (freshman) received The Freeman-Darling James Madison College Fellows Scholarship. **Marilyn Darling (Ethnic '75)** is a graduate of the college as well as a very active leader of Madison's Board of Visitors. The award encourages recipients to have an ethical obligation at a future date to support JMC and actively participate in assisting future generations of Madison students.

Lindsay Robillard (IR, senior) received the Lily Klinger Memorial Award, which honors the life of Lily Ann Klinger, an active Madison student, alumna, and long-serving member of the JMC Alumni Board.

Peter Spadafore (SRP, senior) received the Dean Herbert Garfinkel Award for Outstanding Community Service. Spadafore served with the JMC Student Senate (most recently as chair), as a squad leader with the MSU Marching Band, in a variety of capacities with the University Activities Board (including their Get Out The Vote activities), and



Peter Spadafore at commencement

as a student member of Academic Council. He has served as a student consultant to Career Services and Placement and the inaugural Madison Alumni Career Day and worked as volunteer coordinator for MSU's World Languages Day. Most strikingly within JMC, Spadafore assisted Jeff Judge for the past three years in outreach to fifth and eighth graders and in hosting large numbers of them when they visit the college. In the broader community, he has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, EVE House, the AIDS Walk, Relay for Life, the Breath of Life Walk, and Ronald McDonald House.

Katelyn Ziolkowski (freshman) received The Nelson and Marlene Cummings Scholarship, founded by **Jeffrey Cummings (MM '84)** to honor his parents and their life-long commitment to public affairs, civic activities, and education. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist the college in recruiting and retaining students whose presence will further its compelling interest in obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a racially and ethnically diverse student body.



Megan Hard, student commencement speaker

Other Student News

Eric Gregory (PTCD, senior) garnered 41 percent of the November 7, 2006 vote in the election for state representative of Michigan's 41st District. Gregory, a Democrat, ran against an incumbent in a traditionally Republican stronghold. "Originally, there was the impression that I was going to be the sacrificial lamb candidate," says Gregory, a political theory major from Troy, MI. "Now it seems people are saying, 'Maybe we should take this guy a little more seriously.'" Stories about Gregory appeared in the *Associated Press*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Guardian* (U.K.), *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Newsday* and on CBS News, ABC News, FOX News, Forbes.com, and dozens of other outlets.

Alex Hill (IR/African Studies, sophomore) founded the S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. program (<http://www.scoutbanana.catholicweb.com/>), which began as his Boy Scout Eagle project. Hill is determined to raise \$50,000 to purchase an ambulance and other basic medical supplies for Uganda.

Lauren Spencer (SRP, sophomore), a Green Party Candidate, ran for the MSU Board of Trustees. Although George Perles and Faylene Owen were elected, Spencer received the most votes of any third-party candidate.

Nick Sucharski (IR, sophomore) is a member of the MSU NCAA Hockey Championship team. In the semifinal game against Maine, after Sucharski scored the third goal, MSU took the first lead of the game.



Commencement 2007



DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Student Senate Raises the Bar... More than \$10,000 in 2007

James Madison College is an institution of leaders. Its faculty, students, and alumni have always been willing to make a difference, advancing the college and improving Madison's programs. The JMC Student Senate (JMCSS) deserves our recognition for building on this tradition. In 2007, student leaders secured funding to support the college totaling more than \$10,000.

The 8th Annual JMCSS Charity Ball raised a record sum of \$4,500 as the leading gift for the Douglas J. Hoekstra Endowment for the Study of American Politics and Political Institutions at James Madison College. Each year the Student Senate selects a faculty member to honor; the faculty member in turn selects a local charity to benefit from the charity ball and silent auction. After Professor Hoekstra's death in 2006, the Student Senate decided to honor him posthumously and create a leadership gift towards a memorial endowment to advance his legacy at the college. This is the first time that an endowment has been initiated by current students.

JMCSS also received a grant from the Associated Students of Michigan State University totaling \$6,000 to cover JMC student participation in Madison's fortieth anniversary in September such as attendance at lunches and dinners. This will allow the college and the JMC Alumni Association to use funds previously budgeted for this purpose towards other Madison programs.

These donations represent a major financial contribution to Madison's bottom line. But even more importantly, they are a positive sign that our students know and appreciate the difference that private giving is making to the opportunities available to students and the quality of a Madison education.

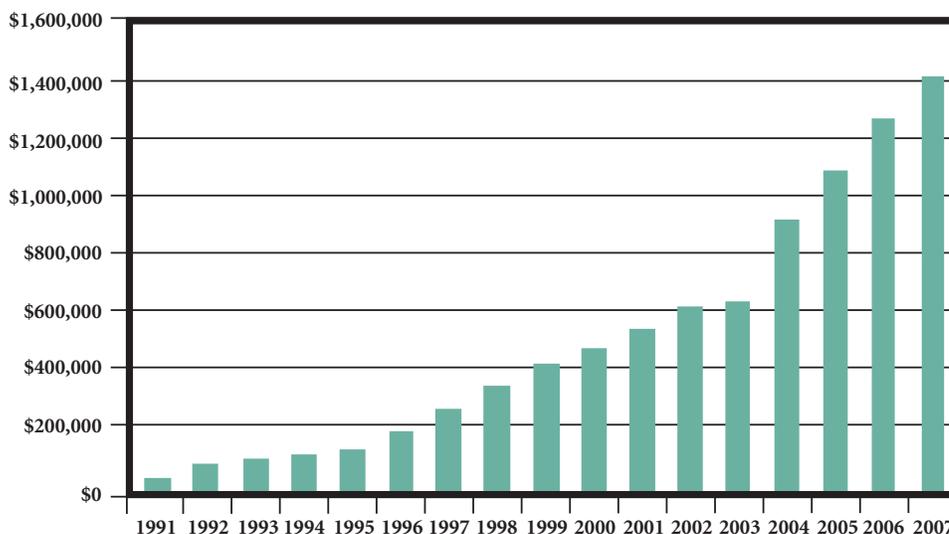
If you would like to donate to the Hoekstra Memorial fund, please use the envelope inside this issue of the JM Scene. For more information, please contact me.



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Total Endowment Dollars at JMC



Madison's endowed funds are approaching \$1.5 million dollars as we plan for the 40th Anniversary. This graph shows the significant growth these funds have seen in recent years. The annual revenue available from endowments has made a tremendous difference in Madison's programs, funding student scholarships, faculty research, conferences and travel, special speakers, guest lecturers, and much more. JMC must continue to grow its endowed funds to advance its academic excellence. Our goal is to make sure that the next 40 years are even better than the last 40 years. To accomplish this, we know Madison needs the financial resources and flexibility that a growing and larger endowment provides. Please consider making an additional gift to one of Madison's endowed funds this year: <http://jmc.msu.edu/development/designations.asp>

BEHIND THE SCENE AT JMC

Students Are Focus of JMC Office of Diversity Programming

The Office of Diversity Programming has been working on a number of activities and events for current and prospective students of James Madison College.

At a welcome reception hosted by the office for first-year students in September 2006, 24 students heard alumni talk about their careers after graduating from JMC. Special thanks to Regina Bell (PTCD '96), Kendra Howard-Averett (MS '92) and Lance Binoniemi (PE '01) for sharing their experiences with the students. Faculty and current students participated in the panel discussion as well.



MLK Jr. Day

The office coordinated the visit of 31 students from the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) to James Madison College. HEP prepares migrant students with a farm-work background to take the GED (General Educational Development test).

In January 2007, international students attending JMC were encouraged to attend the "Smooth Writing" Workshop program, a collaborative effort between the Office of Diversity Programming and the JMC Writing Consultancy.

The MSU Honors College, James Madison College, and the MSU College of Engineering showed excerpts of Shakti Butler's work to celebrate MLK, Jr. Day in January 2007. (Butler is an African-American woman of biracial West Indian and Russian-Jewish heritage. As executive director of World Trust, she initiated "Heart-to-Heart Conversations," a national program of public dialogue that speaks to critical social issues of race, gender, class, and sexual orientation.) The discussion was called "Creating a Just Community: An Authentic Dialogue across Differences. Reflecting on Whiteness." Along with faculty, staff, and other MSU students, Madison students discussed issues related to whiteness.



MLK Jr. Day

Fourteen high school students from the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan's youth program visited James Madison College in January 2007 to learn about MSU and JMC. The continued collaboration between the Office of Diversity Programming and alumni will include creation of a website and as well as a mentoring program for first-year students in the fall of 2007. The office also plans to continue discussion series in association with the Honors College and the College of Engineering. For more information, contact Gaby Tanner, coordinator of diversity programming, at tannerg@msu.edu.

Summer 2007

Visit Days, Fairs, and Presentations Highlight Recruitment Efforts



The James Madison College Office of Admissions has been busy with a cycle of recruitment efforts.

Fall Visit Days. Several days each fall semester are designed to expose high school seniors interested in public affairs to the JMC experience. In fall 2006, more than 90 students attended JMC Visit Days and provided feedback indicating that they are extremely effective for learning about the opportunities that await them at JMC. The Visit Day schedule consists of an introduction to James Madison College, remarks from Career Services and Michigan State University College of Law, lunch with Madison students in the Case Hall cafeteria, tours of Case Hall, a student and faculty panel, and observation of a JMC class. Office staff are also always available to meet with students who are unable to attend a Visit Day. Individual appointments take place routinely throughout the calendar year.

On-site high school presentations. For the third year, the office held formal admissions presentations in southeastern and western Michigan to expose students who have not, for one reason or another, visited the college. This year, office staff visited prospective students in the Southfield and Grand Rapids areas and attended high school admissions presentations with the MSU Office of Admissions and Scholarships. A Madison representative visited several high schools in the metro-Detroit area, including Cass Technical High School, Cesar Chavez Academy, Birmingham Seaholm, Southfield, and Southfield Lathrup High Schools.

College fairs. To further its commitment to the recruitment of a diverse student population, JMC admissions office representatives frequently attend national college fairs in various states. This past year, JMC was represented at college fairs in New York, Maryland, Illinois, New Jersey, Florida, Ohio, and Michigan, and as a result has admitted students from all of those states.

Followup. In the second phase of the admissions process, a group of current students and willing alumni calls or emails all admitted students to congratulate them on their acceptance and ensure that they have received sufficient information to make an informed decision about enrolling. In addition, the office offers information sessions on campus every Monday afternoon during spring semester called *Meet Madison Mondays* at which admitted students can ask questions of admissions office staff members and attend a Madison class.

For more information about the James Madison College Office of Admissions, please visit the website at <http://www.jmc.msu.edu/ps/visitdays.asp> or contact the office at jmcadmin@msu.edu.

Career Services Update

By Chris Foley, JMC Field Career Consultant



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The 2007 class has walked across the Wharton Center Stage, marking the end of their studies at James Madison College, and Michigan State University is putting finishing touches upon its report detailing graduation outcomes from last year's (2006) spring and summer graduates. Covering all colleges within the university served by the MSU Career Services Network, the MSU Destination report presents a snapshot of student outcomes based

on data that were collected during the six-month period following graduation.

With 83 percent of the 2006 JMC graduating class reporting outcome information, the placement rate for last year's Madison graduates is 95 percent—well above the overall university rate. That the college is able to lead the university in placement rates is a testament to the outstanding education and skill set that Madison continues to provide for its graduates. Presented below is a portion of the information obtained by the MSU Destination Survey that may be of interest to the Madison community.

Many thanks to those who have alerted us to employment and internship opportunities throughout the year. A number of placements are a direct result of the help of Madison alumni and friends. Your support is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Foley at foleych2@msu.edu, or at 517.884.1386.

Sample of employers for 2006 JMC graduates

Beijing WITT	George Mason University	Infosys Systems	
Bank of America Securities	Derchert LLP	Ford	Barb Byrum for State Representative
Michigan Attorney General	CityYear Detroit	J.D. Power and Associates	J.R. Thompson
Michigan House Democratic Communications	Lansing Mayor's Office	US Navy Kone	
Michigan House of Representatives	College Monbarrot et College Malifeu	Liberal Jewish Youth-Netzer	Michigan State University
Mike Cox For Attorney General	Progressive Insurance	AEON Corp	PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute	South Dakotans Against Discrimination	American Cotton Shippers Association	Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services
United States Peace Corps	Target Corporation	Boys and Girls Club	Teach for America
US Air Force	The Village Initiative	British English	United States Peace Corps
US Senator Carl Levin	US Department of Health and Human Services	Corporate Executive Board	US Representative Dave Camp
WildAide	US Senator Debbie Stabenow	Federal Reserve Bank	US Representative Mike Rogers

Reported destinations of JMC graduates in 2006

Destination	#	%
Employed (placed)	71	51
Continuing education (placed)	54	39
Pursuing other commitments (placed)	7	5
Unplaced	3	2
Unresolved	4	3
Total	139	100

Employed includes any students who reported that they were currently working.

Continuing education includes students attending graduate school or pursuing a postgraduate certification.

Pursing other commitments includes activities such as starting a business, extended travel, family obligations, or a personal venture.

Unplaced includes any students who indicated they were still seeking a job, had applied to grad school but had not confirmed admission, were thinking about applying to graduate school, or had no plans.

Unresolved includes any students who were given an "Unplaced" status before July 1 and did not respond to follow-up surveys; therefore, we were unable to resolve their status.

Employment and Salary Data

Slightly more than half of those who reported being employed also provided salary information. The average starting salary was \$33,976.

Of the students reporting employment, 83 percent indicated their position was either career related or a stepping stone toward their ultimate career goal.

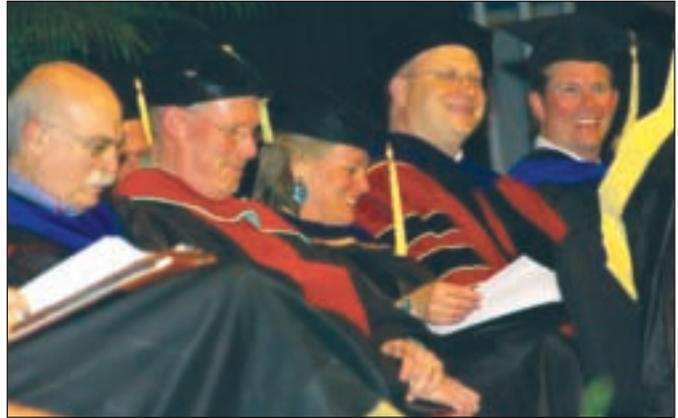
Continuing Education Data

Of the 56 students indicating they intended to attend a graduate program, 96 percent were admitted at the time of the survey, with the rest waiting to hear if they had been accepted or having yet to apply.

Four graduates reported that they were pursuing graduate studies abroad.

Graduate programs attended by JMC graduates in 2006

Degree Program	#	%
Bachelor's	1	2
Doctorate (PhD)	2	4
Law (JD)	32	59
Master's	11	20
MBA	1	2
Postgrad certification	5	9
"Other"	2	4

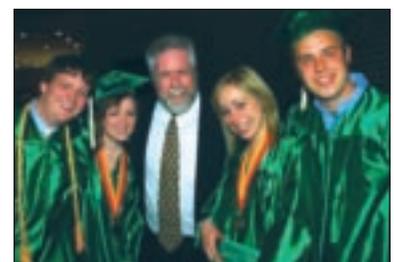


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Universities attended by 2006 JMC graduates

University	#	University	#
Michigan State University	4	National Taiwan Normal University	1
University of Detroit Mercy	4	New School University	1
Ave Maria School of Law	3	Ohio State University	1
University of Michigan	3	Pennsylvania State University	1
University of Pittsburgh	3	Regent University	1
Chicago-Kent College of Law	2	Thomas M. Cooley Law School	1
Wayne State University	2	Universidad Complutense de Madrid	1
American University of Paris	1	University of California	1
American University Washington College of Law	1	University of Iowa	1
Boston College	1	University of London	1
Columbia University	1	University of Toledo	1
Eastern Michigan University	1	University of Wisconsin	1
Indiana University	1	Wake Forest University	1
Loyola University Chicago	1		

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40th Anniversary, *con't from front page*

You are invited to contact Donna Hofmeister at hofmeist@msu.edu or call (517) 353-9977 to arrange appointments with faculty on Friday, September 28. Some faculty may not be available but we will do our best to schedule a meeting for you.

Register for the anniversary by completing the enclosed form and returning it in the envelope provided. Visit the website at www.jmc.msu.edu for registration information. Contact Donna Hofmeister at hofmeist@msu.edu or call (517) 353-9977 for more information. Also, if you interested in email updates about anniversary plans as they develop, please let Donna know your email address.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at the Kellogg Center. Reserve yours early. Call 800-875-5090 and mention the JMC weekend. Childcare may be available if interest warrants it. Let us know your needs.

Send us your Madison photos for compiling in a photo display (send electronically or send print copies and we will scan and return them to you).

CELEBRATE 40!

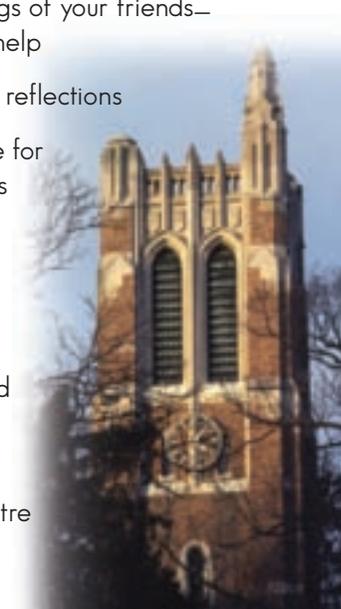
Faculty Participants *

Mohammed Ayob
Yael Aronoff
Ross Emmett
Steven Kautz
Mark Largent
Bryan Ritchie
Linda Racioppi
Katie See
Colleen Tremonte
Kenneth Waltzer

* Not all inclusive —more faculty and alumni participants to be announced

Alternate Weekend Activities:

- ◆ Hospitality Room all day Saturday, hosted by the JMC Alumni Association
- ◆ Plan informal gatherings of your friends— let us know if we can help
- ◆ Video-taping of alumni reflections
- ◆ Photo albums available for viewing, college videos available
- ◆ Golf at Forest Akers
- ◆ MSU Dairy Store
- ◆ Kresge Art Gallery and MSU Museum Exhibits
- ◆ Wharton Center, College of Music, Theatre Department Events



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