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## Madison Mourns the Loss of Jonas Zoninsein

Professor Jonas Zoninsein passed away April 19, 2010 after a prolonged struggle with lung cancer. He was a wonderful teacher, friend, colleague, and an important part of the college since his arrival in 1990 from Brown University, where he was a visiting professor at the Center for the Comparative Study of Development and the Center of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies.



Zoninsein specialized in international political economy and economics of development. He published a book entitled *Monopoly Capital Theory* and articles in Brazil, Germany, Japan, Mexico, South Korea and the United States.

Professor Zoninsein was memorialized in an April 20 State News article by Brittany Shammass. The following is an excerpt:



*A fixture in the Case Hall cafeteria, Jonas Zoninsein often could be spotted sitting by himself, reading *The Economist* or *The New York Times* while eating. The memory of the James Madison College professor sitting there, reading the paper between visits from students, sticks out in the mind of Kanika Suri, an IR and CCP senior and former student of Zoninsein.*

*"Before we even had him (for class), there would be a guy who read *The New York Times* and *The Economist* in the Case cafeteria," said Suri, who studied abroad in Brazil under Zoninsein's program. "He was completely content."*

Zoninsein had taken a medical leave from the college in the fall semester after being diagnosed with cancer, said JMC Dean Sherman Garnett. He moved to New York City to be with family.

In his 20 years at MSU, Zoninsein taught a range of classes on international relations, especially developmental and poverty issues in Latin America. A consummate teacher, Zoninsein had a lasting impact on many of his students, Garnett said.

Please help us honor his career and legacy at James Madison College by attending:

### An "Evening of Memories"

<http://zoninseinmemories.eventbrite.com/> to celebrate the life and career of Professor Jonas Zoninsein

Saturday,  
September 11, 2010

6:00 cocktails,  
7:00 dinner

MSU Kellogg Center

To RSVP or for questions, contact Donna Hofmeister at [hofmeist@msu.edu](mailto:hofmeist@msu.edu) or 517-353-9977

## MSU Wins National Debate Tournament!

Nine Madison students are on the MSU Debate Team, including **Eric Lanning (IR junior)**, half of the winning duo. They became the third MSU team to earn this honor in seven years. This year's National Debate Tournament was hosted at the University of California at Berkeley. More information on the team can be found at <http://debate.msu.edu/>. Debate national champions **Eric Lanning (IR junior)** and Carly Wunderlich (MSU) also participated in this year's Earth Day debates, hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday, April 22 at the Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. Topic: "That Congress should adopt the Clean Water Restoration Act"

As published in the State News on April 20th in an article "Distinguished MSU professor dies of cancer" by Brittany Shammass:

### Jonas Zoninsein Memorial Fund

Professor Zoninsein established the summer study abroad program "The Transformation of Modern Latin America and the Caribbean" based in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, that is in its third year. This fund will provide financial aid to students otherwise unable to attend. For more details about the fund, please contact Rocky Beckett [beckettr@msu.edu](mailto:beckettr@msu.edu) or 517-432-2117.

See the Dean's Letter on page 2 for a tribute to Professor Zoninsein by Dean Garnett



FROM THE DEAN

## Jonas Zoninsein Remembered

Jonas Zoninsein left us too suddenly. He let me know he was ill in November, but just like Jonas, he kept talking about the work he was doing and would do once he beat his illness. Even when he announced to me that treatment had failed, he talked about his dream of taking a ship to Brazil and remaining active in our program there for as long as he could. Three weeks later, he was gone.

Jonas came to Madison College in 1990 and quickly became a fixture. He had strong views but an open heart. He taught a variety of political economy and international relations classes, as well as the first-year public affairs course. He wrote widely on Latin America, economic development, affirmative action, and, above all, justice. He had a powerful love of justice and just as powerful a sense that we were very far from reaching it so long as so many people in the world had nothing. In whatever he taught or wrote, he always focused on the human impact, on the unfinished work of modernization, on those who were left behind or left out.

But you can't do justice to Jonas by analyzing his writings or listing his many memorable courses. You can only do that by looking at what he meant to his students and colleagues.

I received many e-mails from his former students. They remembered him as demanding and serious but equally as accessible and very funny. They recalled his passion, his intellectual engagement, his smile. Many recall that he would often be sitting by himself in the cafeteria, reading a book or the New York Times, yet he would always welcome a student's question or, even better, a long discussion. He had an easy way of being a teacher, as he was still so much a student.

He brought into being our study abroad course in Salvador, Brazil. He designed it to appeal to all Madison students, including both Latin Ameri-

can politics, but also a wide range of comparative social issues. The first summer, he took a small group of students who met daily by the hotel pool. By the second year, he had found a classroom at a local university, as well as 10 Brazilian students who took an equal part in our classes. He saw one of his main roles as opening up the world to both sets of students, to help them participate in the global dialogue that he saw as crucial to understanding the political responsibility we all had to face in a shrinking world.

One student summed it up best when she said that she "was affected by his intellectual playfulness and rigor — they were great examples for young people seeking to make their way in the world beyond Michigan..." Jonas saw himself, in part, as representing the wider world, and he delighted in giving his students a sense of that world. He presented to all of us a cosmopolitan and global way of life.

To his colleagues, Jonas was an inspiration, a model, a mentor, a friend. "He always directed his attention to others, never to himself," one colleague remembered. He knew what it was like to come to the college as someone from a faraway place, so he had a special place in his heart for new faculty trying to figure the place out. He became a mentor of young teachers and scholars, free with his advice but far from wishing to dictate to them. He was, as another faculty member stated, "one of the most intellectually wide-ranging and passionate people I have ever met. I would never have made it through the first years in the college without his advice and help."

Jonas was always reading, thinking about a new course or a new way to teach an old one. When new curricular doors were opened, if Jonas was not opening them himself he was figuring out how to adapt his own teaching to take advantage of them. He had a passion for James Madison College, always seeking to expand his own and the college's intellectual horizons. He was the maker of a larger and ever-expanding intellectual community of teachers and students. Though many people say they want to adapt to new thinking or to work to support colleagues, such people who actually do are in fact rare. Jonas was one of them. He wanted to challenge all of us to do serious things seriously, to innovate while keeping the best in the college vibrant. He had at times a

passion that could flow into anger, but he was rarely angry for long. He was at heart a reconciler, though one rarely satisfied with the lowest common denominator. He had little patience with the intellectually lazy and dogmatic.

I want to end by making plain my own debt to him. I came to Madison College in 1999 and always knew him to be serious, successful, and interesting. However, I didn't really get to know him until we worked together on the Salvador Study Abroad Program and the wider MSU Brazil initiative. He gave me through these projects the gift of Brazil. He generously invited me to teach with him during the program's second year, for he wanted to see how I might incorporate a novel into the already wide range of readings. Needless to say, I learned more from him than he from me. I had been for decades a student of Russia; through this project, I discovered a whole set of new issues and places. He freed my 'inner Brazilian.'

We spent a number of evenings after teaching or meetings with our Brazilian colleagues in a little restaurant on the Atlantic coast near Salvador's famous lighthouse. We ate fish, and he introduced me to two great Brazilian delights: the spicy pepper sauce and the caipirinha. He talked of his family, his intellectual ambitions, his writings, and his hopes for the program. I write this from Salvador, where our third session of his program is underway. As vibrant as the program is — and as lovely as Salvador remains — there is something missing. I keep expecting to see him at a table at our restaurant or outside the classroom talking to a mixed group of American and Brazilian students about anything from

classroom themes to what he had read today in the newspaper. He embraced the world and everything in it, and it is a sadder place now that he has left us.



**Sherman W. Garnett**  
Dean, James Madison College  
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# JMC EVENTS

## JMC Alumni / Student Welcome Pizza Night

Wednesday, September 8th, 6:30pm  
Club Spartan, 3rd Floor, Case Hall

## JMC Alumni Law Night

Tuesday, September 14th, 7:00pm  
Club Spartan, 3rd Floor, Case Hall

## An "Evening of Memories" to celebrate the life and career of Professor Jonas Zoninsein

Saturday, September 11, 2010  
6:00pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner  
MSU Kellogg Center

## JMC Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting and Lansing Reception

Hosted by alumna Nicole Nystrom  
101 S. Washington Square, Lansing MI  
Late afternoon, time to be announced



## Annual Homecoming Tailgate

October 16, 2010  
9:00am to noon  
MSU Pompon team performs at 9:30am

## Founders Circle Luncheon

Friday, October 22, 2010, 11:45am  
Kellogg Center, MSU  
Featuring Flint Mayor and Madison Alumnus Dayne Walling

Contact Donna Hofmeister at [hofmeist@msu.edu](mailto:hofmeist@msu.edu) or 517-353-9977 to RSVP or for more information on any of these events.



*JMC Alumni and Friends gathered at the offices of Kirkland and Ellis in Chicago on June 15 —courtesy of alumnus Ryan Bennett.*

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- ARCHIVED PAST ISSUES OF THE JMCNEWS AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK: <http://ecs.web.ur.msu.edu/jmc/news/archive/>

# STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

See also the Student Spotlight section!

## JMC's Annual Shakespeare Festival Trip

In October, 40 JMC faculty and students took their annual trip to the Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada, enjoying a performance of Julius Caesar. Professor Grant Littke led the group, accompanied by Professors Ron Dorr, Dan Kenney, Eric Petrie and Ben Kleinerman. Many of the students that attended this year are 3rd and 4th time attendees of this annual tradition. This year the trip is scheduled for mid-September to see *The Winter's Tale*.

## JMC Commencement



James Madison College held its 40th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8th at the Wharton Center on MSU's campus. Over 200 graduates attended the ceremony lead by Dean Sherman Garnett. A long-standing Madison tradition continued with the MSU Jazz Orchestra performing the processional, recessional, America the Beautiful, and a special number titled "Lady Be Good." Amy Witt represented the JMC Alumni Association and presented the Honorary Alumnus

Award to Professor Katherine O'Sullivan See. Dayne and Carrie Walling were given the JMC Distinguished Alumnus Award. This year's commencement address was given by 1984 Madison graduate, Elizabeth Kuhn, Project Director for the United Way of Chittenden



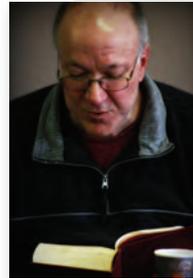
County in Vermont. International Relations senior, Daniel Blue, gave the student commencement speech and was introduced by Professor Michael Schechter. A reception to honor the graduates was held in the Case Hall Cafeteria immediately following the ceremony where over 800 Madison graduates, families, friends, faculty and

staff enjoyed food and fellowship.

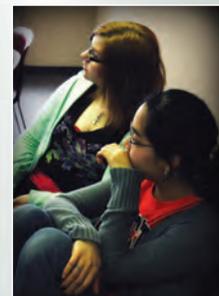
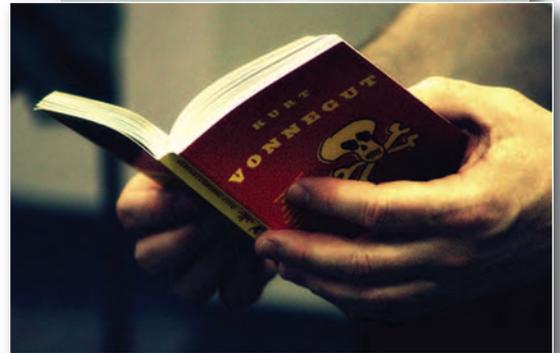
Watch the James Madison College commencement video <http://wkar.org/msu/program/520/> and view the photo album <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44733484@N03/sets/72157624036917656/>. **Carrie Booth Walling** and **Dayne Walling** received the

Distinguished Alumni Award and Professor Katie See received the Honorary Alumni Award.

Watch alumna **Beth Kuhn's (Urban '84)** commencement address and new graduate **Dan Blue (IR/Economics)** give the student commencement speech.



James Madison College hosted its seventh annual **Marathon Book Reading** on **February 26**, featuring **Kurt Vonnegut's novel Slaughterhouse-Five**.



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

## JMCAA President's Letter

### Annual Meeting Date and Record Date

The 2010 annual meeting of the James Madison College Alumni Association will be held on Friday, October 15. Information concerning the time and location of the annual meeting will be forthcoming. August 16 is the record date, when it will be determined who is entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. The provision for a record date is established in our bylaws, and readers may find it interesting as to how this aspect of the bylaws came to be.

In the mid-1990s, the MSU administration and Alumni Association were engaged in a dispute concerning the extent to which the latter should be independent of the former. This dispute was of great interest to Madison alumni who recalled that their independence had permitted them to speak in defense of the College during the early 1980s when a different MSU administration had sought to dismantle the College as a freestanding entity.

At the same time, the bylaws of our Association were undergoing significant revision. On March 4, 1995, the Board of Directors of the JMC Alumni Association approved the current bylaws. While the Board of Directors declined to incorporate our Association as a non-profit corporation, which would have made our Association legally independent of the University, the bylaw revisions did embody many of the concepts found in nonprofit corporations' law:

- The establishment of an annual meeting at which a specified number (in our case, one third) of the Board of Directors is elected.
- The establishment of an annual record date as of which the Board of Directors determines who are current due-paying members of the Association. As noted earlier, individuals who are members in good standing as of a record date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting held that year.
- The use of written proxies to facilitate the ability of those members of the Association who are not able to attend an annual meeting in person to participate in, and vote upon, the business to be conducted.

We look forward to seeing you on October 15th.

### Frederick Headen (JMCD '78)

President  
James Madison College Alumni Association



## Madison's majors over 43 years

# 43

### CURRENT

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

### PAST

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



# ALUMNI UPDATES

See also the Alumni Spotlight section!

## Alumni/Student Career Day a Huge Success

Thank you to our alumni for offering helpful and insightful advice to over 130 students at a daylong event at Case Hall on February 6th and to our sponsors, Anderson Economic Group, Dykema Law Firm, Public Sector Consultants, and **Ann Marie (PTCD '98)** and **John Lindley (PE '00)**. Read the State News article at:

[http://www.stateneews.com/index.php/article/2010/02/james\\_madison\\_college\\_holds\\_career\\_fair](http://www.stateneews.com/index.php/article/2010/02/james_madison_college_holds_career_fair)



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**Madison Grads enjoy success  
in post graduate placement.**

See report in  
*Student Spotlight* section.

## Alumnus Reflects on Peace Corps Experience



When the earthquake devastated Haiti in January, I joined the relief effort. Several other Peace Corps volunteers and I were assigned to a makeshift hospital on the border where American doctors were doing what they could for the injured. As Americans with knowledge of the culture and local politics, we Peace Corps volunteers were often called upon to make decisions that greatly affected the lives of earthquake victims. I saw things that shook me, and I couldn't help but feel unprepared for the job that had fallen to me.

I remembered sitting in the Wharton center three years earlier, listening to commencement speakers tell me how ready I was to take life by the horns. I had studied at James Madison College, and had been trained to go into the world and make a difference. I shared their idealism. I had worked hard, written many solid papers, and studied abroad. I knew much about the problems facing the world and had some great ideas about how to solve them. I entered Peace Corps service thinking that it would be a fantastic way to begin a career of educated altruism.

I arrived in the Dominican Republic in early 2008, and was quickly confronted with evidence that my Madisonian education hadn't taught me quite everything I needed. Perhaps I missed the lecture where Prof. Jezierski demonstrated how to properly wield a machete, or the one where Prof. Schechter taught us how to cajole a group of illiterate peasants into picking their garbage up off the streets. I had to learn how to live without electricity and running water. I attempted projects that went nowhere, sat in my house day after day waiting for someone to work with me, and watched the banana trees grow.

Homesickness and frustration worked away at my ego and eventually produced humility. I learned the importance of forming true partnerships with community members. Together, we were able to teach improved food growing techniques, start a community library, and build 70 efficient cooking stoves to reduce deforestation. I also provided support for short term relief projects, including the earthquake response.

My Peace Corps experience exposed me to truths that I was not prepared for. The classroom showed me the causes of global poverty, but it didn't introduce me to the hungry children of my village who became my closest friends. I understood what resource scarcity looked like on paper, but not what it was like to tell a refugee family that there will be no dinner for them tonight. There are facts about this world that can only be absorbed through direct contact.

Despite all this being true, I realize that my Madison education did serve me very well during my time with the Peace Corps. JMC taught me to be a learner, and without this skill I would not have lasted very long. I know now that not all of the world's problems can be solved in the time that it takes to finish a beer at the Peanut Barrel, and I am okay with this. I am prepared to continue learning, working, and doing whatever is in my power to do. Despite all the challenges of what I have encountered, I maintain my idealism.



*Timothy S. Brown (IR/Muslim Studies '07) served as a Peace Corps Community-Environmental Development Volunteer in the Dominican Republic from 2008-2010. He is studying for an M.A. in International Affairs at Marquette University, where he is a Trinity Fellow.*

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# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



See also the Faculty Spotlight section!



Ilana Blumberg

**Professor Ilana Blumberg** is the recipient of a 2010 MSU Teacher-Scholar Award.

**Professor Louise Jezierski** has received a 2010 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award.



Louise Jezierski



Mohammed Ayoob

**Mohammed Ayoob** and **Hasan Kosebalaban** (Lake Forest College and former post doctoral fellow at JMC) received the Outstanding Book Award by "Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries", the premier source for reviews of academic books, for their book *Religion and Politics in Saudi Arabia: Wahhabism and the State*.



Anna Pegler-Gordon

**Anna Pegler-Gordon** was awarded the 2009 Theodore Saloutos book prize of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, for her book *In Sight of America: Photography and the Development of U.S. Immigration Policy*. The prize is granted annually to the book judged best on any aspect of U.S. immigration history. For additional information about her publications, see the Faculty Spotlight supplement.



Ross Emmett

**Professor Ross Emmett**, co-director of the Michigan Center for Innovation and Economic Prosperity was a presenter at the recent TEDxLansing event. Watch the video of his presentation. <http://www.rossbemmett.com/>

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## FACULTY SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



[Yael Aronoff](#) presented "Benjamin Netanyahu: Battling the World" at the Association for Israel Studies Conference in Toronto in May, 2010.

[Allison Berg](#) published an article focusing on three memoirs of the civil rights movement, titled "Trauma and Testimony in Black Women's Civil Rights Memoirs: The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women Who Started It, Warriors Don't Cry, and From the Mississippi Delta," in the fall 2009 volume of the *Journal of Women's History*.

[Ilana Blumberg](#) is the recipient of a 2010 MSU Teacher-Scholar Award. See pictures in the JMScene main publication.

[Ron Dorr](#) published two volumes of *Things Worth Reading, Things Worth Writing*. This is a collection of 149 reviews of books, plays, movies, and public speeches, and reviews written from 1975 to 2009. Dorr has continued writing reviews of autobiography (*The Soloist*), biography (*The Girls from Ames*), drama (Julius Caesar), and journalism (*The New Yorker*). In January, 2010, he taught a class on journals and journal writing. In February, he joined several other Madison faculty and students in a public marathon reading of Kurt Vonnegut's novel, *Slaughterhouse-Five*. In March, he led a monthly book club discussion on Francis Collins' work about science and religion, *The Language of God*. In

2009, he also preached two sermons (on work and on the ambiguity of homecoming) as well as giving the eulogy of his youngest sister, Jane, and of a dear friend, Don Treat, a former member of the Department of Theater at MSU.

[Rita Kiki Edozie](#) published (with co-editor Peyi Soyinka-Airewele) *Reframing Contemporary Africa: Politics, Culture, and Society in the Global Era* (CQ Press, January, 2010). She also published "Global Citizens and Sudanese Subjects: Reading Mamdani's Saviors and Survivors" in *African Affairs*, 2009; 108(433):661-667 and "Review of Dambisa Moyo's Dead Aid" in *Asian and African Studies*, spring 2010. Edozie presented "Education, Gender & Sustainable Development in the Age of Globalization," at the 4<sup>th</sup> *Women in Africa and the African Diaspora (WAAD) International Conference* in Abuja, Nigeria, fall, 2009.

[Ross Emmett](#), co-director of the Michigan Center for Innovation and Economic Prosperity was a presenter at the recent TEDxLansing event. [Watch the video of his presentation.](#)

[Louise Jezierski](#) received a 2010 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Awards.

[Daniel Boyd Kramer](#), with Gerald Urquhart and Kristen Schmitt, published "Globalization and the

connection of remote communities: Household effects and their biodiversity implications," in *Ecological Economics*, 2009, 68(12): 2897-2909. Daniel Boyd Kramer and Kristen Schmitt wrote the article "Road development and market access on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast: Implications for household fishing and farming practices," in *Environmental Conservation*, published 2010. Kramer also attended the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in April in Washington, D.C and presented "Spatial and temporal dimensions of socioeconomic and environmental change along Nicaragua's Caribbean Coast."

[Anna Pegler-Gordon](#) was awarded the 2009 Theodore Saloutos book prize of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, for her book *In Sight of America: Photography and the Development of U.S. Immigration Policy*. The prize is granted annually to the book judged best on any aspect of U.S. immigration history. The book was published by the University of California Press in September 2009. She also published two entries in *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia* in January 2010. She is currently working on two new book-length projects: a history of Asian Americans in World War II and a study of Asian immigrants at Ellis Island. Pegler-Gordon presented her research about World War II at national conferences held

by the American Studies Association (in November 2009) and the Organization of American Historians (in April 2010). In addition, she was invited to present this research at MSU "Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives" program (in January 2010) and at a conference on Asian American Studies at Rutgers University in New Jersey (in February 2010). Pegler-Gordon is very grateful for support from the Raymond D. and H. Claire Vlasin Faculty Development Fund for JMC to support her research on Asian immigrants at Ellis Island. These funds have allowed her to travel to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and New York to review case files of Chinese immigrants who arrived in and were sometimes deported through New York. Although the Washington, D.C. files are well-known, the New York cases have not previously been used for a full-length academic study. If you are aware of any references to or family experiences of Asians at Ellis Island, Anna would be delighted to hear from you as she continues her research.

[Stephen Rohs](#) published the book, *Eccentric Nation: Irish Performance*

*in Nineteenth Century New York* with Fairleigh Dickinson University Press (Sept. 2009). He and his wife Ann Neff-Rohs welcomed a new daughter, Alice Lucille, to their family in January 2010.

[Michael Schechter](#)'s book *Historical Dictionary of International Organizations*, second edition, 2010, has been published by Scarecrow Press. Michael Schechter and 2010 graduate **Daniel J Blue (IR)** presented "The Inadequacy of Contemporary International Governance of Fisheries Ecosystems" at the Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in September 2009 in Nashville, TN.

The paper will be published in *Sustainable Fisheries: Multi-level Approaches to a Global Problem* (American Fisheries Society, 2010). Professor Schechter is a co-editor.

[Kenneth Waltzer](#) gave two invited lectures at the Holocaust Centre in Melbourne, Australia, in March 2010. He spoke on "Telling the Story: The Rescue of Children and Youths at Buchenwald," and on "Assessing the Mascot: The Story of a Boy in a Nazi Police Battalion."

He was also special guest at the Buchenwald Ball, an annual celebration by men who were Buchenwald boys and, in the years after liberation, settled in Australia. They started this annual celebration to mark their "second birthdays" and to dance together in the face of their shared fates. He was invited to and attended the State Dinner and ceremonies at Buchenwald April 10-11 and lectured to students. Waltzer is also working with Bigfoot Productions in New York City on a film about rescue at Buchenwald and about the return of several former Buchenwald boys to the 65th commemoration of liberation at the camp near Weimar in Germany in April 2010. The film under development will feature stories of several boys who settled in the U.S., Israel, and Germany and who today devote their final years to education about the Holocaust. One is Alex Moskovic who, after surviving Auschwitz and Buchenwald, in America became top video editor for Roon Arledge at ABC sports, and the winner of 11 Emmy Awards.

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## ALUMNI SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



## In Memoriam

**Scott Durren (IR '88)** passed away unexpectedly on June 5, 2010 at his home in Madison WI. He was a graduate of the Michigan Political paralegal specialist for the U.S. Attorney General's Office and Program Coordinator for the A.D.A. He later became the Executive Director for the Wisconsin Statewide Independent Living Counsel and served on numerous boards and advocacy groups for the disabled.



Grant Folland

**Grant Folland (IR '04)** was killed in a snowmobile accident in February, 2010. He was an active member of the Madison

community and a well-respected student. While at JMC, he completed an Asian Studies specialization, won the Shao Chang Lee Competition for Best Undergraduate Paper in Asian Studies, was a Phi Beta Kappa invitee, and graduated with High Honors. He received his J.D. from the University of Chicago in 2008 and was an attorney with the law firm of Jenner and Block in Chicago and New York.

**Dan McCandless (JMCD '75)** passed away in November 2009 from

a series of persistent conditions. He developed nine life-threatening conditions, but continued to work as a data specialist for the State of Michigan, Medical Services Administration until the spring of 2008, when his health forced him to retire. He spent his short retirement doting on his grandchildren.

**Jill Marie McMullen (IR '99)** passed away February 8, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was employed by ACI Finance of Mason as a consultant.

## Erratum

**Christine Bailey (IR '77)** teaches political science, not education, as written in fall issue of the *JMScene*.

**Jack Paynter Annual Lecture Series** "Poetry, Politics, and Philosophy in Dante's *Purgatorio*" was presented on February 18<sup>th</sup> by **Professor Paul Stern (JMCD '75)** of Ursinus College. The Jack Paynter Lecture series is co-sponsored by JMC and the LeFrak Forum and Symposium on Science, Reason, & Modern Democracy.

## 1970s

**Frederick Frank Gaskill (JMCD '74)**, an associate professor of management, was tenured at Elizabeth City State University, a part of the University of North Carolina.

**Robin Orsborn (Urban '78)** is a public health consultant with the State of Michigan, serving as a waiver consultant with Plan First!, a Medicaid family planning waiver available for women 19-44 years of age who are at or below 185% of poverty. Orsborn has worked for the State of Michigan for 30 years, serving in a variety of capacities: college trainee, health planning specialist, health care analyst, and HIV/AIDS prevention consultant.

**Mary Kay Henry (Urban '79)**, a three-decade veteran of the [Service Employees International Union](#), has become the first woman president of the politically influential union. More information appears in the [LA Times](#) and the [NY Times](#).

## 1980s

**Cheryl Moyer (JMCD '84)** is married with two children: a daughter in college and a son in elementary school. She received her M.P.A from Western Michigan University in 1997 and a second B.A. from MSU in 1986 in public administration. She has worked for over 20 years investigating worker's compensation claims for the State of Michigan in the funds administration, which handles specialized claims under the Worker's Disability Compensation Act.

**Glenn Oliver (Urban '84)** was recently selected as a Champion of the New Economy, a program to

recognize business leaders in metro Detroit who are moving southeast Michigan's economy forward.

**Jeff Stuit (SOCEC '84)** is an agile consultant for SolutionsIQ, based in Redmond, WA, traveling the world to help people learn how to apply agile software development principles to their work. He uses the writing and analytical skills learned at JMC every day, even as his career has taken him away from public policy and into software development and Internet services.

**Thomas Boyd (MM '85)**, chief judge of the 55th District Court in Mason, was honored October 29 as an outstanding member of the legal community for making exceptional contributions to women in the law by the Mid-Michigan Region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan at its 17th annual Carolyn Stell Scholarship reception.

**Deborah Biggs (IR '86)** will be the [first associate dean of administration and finance](#) for Central Michigan University's College of Medicine. Biggs currently serves as the assistant dean for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

**Kermitt Brooks (IR '86)**, most recently an official with the New York State Insurance Department (NYSID), has been named associate general counsel responsible for the insurance products practice group with the AXA Equitable law department. Brooks, with the insurance department since 2007, was first deputy superintendent responsible for the Life Bureau, including a stint as acting superintendent in 2009. Prior to joining the NYSID, he was deputy attorney general of operations at the New York State Office of the Attorney General from 2002 to 2007.

**Robert Trezise (JMCD '89)** has been appointed by Governor Granholm to the new Board of the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention (formerly the Michigan Library and Historical Center).

## 1990s

**Jeffrey Moss (JMCD '90)** has been named a shareholder at Butzel Long. Previously, Moss was a senior attorney with the firm. He published a substantial guest article that appears in the January/February 2010 edition of *Probate & Property* magazine, a national publication of the American Bar Association (ABA). The title of the article is "Solar Panels, Tax Incentives and Your House." Moss received his J.D. in 1993 from the

University of Michigan Law School and has an MA in Taxation (LL.M.) from Wayne State University Law School.

**Michael Ehrmantraut (JMCD '91)** published *Heidegger's Philosophic Pedagogy* (Continuum Press, 2010). This book is part of Continuum's series "Studies in Continental Philosophy." Ehrmantraut teaches philosophy and political theory at St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM.

**Mike Roberts (IR '92)** recently joined PricewaterhouseCoopers' Financial Services Advisory practice

as a director. He received an MBA from U of Chicago Booth School of Business. Roberts resides in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis with his spouse, Steve Abel, and is active in the MSU Twin Cities AA events and serves as Treasurer and Board Member for the GLBT Alumni Association of Michigan State University.

### Madison Friends ('92) reunite at MSU/Central football game

A group of 1992 Madison graduates had a reunion at the MSU/CMU football game. This group lived in 5 South, Case Hall in 1988-89.



Reginald Pacis, Patricia Glaza, Brian O'Donnell, Stacy Zachman Dobreff, Dan Klein, Karyn Patterson Bloch, Steven Rankin, John Roach, Alycia Kreger, Laura Karch Eaton

**John Gonway (PTCD '93)**, a shareholder at Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C., a Southfield, Michigan-based law firm,



John Gonway

is now the director of advocacy of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA). He will counsel the MMBA on legal and

political issues that impact the organizations' mission to promote responsible mountain biking and to work toward the goals of common land access and natural resource protection through interaction with policy makers, the cycling industry, race promoters, mountain bikers, and other trail users. Gonway earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Wayne State University School of Law in 1996.

He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, where he is a member of the Real Property, Business Law and Taxation sections, and is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association. He has also been appointed to the Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm.

**Kristyne Peter (PTCD '94)** is a communications officer for the International Metalworkers Federation in Geneva Switzerland, and also runs their trade union rights campaigns.

**Michael Ball (IR '96)** is a police officer in Dearborn, MI. He is currently assigned to the investigative bureau as a youth investigator with the Dearborn Police Department and is married with an 18-year-old daughter.

**Margaret (Wilson) O'Brien (IR '96)** is running for the 61st State House seat out of Kalamazoo County, MI in the fall. She is currently serving a 7th year on the Portage City Council and works full time as a real estate agent with



Margaret (Wilson) O'Brien

RE/MAX Advantage. She and her husband, Nick O'Brien, have two children.

**Nels Christopherson (PTCD '97)** has been promoted to shareholder at Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chilman & Greenlee, P.C., a full-service law firm in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He lives in Marquette and is active in many community activities. Christopherson has a general practice with an emphasis on civil litigation, family law and criminal defense.

**Katrinell Davis (SR '99)** is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Vermont. She received her M.A. (2002) and Ph.D. (2008) from the Department of Sociology at the University of California Berkeley. Her research interests concentrate on links between social stratification, the actions of state and labor market institutionalism, and the changing expressions of racialization within American society. At UVM, Davis will teach classes on race and ethnic relations as well as courses exploring the intersections between race, gender, and work trends within the American labor market.

**James A. Sheridan (PE '99)** is an attorney at Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office concentrating his practice on business litigation. Prior to joining Butzel Long, Sheridan assisted staff attorneys at the Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. and served a judicial externship with the Honorable Michael Warren at the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court in Pontiac. Sheridan is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy



James A. Sheridan

School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009). His honors include the Frank Murphy Honor Society (2008-09)

and the Dean's Honor Society (2007-09). He was an Associate Editor, *Law Review* (2006-09); Member, Moot Court Board of Advocates, Corporate Law Team (2007-08); and Recipient of the Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr. Scholarship (2007-08) and the Dean's Academic Scholarship (2008-09).

**Gavin (IR '99) and Jennifer Sykes McLaughlin (SRP '99)** of Concord, Mass., proudly announced the birth of their son, Rhys Michael, last August.

## 2000s

**David Goldenberg (IR/SRP '00)** moved to Chicago from Washington D.C. earlier this year after working for Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-FL) for over eight years, most recently as his chief of staff. He now works in public affairs and strategic communications.

**Ellen VanCleave Klem (PTCD '01)** has authored the "Legal Guide for the Seriously Ill" — a project by the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging commissioned by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. The book was designed for the seriously ill individual and those caring for the seriously ill. Klem works as a staff attorney for the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging in Washington, D.C.

**Mike McCarthy (IR/Spanish '02)** joined the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan following graduation. He worked at the Academy for Educational Development in Washington, DC and later received his MBA from Rutgers University. He currently develops affordable and supportive housing in New York City.

**Julie Cornprobst (SRP/Business '03)** works for Eaton Corporation as the human resources manager for the

manufacturing facility in Belmond, IA, a 400+ employee plant that produces heavy-duty engine valves. After graduating from MSU with a dual degree in SR and human resource management, she attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY where she received her master's in Industrial and Labor Relations.

**Robert LaFave (PTCD '03)** received his master's in public administration in December 2007 and accepted an appointment as manager of the village of L'Anse, MI where he manages the day to day operations for the village, including economic development, zoning administration, and fiscal management. He is a member of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies Advisory Cabinet at Grand Valley State University, a board member of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning Development Region, and a former Michigan Local Government Management Association Fellow.

**Amanda Joy Kleinheksel (SRP '04)** administers the state financial aid programs at the University of Florida, including the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. She earned her master's of education in Higher Education Administration and Policy at the University of Florida, and this fall will begin her doctoral program in educational technology, focusing on Ed Tech Policy, also at UF.

**Jacob Slusser (PTCD '04)** is a master's candidate in the Department of Forestry at MSU, looking at agro-forestry and poverty alleviation. He also serves as assistant hall director of Holden Hall at MSU under the Department of Residence Life.

**Nathaniel Bachelis (IR/Finance '05)** graduated from Georgetown Law School in May 2009 and works with an affordable housing developer

in the Financial District (Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.) as part of a one-year fellowship sponsored by his law firm White & Case. He is scheduled to start at White & Case, in their midtown NYC office, as an associate in October.

**Edward Daligga (SRP '05)** and **Sara Dabkowski (PTCD '05)** were married June 2010. **Ellie Levine (SRP '05)** served as the maid of honor and **Andrew Dawson (PTCD/PE '05)** was the best man.

**Kyle Montmorency (SRP '05)** graduated from DePaul University College of Law in May 2009 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in November 2009. He began work as an attorney at the law firm of Anthony J. Madonia & Associates, Ltd., working primarily in the fields of Business Law and Commercial Litigation.

**Bryan R. Padgett (PTCD '05)** graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in May 2009 and accepted an offer to join Vandever Garzia, P.C. as an associate attorney.

**Adam Raezler (PTCD/IR '05)** graduated from Norwich University with a master of arts in Diplomacy and International Terrorism. In May and June of 2010, he traveled to Kampala Uganda, serving as an international monitor for the Review Conference on the International Criminal Court. He currently serves as policy analyst for Lt. Col. Oliver North in Washington D.C.

**Gina Reynolds-Wheeler (IR '05)** is finishing dual master's degrees at The George Washington University: a master of arts in International Development Studies and a master of public health with a focus in Global Health. Her husband is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Agency

for International Development and has been posted to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where Reynolds-Wheeler will join him when she finishes school. She plans to work with an NGO.

**John Rood (IR/PTCD '05)** founded a test preparation company, offering one-on-one tutoring for the major graduate entrance exams (GRE, LSAT, and GMAT) offering services throughout the Midwest.

**Ben Zeidman (IR '05)** has accepted the position as assistant rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in New York City. He finishes his rabbinical training at Jewish Theological Seminary in Cincinnati this summer.

**Sarah Blitz (SR/ Spanish '06)** is a Spanish/Social Studies teacher at Fitzgerald High School in Warren, Michigan. This summer, she will earn her master's from MSU in curriculum and teaching.

**Kody Gerkin (IR '06)** is in Denver at the Josef Korbel School for International Studies, studying human rights.

**Christopher Miller (IR '06)** joined the Dykema law firm, focusing on general litigation with an emphasis on business and commercial



*Christopher Miller*

litigation. In the winter/spring of 2005, Miller worked in the communications department of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, China. While in law school,

he served as the Business Editor of the *Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal*. A resident of Royal Oak,

Miller received a J.D. from Ohio State University.

**Trina Van Schyndel (IR '06)** served in the Peace Corps in the Ukraine, then became a conservation intern through the Student Conservation Association 2x. She was the environmental education specialist at Pinnacles National Monument in California and was an interpreter at Lake Metigoshe State Park in North Dakota. Van Schyndel is currently attending grad school at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the Residential Environmental Education program.

**M. Catherine Wilcox (IR '06)** has

joined Dykema law firm in Lansing as an associate in its government policy practice area. Her practice focuses on



M. Catherine Wilcox

government policy matters, including administrative law, election and campaign compliance, and nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining Dykema, Wilcox wrote a women's health policy report for the Pro-Life Caucus of the United States House of Representatives. While in law school, she was an extern for the Honorable Richard F. Suhrheinrich, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She also served as an extern in the Appellate Division of Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's Office. Wilcox received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Ave Maria School of Law.

**Megan Anderson (SRP '07)** is finishing her term in AmeriCorps with Public Allies, a nonprofit leadership development program. In

her apprenticeship, she works at The Cara Program, a nonprofit in Chicago that works with individuals in poverty and homelessness and helps them with personal and professional development.

**Kelly Bozyk (PTCD '07)** is serving with the Peace Corps in Cameroon.

**Tiffany Brent (SRP '07)** is associate program manager for Community Health for the Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAHC), a multi-stakeholder healthcare coalition in southeast Michigan. She works on community health initiatives surrounding access to care and community outreach. Prior to this position, Brent worked with GDAHC's Save Lives Save Dollars initiative, a program designed to address issues around healthcare cost and quality. She is a J.D. candidate at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

**Elizabeth Dailey (SRP/IR '07)** works at Meridian International Center, a nonprofit organization in Washington D.C. dedicated to strengthening international understanding. She serves as the primary contact and point person for groups of international visitors participating in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).

**Alexandra Edwards (IR '07)** and Mark Montgomery were married on August 15, 2009 in Clarkston, MI. She is an assistant to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm; he is the associate head coach of the MSU Spartan Men's Basketball team. The couple reside in East Lansing.

**Morgan Randall (SRP '07)** is finishing her second year in AmeriCorps in the Boston Public Schools DELTAS office.



(Shown above) **Yolanda Stephens (SR '07)** (holding her son Noah) receiving her law school diploma at the Notre Dame commencement.

**Matt Benjamin (SRP '08)** joins the front office of the Mississippi RiverKings, a professional minor league ice hockey team, after completing graduate internships with the Chicago Blackhawks and the American Junior Golf Association, where he took on roles in marketing and communications respectively. Moving from Hockeytown, U.S.A., (Detroit) he brings a passion for hockey and a winning attitude to the Southaven region.

**Kristin Carl (IR '08)** is a first year law student at DePaul University in Chicago. She is a member of the International Law Society, the International Human Rights Law Institute, and the Student Bar Association Alumni Relations Committee. Carl volunteers at a no-kill animal shelter in the city and auditions for community orchestras.

**Mike Epstein (PTCD '08)** has been selected to serve as Editor-In-Chief for MSU College of Law's *Journal of International Law*. He just completed his second year of law school.

**Evan Fowler-Guzzardo (PTCD/IR, '08)** will use his two JMC degrees as

he travels to Hungary, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg to compare American and European human resource practices. In May, he graduated with a master of industrial and labor relations from Cornell University and will begin a full time position at Aetna joining the company's newly developed Human Resources Rotational Development Program. During this program, he will spend two years gaining experience in key areas of HR and preparing to become an HR business partner.

**Jonathan Garvin (PTCD/PE '08)** works at the National Rural Health Association as a government affairs and policy assistant.

**Sean (John) Jennings (IR '08)** was published in the Villanova Law Review and was recently named executive editor of the law review.

**Kacie Kefgen (IR '08)** is doing policy and communications work for the Middle Cities Education Association, which serves and advocates for urban school districts in Michigan. Before coming to Middle Cities, she directed education policy for State Representative Joel Sheltroun. Kefgen and her husband live in East Lansing with their two spoiled cats.

**Monica Mukerjee (IR/PE '08) and Nick Micinski (IR/PTCD '08)** have both received Humanity in Action Fellowships for this summer. Mukerjee will be in Lyon and Micinski will be in Amsterdam. The objective of the [HIA summer fellowship](#) is to facilitate a collective exploration of the social and political roots of discrimination, as well as to provide a forum where potential solutions can be considered and discussed.

**Scott Nowak (IR '08)** has been selected to serve as managing editor

for the *2010-2011 Michigan State Journal of International Law*. He will serve as a law clerk for Senator John McCain this summer.

**Andy Cease (IR '09)** works for AmeriCorps in the Ingham County Parks department. He will spend a lot of time in the field at one of the Parks' nine natural areas.

**Raphael Shepard (IR '09)** will be working for the World Bank Institute in Washington D.C., at the World Bank Group, as a consultant, working against corruption in the public and private sectors of developing countries.

**Carrie White (PTCD '09)** began her graduate studies at Northwestern University in January, pursuing a master's degree in public policy & administration. She previously worked in Columbus, Ohio for Strategic Public Partners Group.

## Recent Grads

**Tradell Hawkins (SRP '10)** was accepted into the Harvard Business School program, Summer Ventures in Management in conjunction with an internship at Intell Corp.

**Jeremy Blaney (IR/CCP/HC 2010)** was a finalist for a Mitchell Scholarship. A member of ROTC, Blaney received three Air Force Achievement medals and a scholarship for Outstanding Airman. He did undergraduate research as a professional assistant with Professors Linda Racioppi and Colleen Tremonte, organized "Reams for Dreams," a program to provide school supplies to middle schools, and studied abroad in Ghana. A representative on the 2009 MSU Homecoming Court, Blaney is a member of Valor, a religious exploratory group, and a JMC ambassador.

**Daniel Blue (IR/Economics/HC 2010)** was a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship. He has received a number of honors and awards, ranging from the Michael and Audrey Rubner Scholarship for International Studies to a JMC Undergraduate Research Scholarship. He interned abroad in India at a rural, grassroots NGO and is the founder and president of the MSU chapter of The Roosevelt Institute, a national network of student-run policy groups. Blue was also an active member of Alternative Spring Break, where he was leading his second trip in a row this spring break. He has a minor in Arabic and a specialization in Muslim Studies.

**Spring 2010 Madison graduate Phebe Kim (IR/CCP '10)** Asian Studies Specialization, has been awarded a Fulbright ETA Scholarship. She will teach English in South Korea and will continue involvement with North Korean human rights awareness activities, improve her Korean language skills, and stay involved in a church community. She hopes to study East Asian relations and North Korea-South Korea relations in graduate school.

**Dan Redford (IR/Chinese 2010) and Charles Eveslage (IR/Chinese 2010)** were selected to represent the United States at the Shanghai World Expo April-June 2010, promoting Michigan's and the country's latest innovations, green technologies, and emerging companies on the world stage.

# STUDENT SCENE

Spotlight Supplement



**MSU National Debate Champions Eric Lanning (IR senior) and Carly Wunderlich (MSU)** debated a team from Emory University on June 10, 2010 in Washington, DC, on the subject: "Resolved: that the United States should ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty."

**Recent grads Dan Redford (IR/Chinese) and Charles Eveslage (IR/Chinese)** were chosen to represent the U.S. at the Shanghai World Expo, promoting Michigan's and the country's latest innovations, green technologies, and emerging companies on the world stage. They will be there until July 31st. [Follow their blog.](#)

## Student Awards

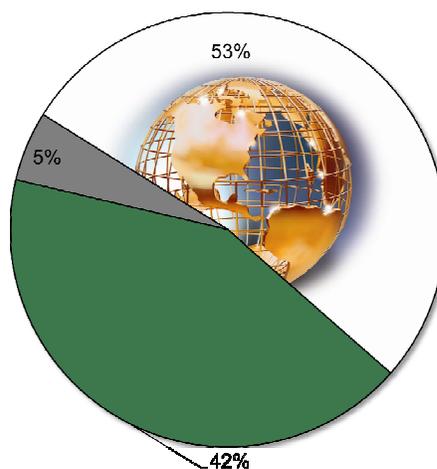
**Eric Branoff (IR senior)** has been awarded a Boren Scholarship to study Arabic for an entire year. He will be studying in Amman, Jordan from June 20, 2010 through June 15, 2011.

Branoff aspires to ascertain a superior level of Arabic proficiency and use his language skills as a Foreign Service Officer in the State Department.

**Madison sophomore M.J. Crawford (IR)** was selected for the 2010 Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship award sponsored by the United Negro College Fund. This multi-year program will prepare her for a career in international affairs and provide her with \$30,000 for graduate school

## *Madison grads enjoy high rate of post graduate placement*

**JMC 2009 Graduating Class**



-  Employed
-  Graduate School
-  Other

**Reflects 94.5% of spring and summer graduates reporting**  
**Employed:** 52.6% employment (81 of 154)  
**Graduate School Only** (not employed) 42.2% (65 of 154)  
**Placed** (employed, grad, other plans): 92.86% (143 of 154)

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in international affairs.

**Marissa Perry (IR/German/West European Studies, sophomore)** has been awarded a place in the US Holocaust Memorial Museum 2010 Seminar for Undergraduates and Graduate Students, *Exploring the Newly Opened ITS Archive at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum*, in Washington D.C. on August 2010. She recently won a Kussy Scholarship for Study of the Holocaust connected with an original proposal to research the history of a Buchenwald sub-camp — Leipzig

Schoenfeld — a women's camp connected with the HASAG corporation (a leading ammunition company in Nazi Germany). Next spring in her junior year she will study abroad at the Friedrich Schiller Universität in Jena, Germany and work with the original documents in the Red Cross ITS archives in Bad Arolsen, Germany, as well as visit the site of the former women's camp in nearby Leipzig. Her invitation by the USHMM is a special accomplishment for an undergrad and reflects outstanding work.

**Seniors Laura Kovacek (SRP/PTCD) and Maria Bianchi (PTCD)** won the inaugural [Washington Media Scholars Case Competition](#) that challenged college undergraduates to create a media plan for a hypothetical public-policy campaign. They won a \$2,500 scholarship each, as well as the National Excellence in Media Award. An additional \$5,000 in scholarships will be donated to JMC

in their names. The students competed against 65 other teams from U.S. universities in a program sponsored by the Washington Media Scholars Foundation, a non-partisan, nonprofit foundation. Each team of two was given the same hypothetical scenario and real-life advertising costs and poll numbers. The teams took the role of a fictitious campaign manager named “Jane Powell” who worked for a firm that wanted voters to vote “yes” to require various

government websites from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area to be combined. The 12 finalists were flown to Washington on June 6, where they spent a week meeting with media professionals and learning about the industry. Each team made half-hour presentations to top national public-affairs experts who questioned and judged their media plan

## *Details of JMC success in post-graduate placement*

*James Madison College Career Services tracks where JMC graduates head after graduation. The following data comes from our 2009 spring/summer graduating class.*

### **94.5% of spring and summer graduates reporting**

Employed: 52.6% employment (81 of 154)  
 Graduate School Only (not employed) 42.2% (65 of 154)  
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### **Sample employment obtained (and major):**

#### **CCP**

- AmeriCorps member, Columbus, OH
- Director of Marketing, Mally A.C.T., West Bloomfield, MI
- Team Member, Michigan Peace Team, West Bank

#### **IR**

- Community Education Coordinator, VISTA AmeriCorps, Aurora, CO
- Director, Thai Song, Bangkok, Thailand
- Management Trainee Program, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Chicago, IL
- Sales Executive, Marcus Evans, Chicago, Illinois
- Michigan Campaigns Coordinator, Clean Water Action, East Lansing, MI
- Legislative Aide, House of Representatives, Juneau, AK
- Project Manager/Business Development, Global Image Network, Lansing, MI
- Legislative Aide, State Representative Phillip Pavlov, Lansing, MI

- Environmental Field Coordinator, Ecos IQ, Philadelphia, PA
- Assistant Programmer, Middle East Program Initiative, Department of State, Washington DC
- Journalist, Atlantic Magazine, Washington DC
- Public Sector Consultant, Global Business Services, IBM, Washington DC
- Country Coordinator - Morocco and Yemen, Education for Employment Foundation, Washington DC
- Researcher, Al-Jazeera, Middle East
- DOD Foreign Affairs Staff, Department of Defense, Washington DC
- Peace Corps Member, Peace Corps, Kazakhstan
- Operations Associate, Save Darfur Coalition, Washington DC

#### **PTCD**

- Development Assistant, University of Michigan - Ford School of Public Policy
- Consultant, Strategic Public Partners Group, Columbus, OH
- English Language Teacher, ASK Now, Hanan, Republic of Korea
- Office Manager, Mike Cox 2010 Committee, Lansing, MI
- Teacher, Teach For America, New Orleans, LA
- Officer, US Army, San Francisco, CA

#### **SRP**

- Union Organizer, AFSCME, Baltimore, MD
- Teacher, Maestra Martha, Guanajuato, Mexico
- Policy Associate, Community Economic Development Association, Lansing, MI
- Survey Researcher, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Lima, Peru

- Community Organizer, Direct Action and Research Training, Miami, FL

**JMC graduates have a wide variety of employers including:**

- 7 graduates in the U.S. Armed Forces
- 6 graduates in Teach for America
- 3 graduates serving as AmeriCorps Members
- 2 graduates in the Department of Defense
- 2 graduates at IBM
- 2 graduates in the Peace Corps
- 2 graduates working in the intelligence field-no names were reported for confidentiality
- 6 graduates working overseas

**Sample of the 2009 spring/summer JMC graduates pursuing further education:**

- J.D., MSU College of Law (IR)
- J.D., Seton Hall School of Law (SRP)
- J.D., DePaul University Law School (IR)
- Master's, Public Policy, University of California, Goldman School of Public Policy (IR)
- Ph.D., Economics, University of Illinois System (PTCD)
- Ph.D., Zoology & EEBB, MSU (PTCD)
- International Master's in Economy, State and Society, University College of London (with reference to Russia, East, and Central Europe following Politics and Security Track) (IR)
- J.D., George Washington University School of Law (IR/PTCD)
- MSW, Social Work, MSU (SRP)
- Master's in International Affairs, Columbia University (IR)
- J.D., Hofstra University Law School (IR)

- Master's, Economics, Boston University (IR)
- J.D., Environmental Law, Vermont Law School (IR)
- Master's, Public Policy, University of Chicago (IR)
- Master's, Digital Rhetoric & Professional Writing, MSU (SRP)
- Master's, Rehabilitation Counseling, MSU (SRP)
- Master's, John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (IR/PTCD)
- Master's, Political Science, Colorado State University (SRP)
- Master's, Health Science: International Health, Johns Hopkins University (IR)
- Ph.D., History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Minnesota (SRP)
- J.D., New England School of Law (PTCD)
- Master's, Public Health, Emory University (SRP)
- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Michigan (PTCD)
- Master's, Conflict Resolution, Georgetown University (IR)
- J.D., Duke Law School (PTCD)
- J.D., University of Michigan Law School (IR)
- Master's, Health Science, Harvard University (IR)
- Ph.D., African American Studies, Michigan State University (SRP)
- Master's, Program in International Cooperation, Yonsei University, Korea (IR)

**Breakdown of continuing education (42% of graduates)**

- 2 graduates pursued a second bachelor's degree (1%)
- 35 graduates pursued a juris doctorate (22%)
- 21 graduates pursued a master's degree (14%)
- 6 graduates pursued a Ph.D. (4%)