STUDENT AND COLLEGE NEWS

JMC students awarded bid to the 2013 National Debate Tournament

Madison students Kaavya Ramesh (IR/CCP/Chinese junior) and Evan Hebert (IR sophomore), members of the MSU Debate Team and the Honors College, have been awarded a first round at-large bid to the 67th National Debate Tournament 2013, to be held at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, March 28 – April 1.

MSU’s MLK Jr. Advancing Inclusion first place award goes to Madison junior

Natalie Lyons (CCP junior) won the $500 first place prize in MSU's MLK Jr. Advancing Inclusion through Research Award for her paper, "Domestic Violence in Korean-American Communities: The Role of Culturally Sensitive Feminist Reform."

Madison initiates inaugural conference for James Madison seniors

As the next generation of public policy makers, scholars, practitioners, and leaders in the public and private sectors, graduating seniors will have the opportunity to present their cutting edge research in a professional conference setting with their peers at the James Madison Senior Research Conference. At this day-long event, we will have panels of student papers, a keynote speaker, and the participation of college alumni and community partners.

NEW MADISON STAFF
Madison welcomes new staff members

Pat Miller is pleased to join JMC as Development Office Secretary. A veteran educator who currently teaches MS Office applications, Pat's career was enhanced by extensive graduate studies at Michigan State University. She has recently held administrative positions with several campus departments and Civil and Environmental Engineering. Pat lives in the Haslett area with her husband, Dave, a retired middle school social studies teacher and MSU grad.

Trina Van Schyndel, MS, is Madison's new Advisor/Recruiting Coordinator. She is also a Madison alumna (IR/German) and very excited to be returning to her alma mater. She earned her master's degree in Natural
Resources from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, where she was a member of the first cohort of the Graduate Fellowship in Residential Environmental Education, which gave her the opportunity to live and work at an environmentally focused residential high school in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. She has also worked as an educator and interpreter with the National Park Service and North Dakota State Parks and spent time as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching English in Ukraine. Prior to coming to MSU, Trina recruited students for Conservation Internships for the Student Conservation Association.

ALUMNI HELP NEEDED

Madison Academic Diversity Initiative
Funded through the Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant from the MSU Office of Inclusion, and operated from the JMC Office of Diversity Programming, MADI, aims to serve as a social and academic support network for underrepresented students, which include: first generation college students, students with a low socio-economic background, students of color and/or JMC students with a strong desire to connect with their peers in a meaningful way.

MADI is looking for local JMC alumni to participate in monthly group mentoring for first year students. If you are passionate about diversity in James Madison and willing to commit to at least one two-hour session per semester over dinner, we would appreciate your support! Please contact Jasmine Lee, Coordinator of Diversity Programming.

Alumni News Sought for the JM Scene Newsletter and JMC Website
News about all alumni is always welcome, to be used in newsletters and other college media. Send news about your career, education after Madison, and other life events, as well as photos, to Kim Allan.

JMC Alumni Blogs
The alumni blogs page has been posted. If you have a blog you would like to share with Madison colleagues and friends, please send the link to Kim Allan. The blogs do not reflect the views of James Madison College, but are provided as a courtesy and for the interest of our alumni, faculty, students, and friends.

UPCOMING MADISON EVENTS

Retirement Celebration for Professor Mohammed Ayoob
Professor Mohammed Ayoob, University Distinguished Professor of International Relations, and professor at JMC since 1990, will be retiring June 2013. He is in his consultancy year this academic year.
Friday, February 22, 4pm to 6pm
Centennial Room, Kellogg Center, MSU
Everyone Welcome
Reflections of Professor Ayoob or letters to him are encouraged and welcome. Send them to Donna Hofmeister.

JMC Jack Paynter Lecture Series 2013
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Club Spartan, Case Hall
Featuring Michael Zuckert, Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame
Presenting: "Slavery in the Constitutional Convention"

Professor Michael Zuckert has published extensively in the fields of Political Theory and Constitutional Studies. He has published a number of path-breaking books on liberal political philosophy and American political thought, including Natural Rights and the New Republicanism, The Natural Rights Republic: Studies in the Foundation of the American Political Tradition, and Launching Liberalism: On Lockean Political Philosophy. Professor Zuckert was recently awarded the 2011 Jack Miller Center Chairman's Lifetime Achievement Award for Academic Excellence.

JMC Career Exposure spring break 2013 trip to CHICAGO
Sunday, March 3, to Thursday, March 7, 2013
Please join us:
* Sunday, March 3, 3pm to 5pm: JMC Student-Alumni Mixer, Dave and Busters in Chicago; RSVP
* Tuesday, March 5, 6pm to 9pm: Dinner and bowling with young alumni RSVP: YOUNG ALUMS
* Wednesday, March 6, 7pm to 9pm: Dinner with Lawyers and Lobbyists RSVP: DINNER WITH LAWYERS

JMC Student Senate Career Exposure and Networking trip to Detroit
March 22 & 23, 2013
James Madison Student Senate is proud to announce the first ever annual Career Exposure Trip to Detroit on March 22nd and 23rd, in which a group of 20-30 students will tour the city of Detroit and meet with various alumni working in various fields, including: Quicken Loans, General Motors, OnStar, Transit Rails United, and Sandler and Travis Trade Advisory Services. The trip is intended to highlight the flexibility of a Madison degree and the myriad of opportunities in the state of Michigan, especially the Detroit area. We'll also be hosted at a student-alumni mixer at the Bank of Michigan for a chance to network with alumni from all over the Detroit area. See below:

Detroit area James Madison College Student-Alumni Mixer
Friday, March 22nd, 2013, 6pm to 8pm
Bank of Michigan 0095 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Courtesy of alumnus Michael Sarafa
All alumni and JMC friends welcome
Click here to RSVP for this event - no charge, but please let us know you are coming

race in 21st century america: the 9th national conference "race and immigration"

JMC's biennial "Race in 21st Century America: Race and Immigration", occurring on April 9-10, 2013 in the Kellogg Center, is bringing to campus leading scholars, public officials, community activists, and residents, representing racial, ethnic, gender and ideological diversity, to participate in an ongoing conversation with the MSU community about race in America. This year's key note speaker is Professor Michelle Alexander (Ohio State University), author of The New Jim Crow. Among the featured speakers at this year's conference are Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Molefi Kete Asante, Raymond Rocco, Bill Fletcher, Jr., and Juan Flores.

College Events Calendar
Join Faculty and Students in Florence for an Alumni Study Abroad and Travel Program

June 9-16, 2013
Rome Extension, June 16-19, 2013

Register soon as the tour is almost full!

This alumni travel program will coincide with Madison's student study abroad program in Florence, with classes taught by Madison professors. Dean Sherman Garnett, and Professors Eric Petrie and Tobin Craig will lead the classroom activities. We will have two morning classroom sessions with students and faculty, discussing significant readings, such as the contrast between ancient and modern republicanism. Guided tours and day trips (that may join together alumni, students, and faculty) are included in the package, as well as a banquet for the whole group (including students and faculty). The trip will be limited to 20-30 individuals. Click here for more information and to register.

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

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