James Madison College Remembers Beth Zinman, wife of Professor Richard Zinman

Beth Goldsmith Zinman, wife of Professor Richard Zinman, died on Friday, February 14, after a long struggle with breast cancer. Throughout her illness, she displayed remarkable courage and grace. She also maintained her high-spirited sense of humor and delight in the absurd. Read more here. As Beth requested, there will be no funeral. Instead, there will a memorial celebration at MSU in the early spring or early fall. Details will be announced as soon as possible. Contributions can be made in her memory to the Leelanau Conservancy (105 1st St. Leland, MI 49645) or to James Madison College.

UPCOMING MADISON EVENTS

Jack Paynter Lecture Series Featuring Michael McConnell
Presenting "Turning the Clock Back?: What Did the Framers of the Fourteenth Amendment Think About School Segregation?"
March 13, 2014, 6:00pm to 7:30pm
MSU Kellog Center, Lincoln Room
The event is free and open to the public

Michael McConnell (JMCD '76), an alumnus of James Madison College, is Director of the Stanford Constitutional Law Center and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution. He is a leading authority on freedom of speech and religion, the relation of individual rights to government structure, originalism, and various other aspects of constitutional history and constitutional law. He is author of numerous articles and co-author of two casebooks: The Constitution of the United States (Foundation Press) and Religion and the Constitution (Aspen). The talk is sponsored by the James Madison College Paynter Lecture Series and The LeFrak Forum and Symposium on Science, Reason, & Modern Democracy.

Project 6050
The McConnell lecture is part of MSU's Project 6050, a yearlong conversation about civil and human rights.
The year 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education and the 50th anniversary of the signing into law of the Civil Rights Act. These watershed events in American history—which began the fight to end segregated schools and unlawful discrimination—continue to provide opportunities for discussion and reflection of historic and current events.

MSU alumna and Rhodes Scholar Mary Norton McConnell Presents "A Paleo-teacher's Adventures in the Brave New World: the promise and pitfalls of online education."
March 14, 2014, 11:30am
JMC Library
The event is free and open to the public

Professor Richard Zinman Retirement Update
Professor Zinman's retirement event was originally scheduled for March 15, 2014 but was postponed due to Beth Zinman's illness. The event will be rescheduled for the fall of 2014. Information will be communicated as soon as details are known. Please check the Madison website, calendar, or future JMCnews messages for updates. Please contact Kim Allan or Rocky Beckett if you have thoughts to share with Professor Zinman or with questions.

James Madison College Annual Marathon Reading
Saturday, April 5, 2014, 8am start time, end time depends on length of reading
JMC Library
Everyone welcome, come anytime
The book will be Don DeLillo's *White Noise*

JMC Student Senate Annual Charity Ball
March 29, 2014, 6:00pm
University Club
Associate Dean Julia Grant is the honoree and her charity is the Michigan College Access Network
For questions or tickets contact Christie Teske.

Alumni Help Needed!
Bridging Knowledge, Theory, and Practice: New Directions in Public Affairs
James Madison College 2014 Student Research Showcase

April 25, 2014
All day event
Case Hall
Alumni are invited to participate in the second annual Madison Research Showcase. We hope you will consider attending the showcase, for all or some of the presentations. This is an opportunity to connect students, alumni, and faculty in an interactive environment centered on student research. Lunch, with a keynote speaker, will be provided, and a reception will follow late in the afternoon at the Dublin Square Pub. We are extremely interested in enlisting alumni to moderate student panels. If you are interested, please contact Associate Dean Julia Grant with your area of expertise. Student Research Submissions due March 10, 2014. Upload Student Submissions

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COLLEGE NEWS

MSU Debate and Madison Students Continue Debate Success

Madison students Kaavya Ramesh (IR/CCP/Chinese/Honors College senior) and Tyler Thur (IR sophomore) have earned an at-large bid in the first round of the National Debate Tournament, designating them as one of the top 16 teams in the country. IR/Honors College juniors Jack Caporal and Quinn Zemel have advanced through the districts and also qualified for a spot at the National Debate Tournament. The national tournament will be held at Indiana University from March 28 to April 1.

Madison Students Nominated for Truman Scholarship, Joel Arnold Advances

Outstanding JMC junior Joel Arnold (SRP/Urban Planning) has been selected as a finalist for the Truman Scholarship. Arnold is a squad leader for the MSU Spartan Marching Band and served as an intern for Flint Mayor Dayne Walling (SR '96). He will travel to Chicago March 7 for an interview with the Truman Foundation’s Review Panel. More than 650 students submitted an application from 289 colleges across the country. Michigan State has previously produced 16 Truman Scholars, 11 of them Madison students. JMC’s Jolisa Brooks (PTCD, junior) was also nominated by MSU to compete in the scholarship. She is from Detroit, is president of the Case Hall Black Caucus, and served as a Spartan Ambassador to China as part of an MSU Residence Education and Housing Services Program.

JMC Student-Alumni Career Day was a huge success!

On February 15, 2014, JMC hosted its 11th Annual JMC Student-Alumni Career Day. This event provides an opportunity for students to learn about careers and career paths from alumni with various backgrounds and talents. This year, we welcomed 30+ alumni and 150+ students and the atmosphere was invigorating, as it is when you get even a few Madisonians together. JMC would like to offer a special thank you to our wonderful alumni panelists and Career Day sponsors: Next Step Test Preparation, Anderson Economic Group, Public Sector Consultants, and Ann Marie (PTCD 1998) and John Lindley (PE 2000).

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FACULTY NEWS

Professor Blumberg’s book "Victorian Sacrifice" Nominated for Award
In *Victorian Sacrifice* Victorian Sacrifice: Ethics and Economics in Mid-Century Novels, Ilana Blumberg offers a major reconsideration of the central Victorian ethic of self-sacrifice, suggesting that much of what we have taken to be the moral psychology of Victorian fiction may be understood in terms of the dramatic confrontation between Christian theology and the world of modern economic theory.

Associate Dean Julia Grant Publishes Book:
*The Boy Problem: Educating Boys in Urban America, 1870-1970*
The question of what to do with boys—the "boy problem"—has vexed educators and social commentators for more than a century. Contemporary debates about poor academic performance of boys, especially those of color, point to a myriad of reasons: inadequate and punitive schools, broken families, poverty, and cultural conflicts. Julia Grant offers a historical perspective on these debates and reveals that it is a perennial issue in American schooling that says much about gender and education today. [Read more in MSU Today](#)