The Madison Welcomes New Faculty as College Expands

James Madison College enters the new academic year with a strong class of approximately 340 first-year students and a total enrollment of about 1,175. The faculty is growing to ensure the small class size, regular office hours, and quality student-faculty relationships that have been trademarks of a Madison education. It is not an exaggeration to say that, with these new faculty, Madison has never before offered such a broad range of courses, from science policy to Muslim Studies to an examination of contemporary Jewish literature and global environmental policy. Dean Sherman Garnett comments, "We are indeed glad to have these new faculty and confident, even as they expand offerings of the college, that they will also continue the traditions of faculty excellence in the classroom." Seven new faculty members have started teaching this fall; three of the positions are new to the college.

Ilana Blumberg (Writing) comes to JMC most recently from the University of Michigan, where she held a visiting assistant professorship in English. She earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Pennsylvania and her B.A. from Barnard College. In 2004-05, Blumberg was awarded a year-long postdoctoral American Fellowship from the American Association of University Women. Her research interests include the history of the novel, autobiography and memoir, Victorian ethics and economics, Jewish literature, feminist responses to the Bible, and Midrash. (See also "Other Faculty News" in this issue.)

Lisa Cook (IR/PE) joins JMC (with a joint appointment in the MSU Department of Economics) from the Hoover Institution at Stanford, where she was a research fellow and focused on the economics of innovation, financial institutions and markets (Africa, Russia, Eastern, and Central Europe), and economic history. Before that she was a national fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and a senior adviser on finance and development at the U.S. Department of Treasury. She earned her Ph.D. in economics at the University of California-Berkeley. She was an undergraduate at Spelman College and a Marshall Scholar at Oxford. This year, Cook will teach methods and international political economy in Madison.

Michael Craw (SR/PE) comes to JMC from Case Western Reserve University, where he taught in the political science department for a year after completing his doctoral work at Indiana University. Craw received a B.A. from West Virginia University in 1992, an M.Phil from Massey University in New Zealand in 1994, and a Ph.D. from Indiana University in 2004. His dissertation, which has been awarded the 2005 William Anderson award from the American Political Science Association, examined some of the driving forces behind the social welfare policy of local governments in the U.S. Craw’s other research interests include urban politics, gay/lesbian politics, macroeconomic policy, statistical methods, game theory, and formal modeling.

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Madison College is in the midst of its largest expansion since the late 1970s, when the college grew to 1,000 students. This expansion is aimed at growing not only the student body to somewhere between 1,200-1,250 in the next two years, but the academic program and student support services for all students as well. Indeed, the faculty and I decided several years ago that the best way to weather the period of budget cuts and uncertainties that come from this period of downturn in the Michigan economy was to increase our quality, size, and reach on campus and beyond. We intend to emerge from this period not just bigger, but better.

As we are now in the second year of a four-year plan, I thought it time to update all of you on the results to date. First and foremost, we have admitted the largest freshman class in our history (345), overshooting our own target of 320. Although this class is only a bit less than 8 percent larger than last year’s, we have doubled the number of African American and out-of-state students in the freshman class. We have continued to add a small number of international students, both as freshmen and juniors participating in a “semester abroad” from their own programs. We remain a popular and competitive option, maintaining a large waiting list.

Second, we know that bigger is not better, so we have built into the plan the preservation of the basics of a Madison education—small classes, great faculty, personal attention, and personal challenge. We are preserving the same student-faculty ratio of around one faculty for every 32 students. On the front page of this issue you will find information on our most recent faculty hires.

While some of the new faces replace faculty who have retired or moved on, more than half are wholly new positions.

Third, these new faculty—and there are more to come in the next three years—expand our academic program into new areas. We now have more faculty with political economy and public policy backgrounds than at any time in our history. We have added expertise in Muslim political thought and societies, science and technology policy, the environment, and metropolitan issues. We now offer specializations, based in the college, in political economy, Muslim studies, and science, technology, environment and public policy. The political economy specialization has nearly 80 students in it. We now offer a range of new courses that we simply could not provide before growth of the faculty.

Fourth, we have expanded both study abroad and internship opportunities overseas. You probably already know that Madison College is the leading unit on campus in study abroad, sending more than 70 percent of our students on an overseas study program at one time or another. In recent years, we have greatly expanded the numbers of students choosing to do their field experience abroad. We now place 25 percent of our internships abroad, with new internship opportunities available in Thailand, Bangladesh, Spain, France, and Ireland.

Fifth, JMC has added key staff in career planning, technology support, and admissions. Students can now consult a specialist in career planning from the first to the last day they are at Madison. He is hard at work building upon links between faculty and alumni so that our students benefit from an expanding and flexible network of Madison graduates able to give advice or even provide placement opportunities. Madison now has a technology plan, regularly upgrading its use inside and outside the classroom.

These new services build on a period of substantial growth in alumni, development, and admissions efforts.

Sixth, we are expanding and improving the college’s living space. Next summer, we will see the renovation of space on Three North, giving the college a whole new wing of offices and an additional seminar room. With your help and additional support from the Office of the Provost, we plan on turning to wholesale renovation and upgrading of the two wings you already know and love.

Finally, we know that there is a limit. Even with small classes and the old student-faculty ratios, we could grow too large to be a community. We will not expand student or faculty numbers beyond current targets. We believe the current plans have changed the college for the better and will continue to improve what it can offer its students, but we also know that growth must preserve the traditions of community, close ties between students and faculty, and the unique learning environment that has made Madison a success from the very beginning.

Sherman W. Garnett
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Rita Kiki Edozie (African Studies/PE) is assistant professor and specialist in comparative politics and international/African affairs. In 1999, she received a Ph.D. in political science from The New School University in New York. Edozie has held appointments as the deputy director of the Institute of African Studies at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and was a visiting assistant professor with the department of political science and international relations at the University of Delaware. Her current research interests include comparative democratization and developing world economic development. She is the author of People Power and Democracy: The Popular Movement against Military Despotism in Nigeria, 1989-1999 (Africa World Press, 2002), has contributed book chapters to several edited volumes, and is currently working on two book projects: Reframing African Politics: Politics, Culture and Society in a Global Era (coedited with Peyi Soyinka-Airewele), and Reconstructing Africa’s Third Wave: A Comparative Analysis of Democracy. (See also “Other Faculty News” in this issue.)

Dan Kramer’s (STEPPS*) research integrates ecology and conservation biology with economics, anthropology, psychology, and sociology. A point of departure for his research is the idea that humans are key agents in global ecosystems. Thus, he seeks to understand the role of human behavior, social and political institutions, public policy, demography, and human values on environmental outcomes. He also has research interests in multiple-use commons. One essay of Kramer’s dissertation research examines the role of social capital in the management of lake water quality. Another dissertation essay examines how different models of human behavior and an assumption of greater ecological complexity generate different ecological consequences among artisanal coral reef fisheries. Kramer’s teaching interests include international and domestic environmental policy, development and the environment, game theory, environmental and ecological economics, and conservation policy.

Mark Largent (STEPPS*) is an historian of science and director of the STEPPS Program. Before joining JMC, he spent four years at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA after earning a Ph.D. in history from the University of Minnesota. His research focuses generally on the history of biology in the United States during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and in particular on the history of the American eugenics movement. He is editor of the six-volume Science and Society Series for ABC-Clio and has published a collection of primary source documents on the history of evolutionary theory for Kendall/Hunt Publications. Largent has also published papers on the history of the evolution/creation controversy, coerced sterilization in the United States, and the American eugenics movement. He is currently working on a biography of Charles Davenport, a prominent biologist and the premier American eugenicist, for Rutgers University Press.

* STEPPS is a new Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Specialization

Andrew F. March (PTCD/Muslim Studies) completed his DPhil at Oxford in 2005 and was previously lecturer in politics at Hertford College, Oxford. He has published on the demands of citizenship in a liberal democracy for Muslims as well as on the legitimation of authoritarianism in post-Soviet Uzbekistan. His teaching interests are in various aspects of modern Islamic thought, analytical approaches to political philosophy, and contemporary debates in political theory, particularly in relation to global ethics. March’s current research is on Islamic doctrines of citizenship in non-Muslim liberal democracies. This research has examined Islamic political and juridical treatments of living in non-Muslim lands, loyalty to non-Muslim states, recognition of and solidarity with non-Muslims, and self-restraint towards fellow Muslims. His wider research interests concern Islamic thought on justice, well being, authority, and political power.

Madison’s various majors over its 35 year history

CURRENT
IR..............International Relations
PTCD...........Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy
SR..............Social Relations
STEPPS.........Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Specialization

PAST
PE.............Political Economy
JMCD..........Justice, Morality and Constitutional Democracy
Ethnic........Ethnic and Religious Intergroup Relations
Metro..........Metropolitan Studies
SOEC...........Socio Economics Policy Problems
Urban.........Urban Community Policy Problems
Greetings from Your Alumni Association Board of Directors!

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The purpose of the JMC Alumni Association is to bring together alumni, faculty, and students of James Madison College of Michigan State University. The association maintains the following central functions and services:

◆ Serves as liaison to the national Michigan State University Alumni Association (MSUAA)
◆ Distributes and supports the Alumni Distinguished and Diversity Scholarships to students
◆ Coordinates Madison alumni records and files with the MSUAA
◆ Conducts membership drives and fundraising as needed
◆ Offers placement and vocational services including Career Day
◆ Participates in student recruitment in coordination with the JMC Admissions Office
◆ Hosts social events, including the JMC Homecoming tailgate and receptions
◆ Supports regional JMC alumni events.

You can also reconect with the college by participating on one of the alumni board’s committees—covering college and university awards, scholarships, programs for students, and networking events for alumni—or by joining the board itself. Elections to a three-year term on the board will take place at the association’s annual meeting on Saturday, October 8, 2005. If you are interested in joining the board or a board committee, contact Kim Allan at allank@msu.edu or 517-353-3381.

Mark Your Calendar!
Upcoming JMC Events

JMC Alumni Association Meeting
Saturday, October 8, 2005
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Case Hall, MSU campus

Founders Circle Luncheon with Larry Diamond
Thursday, October 20, 2005
11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch and talk, $40.00
See sidebar, page 5 for details

“Transforming US Intelligence,” with Burton Gerber
Thursday, October 20, 2005
3:30-5:00, Kellogg Center, MSU Campus—Talk with students from James Madison College and Political Science

Annual James Madison Homecoming Tailgate
Saturday, October 22, 2005
Two hours prior to kickoff of the football game

Career Day
February 4, 2006

Jack Paynter Memorial
March 25, 2006

Contact Kim Allan at 517-353-3381 or at allank@msu.edu for more information or to RSVP.
David Hicks (JMC '71) teaches social policy, criminology, and law for social workers at Liverpool (Eng) Community College and also manages placements for students. After graduation from JMC, Hicks moved to Liverpool and has remained in the area since. He has completed a Certificate of Qualification in social work at Liverpool John Moores University, a Certificate in Education and Diploma in management studies from the University of Manchester, and an M.A. in criminology, rights, and justice from Lancaster University. He is currently working on a Lancaster University Ph.D. focusing on advocacy, parental drug misuse, and child protection. Early in his career he worked with youth and the community and later began to work with older people, disabled persons, and children and families as a social worker. He began social work teaching in 1981. In 1974 Hicks married Catherine Gray, whom he met in Liverpool in 1970 on his JMC field placement. They have four children: Neil, 27, a mechanic; Catherine, 25, a teacher; Louise, 21, studying information technology at Liverpool John Moores University; and, Ashley, 17, studying in the performing arts.

David Hicks writes:

"At James Madison College I learned to work for change wherever I have had concerns. I have since been active with the British Association of Social Workers, Child Poverty Action Group, National and Local Government Officers Association (now UNISON), and the Legal Action Group. I remain interested in public affairs and encourage students to campaign on matters they are concerned about. I have also researched my family tree. It is a valuable way to discover history and to develop a consciousness that I would recommend to those with the resilience to cope with what they might find out. My own heritage includes a town clerk in 15th century London, a number of famous architects, some of the earliest settlers in the Colonies, a bigamist, and some very tragic tales. What my life may add to that list is yet unfinished, like this brief biography. My highest regards to any who studied at Michigan State with me who read this. I would be glad to hear from you."

Jeffrey Lammers (IR '71) is a cofounder and executive vice president of Marketrend Mortgage Network, LLC based in Clearwater, FL, a mortgage brokerage business that specializes in residential construction financing for individuals seeking financing to build their own home and offers a full range of mortgage financing packages. Lammers previously founded and served as president of Blue Marble Beverages, Inc.; senior vice president and chief marketing officer of Royal & SunAlliance Financial Services; senior vice president and a director of Providian Capital Management, Inc.; vice president and national marketing director for GNA Corporation, a GE Capital Services company; senior vice president, marketing, and strategic planning for Sooner Federal Savings; and vice president, strategic planning, for M-Corp. Lammers has frequently served on the boards of community arts and cultural organizations and of Junior Achievement and as a lecturer and adjunct professor of marketing, business planning, and organizational development. He is a recipient of the GE Capital Pinnacle Award for outstanding achievement and has been recognized with the Award of Excellence from the International Association of Business Communicators. Lammers served with distinction as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and recently was elected to the Florida Mortgage Brokers Association / Gulf Coast Chapter Board of Directors and as a state director.

Lane Earns (IR '73) has been appointed provost and vice chancellor of the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Oshkosh. Earns received his M.A. (1977) and Ph.D. (1987) from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Since 1987 he has been at UW Oshkosh as an assistant professor (1987), associate professor (1993), and professor (1997) of history. In 2002, he became associate vice chancellor. His research is centered on Nagasaki, Japan. In 2002, Earns published Nagasaki kyoryuchi no seiyojin [Westerners of the Nagasaki Foreign Settlement], Nagasaki Bunkensha [translated into Japanese by F. Fukuta and K. Yanatori]. He served as chair of the

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Midwest Japan Seminar from 1992 to 1994. From 1993 to 1998, he was coeditor of the annual journal *Crossroads: A Journal of Nagasaki History and Culture*. Since 2000, he has been coauthor of the Nagasaki Foreign Settlement website.

**Ken Bruss (JMCD '74)** is a principal with HDA Consulting in Lexington, MA. He has spent the past 30 years involved with Knowledge Asset Management, Organizational Development, Product Lifecycle Management, Teambuilding, TQM and Training. Bruss has a doctorate in adult education from Boston University and holds PDMA certification as a New Product Development Professional. He has worked throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Bruss and his spouse, Louis, have been married for 25 years and have two children.

**Marilyn Darling (Ethnic '75)**, president, Signet Consulting Group, is coauthor (with Charles Parry and Joseph Moore) of “Learning in the Thick of It” in a special issue of the *Harvard Business Review* devoted to high-performance organizations. The article tells the story of the Opposing Force, the “enemy” brigade that Joe Moore commanded just before his retirement, and how they mastered the art of out-learning a new competitor each month using after-action review as the backbone of their disciplined learning regimen. It represents eight years of research and practice in a single article. Visit www.signetconsulting.com for more details.

**Christine Bailey (IR '77)** has been named a multiple-year honoree in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*. The distinction is awarded to fewer than two percent of all U.S. educators and is based upon university honors student recommendations of faculty who “make a positive difference in the lives of their students.” A political science instructor at Delta College in Bay City, MI for more than seven years, she joined the political science faculty at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI in fall 2005. Previously she was employed by Mott Community College in Flint, MI; the Michigan legislature; and served as the administrative assistant to the Michigan Divestiture Research Fund. Bailey received her master’s in public administration from MSU and has completed additional postmaster’s work at Central Michigan University. She will complete her Ph.D. in the near future. She is also a former Madison Alumni Association board member.

**Stephanie Mitchell (IR ’77)** is community development program technician for the Suffolk County Department of Social Services on Long Island, NY. An active Democrat, she is an election district chairperson and has three daughters: two in college in West Virginia and one entering the tenth grade on Long Island.

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**Richard Cordray (JMCD ’81)** was named American City and County’s 2005 County Leader of the Year for his innovative problem solving. He serves as treasurer of Franklin County, OH. Cordray is an attorney specializing in constitutional and appellate litigation. He received a J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 1986 and an M.A. with First Class Honours in philosophy, politics, and economics from Oxford University in 1983 through a George C. Marshall Scholarship. By special appointment from the U.S. Justice Department, Cordray argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and was a member of the Gore recounts legal team in Florida in 2000.

**Lori Purkey (JMCD ’83)** was recently recognized as One of the Most Influential Women in Western Michigan by *Business Review* magazine. She is a principal with the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. in the Kalamazoo (MI) office. Purkey practices corporate and bankruptcy law, including workouts, Chapter 12, Chapter 11, and Chapter 7. She is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Indiana Bar Association, Commercial Law League, American Bankruptcy Institute, and a 2000 graduate of Leadership Kalamazoo. She received her law degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

**Kurt Sherwood (IR ’83)** was included in the “Labor and Employment Law” section of *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2006, a referral guide to legal excellence in the United States. He is one of 43 Miller Canfield attorneys selected by their peers to be listed in the guide. Sherwood is a speaker and author on labor and employment law. He is a principal and member of the Labor and Employment Law Group and a member of the editorial board for Miller Canfield’s award-winning quarterly newsletter *Hot Points*. Sherwood is a member of the American Bar Association’s Labor and Employment Relations section, State Bar of Michigan, Kalamazoo County Bar Association, Michigan Public Employer Labor Relations Association, Kalamazoo Human Resource Management Association, and the Kalamazoo Area Labor-Management Association. He received his J.D. in 1986 from Wayne State University Law School and resides in Kalamazoo, MI.
Claudena Skran (IR ’83), associate professor of government at Lawrence University (WI), has been awarded a $60,000 grant by the Fulbright Scholar Program to conduct a study of the role of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in refugee resettlement in post-civil war Sierra Leone. According to Skran, the new Sierra Leone government is attempting to reconstruct an economic, political, and social infrastructure in a country with a grim profile. Using the capital city of Freetown as her base and working closely with the Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialization Centre (SLOIC), Skran will turn her research project on the role of NGOs in world politics in Sierra Leone into a case study, focusing on four major questions: organization, governance, goals, and impact. She has conducted extensive research on refugee interests in Europe and is the author of the book Refugees in Interwar Europe: The Emergence of a Regime in which she analyzed the major players in the international refugee arena, including private volunteer agencies, the forerunners to today’s NGOs. She also has conducted field research in Central America, studying displaced people in El Salvador and refugee issues in Mexico and Belize. Most recently, while teaching at Lawrence’s London Centre, she met with asylum-seekers and natives of Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, and other former British colonies in Africa. Skran joined the Lawrence faculty in 1990. She was named a Rhodes Scholar in 1983 and earned her master’s degree and doctorate in international relations at Oxford University.

Thomas Van Hare (IR ’83) and his spouse, Helena, had a baby girl, Amelia Åsa Linnea Nolke Van Hare, in spring 2005. Van Hare is currently serving with the Office of the Secretary of Defense within the White House Liaison Office. Previously, he served within both the U.S. Department of State’s Near East Bureau and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he provided policy development and support for other issues related to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad.

Thomas Boyd (MM ’85) was appointed 55th District Court judge by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm in July 2005. He most recently served as assistant attorney general, as council for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, and is also the former executive director of the Michigan Democratic Party. He has served as president of the Post Oak School PTA, Lansing Schools PTA council, and former cochair of Citizens for Lansing Schools.

Mark Burzych (SOC’EC ’85), a shareholder and member of the executive committee at Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. in Lansing, MI., was featured speaker at the American Bar Association’s 27th Forum on Franchising recently held in Vancouver, British Columbia. His topic was “Discriminatory Treatment of Franchisees.” Burzych has practiced law in Michigan since 1990 and focuses on the areas of franchise law, administrative law, and commercial litigation.

Ronald Tenpas (IR ’85) has been appointed to a three-year term on the 2005 Attorney General’s Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys by U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Tenpas is a United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. He has served as an assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland (1999-2003); an assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida (1997-99); an associate with Carlton, Fields Law Firm of Tampa (1993-97); and a law clerk to Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist (1991-92). Tenpas serves as vice chair of the Advisory Committee’s Sentencing Guidelines Subcommittee and is working very closely with the United States Attorneys in their efforts to address the sentencing guidelines in the wake of the Supreme Court’s recent Booker and FanFan decisions, which addressed federal sentencing practices.

Timothy Connors (IR ’86) of Shaker Heights, OH, was elected to partnership in the Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP law firm in January 2005. He practices information technology and intellectual property law and advises emerging and established clients on software licensing, development and consulting agreements, Internet legal issues, privacy, protection and licensing of copyrights, trademarks and content, and resolution of disputes relating to information technology and intellectual property.

Susan Dehncke (SOC’EC ’88) was one of this year’s recipients of the Susan B. Anthony Award. Sponsored by the Jackson (MI) Women’s History Council, the award recognizes local women and men who are committed to equal opportunities and participation for women. Dehncke is a passionate attorney who dedicates a great deal of her time to causes that she believes in. She is a former assistant county prosecutor who now practices law with the firm Brandt and Dehncke in Jackson, MI. She focuses primarily on foster care, children and their parents, as well as family court cases and adoptions. She is a board member and president of the Cascades Humane Society as well as the Jackson Business and Professional Women’s Organization. Dehncke is also a member of the Jackson County Bar Association.

Michael Ruffner (IR ’88) is the director of the Budget Team of the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Technical Assistance. The program sends experts throughout the world as resident advisors to help countries create more effective budget processes and procedures. For the past five years, he was with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

William R. Beekman (JMCD ’89) is a senior consultant for the Office of the Vice President for Operations and Finance and the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Michigan State University. Beekman is also an assistant professor in the Department of Family Practice (College of Human Medicine) and an adjunct faculty member of the MSU College of Law. Previously, he was assistant dean for planning and finance in the MSU College of Human Medicine. He is a member of the Academic Practice Assembly of the Medical Group Management Association, where he serves as the liaison to the American College of Medical Practice Executives and the editor for APA
Matrix and is an American College of Health Care Executives Diplomate, an American College of Medical Practice Executives Fellow, and a Wayne State University Law School Moot Court Chancellor.

Carol Lawson Kingston (IR ’89) and her spouse Paul W. Kingston II are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Ethan Paul, on June 1, 2005.

Alan Partee (PTCD ’89) is associate professor of international relations at Ibaraki Christian University (located an hour north of Tokyo), where he teaches China/Japan/Taiwan relations, international trade, and international business relations and received tenure this year. He received his Ph.D. in international affairs at Waseda University (Tokyo) two years ago. In 2004, he won the National Research Award from the Ministry of Economics in Taiwan.

Mercedes Alonzo (IR ’90) was a regional finalist for the 2005-06 class of White House Fellows. She was one of 108 outstanding men and women from across the country who were honored. Alonzo is an assistant attorney general with the Connecticut Attorney General’s Office.

Curtis J. Bell (IR ’90) was recently appointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Probate Court for Kalamazoo County, assigned to the 9th Judicial Circuit Family Division. He also continues to serve as an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University, in the Hayworth College of Business, Department of Finance and Commercial Law. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Iowa in 1994. He is married with three children and resides in Kalamazoo, MI.

Anthony Leiserowitz (IR ’90) is a research scientist at Decision Research and an adjunct professor of environmental studies at the University of Oregon. He is also a principal investigator in the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions at Columbia University. His research focuses on environmental risk perception, decision making and behavior, the human dimensions of global environmental change, and sustainability science. He has recently conducted several national surveys of American risk perceptions, policy preferences, and behavior regarding global climate change. His current research investigates public responses to climate change at both the state (Alaska and Florida) and international levels (USA, UK, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina), as well as the role underlying cultural values and worldviews in the perception of risk and decision making.

Carlynn Ford (MS ’92) is the local emergency planning committee program coordinator for Fairfax County, VA. Previously, she was campus relations representative for Deloitte Consulting.

Adrienne Honigstock (IR ’92) is the deputy director for Government Affairs for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, working with Congress on behalf of the U. S. Navy and Department of Energy. She previously worked on the aircraft carrier programs.

Ron Schafer (SR ’92) is Ionia (MI) County’s new prosecutor. Schafer, a native of Fowler, MI, previously worked as a chief assistant prosecuting attorney in Ionia.

David L. Skidmore’s (IR ’92) work will be featured in the “Wills” section in the second edition of the Michigan Law and Practical Encyclopedia. He is an attorney with Norcross & Judd LLP in Grand Rapids, MI. Skidmore concentrates his practice on probate litigation and is a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, and the American Bar Association. Before joining Warner Norcross, he worked as a legislative and budget aide for Alaska State Senator Steve Frank. He is married to Ruth (Molinosky) Skidmore (IR ’93).

Linda McGrail (IR ’93) was recently elected as a shareholder in the Detroit law firm of Butzel Long. She practices in the areas of business and commercial litigation. Before joining Butzel Long, she tried more than 50 cases as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Macomb County (MI) Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Before working for the prosecutor’s office, she was a sole practitioner and served as a Macomb County commissioner. She is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School (J.D. cum laude, 1996) and is a resident of Sterling Heights, MI.

Reginald Pacis (JMCD ’93) was recently elected as a shareholder in the law firm of Butzel Long in Detroit. Pacis practices in the area of immigration law. He received his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law at MSU in 1996. He is a resident of Ferndale, MI.

Elizabeth (Little) Smith (IR ’93) has opened a Sir Pizza International store in Detroit, MI. Smith’s store is the first Sir Pizza shop in the city and one of eight in the state. She also has the franchise rights for Harper Woods and Grosse Pointes.

John C. Valenti (IR ’93) was recently elected as a shareholder in the law firm of Butzel Long in Detroit. He is a member of the firm’s litigation practice group, focusing primarily on products liability defense, commercial litigation, and general litigation. His experience includes medical malpractice defense litigation, construction litigation, corporate risk management, and insurance defense litigation. He is a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University Law School and is a resident of Northville, MI.

Stephanie K. Hoos (IR ’96) recently launched her swimwear company’s spring 2005 collection and debuted her men’s line. Her swimwear can be viewed and is available for purchase on line at her company’s website: www.stephaniehoos.com.

Her swimwear is currently featured in Harper’s Bazaar and Teen Vogue magazines. Hoos is also a corporate bankruptcy attorney in the New York City office of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

Bushra Malik (IR/Japanese/Asian Studies ’96) is an associate based in Butzel Long’s Detroit office, practicing in the area of immigration law. She is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. Before joining Butzel Long, Malik was a vice consul for the United States Foreign Service, Department of State in Seoul, South Korea. She also worked with the Executive Office of Immigration Review at the Chicago Immigration Court and had internships with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in New Delhi, India, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and speaks Japanese and Urdu.
Carrie Booth-Walling (IR ’97), Dayne Walling (IR ’96), and son Bennett, added to their family on April 6, 2005 with the birth of son Emery. Booth-Walling is working on a Ph.D in political science at the University of Minnesota where she continues to explore questions of justice and human rights to which she was introduced at Madison. This summer she was awarded a university research grant to study how new democracies deal with past human rights abuses. Her findings on trials, truth commissions, and amnesties were presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in September. Walling is the recipient of a National Science Foundation award for graduate research. He is working on a Ph.D. in geography at the University of Washington and is doing research on reconstructing sustainable urban communities from the discarded places of deindustrialization, a project rooted in his deep commitment to Flint (MI) and the Midwest (and in his senior thesis at JMC).

Victoria Conover (IR ’97) is an elementary teacher with the Royal Oak (MI) Schools. After practicing as a mediator for a few years after getting a master’s in conflict resolution at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Conover moved back to the Detroit area to be closer to her family and to change careers. Joel Fauson (IR/SR ’97) received his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center in May 2005. He is an attorney with the Washington, D.C. office of Clifford Chance, focusing on complex commercial litigation. Fauson recently was national security analyst/project leader with SAIC. He currently resides on Capitol Hill with his spouse, Kristen, and their one-year-old daughter, Ella.

Jeremy Peruski (IR ’97) is in Beijing, China working with private equity groups that are helping American investors invest in Chinese companies and Chinese companies find American investors. He received his MBA from George Washington University in 2003, moved to Shanghai, spent a year studying Chinese, and traveled extensively around Asia, visiting Hong Kong, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, South Korea, Malaysia, and many parts of China.

Mike Cardwell (PTCD/PE ’98) is managing family housing assets for the U.S. Navy and Air Force at Parsons, a large engineering firm. He received his master’s in economics from George Mason University in January 2005, and is working on his Ph.D. in economics. He and his spouse, Marianne, had a boy, Daniel Harris Cardwell, on May 18, 2005.

Emil Lenny Kraus (IR ’98) is attending law school at the University of Miami (FL).

Kevin Simpson (SR ’98) will spend the next two years teaching in Laos at the Vientiane International School. He will also work on an Africa-Asia Differentiation Project through the Council of International Schools. He recently worked with the U.S. Department of Education. Simpson is engaged to MSU alumna Tonya Upthegrove (MSU ’01). They will be married in July 2006 in Michigan.

We sadly announce that Isha Smith (SR ’98) passed away on June 19, 2005. She was a graduate of Sexton High School in Lansing, MI and the daughter of Lansing City Council Vice President Geneva Smith. We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Isha.

Mark Moon (IR ’99) is attending law school at the University of Miami (FL).

Michael Strausz (IR ’99) was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study in Japan for dissertation field research next year. He is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Washington, with an emphasis on Japanese studies.

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(See student section for news of 2005 graduates)

Mark Laidlaw (PTCD ’00) joined Butzel Long as an associate attorney in the firm’s Detroit office. He is a graduate of the Boston College Law School. Laidlaw also attended Cambridge University and St. Catherine’s College in Cambridge, England. He is a resident of Livonia, MI.

David Massaron (PTCD ’00) has joined the law firm of Dickinson Wright in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He practices in the areas of municipal law and finance, and banking and financial services. He was a summer associate with the firm in 2003. He received his law degree from the William and Mary School of Law and is a member of the American Bar Association.

Dennis Rasmussen (PTCD ’00) received his Ph.D. in political theory from Duke University in May 2005 and is a visiting assistant professor of government at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. His dissertation was titled “The Problems and Promise of Commercial Society: Adam Smith’s Response to Rousseau.”

Emily Ballenberger (IR’01) was a member of Plunkett & Cooney’s 2003 Summer Associate Class, a twelve-week immersion program that provided her with hands-on experience at a major law firm performing research and assisting attorneys with actual legal matters. Her commendable performance led to a full-time job offer as an associate attorney. She is now a part of the firm’s Mt. Clemens (MI) office, practicing in the areas of medical malpractice and nursing home ability defense. Ballenberger also represents clients in premises liability matters and general civil litigation. She is a 2004 magna cum laude graduate of the Wayne State University Law School, where she received numerous academic honors.

Kathryn Koenig (IR ’01) was a member of Plunkett & Cooney’s 2003 Summer Associate Class, a twelve-week immersion program that provided her with hands-on experience at a major law firm. She is a member of the firm’s Bloomfield Hills (MI) office where she focuses her practice on labor and employment law and commercial litigation. Koenig graduated cum laude in 2004 from the University of Notre Dame Law School. While in law school she was a member of the Women’s Legal Forum and Business Law Society.

Luke Lantta (PTCD ’01) was awarded a 2004 Powell Goldstein Fellowship, allowing him to spend six months with Atlanta (GA) Legal Aid, where he is now developing a special education law practice in the Cobb County office of Powell Goldstein. While at law school at Duke University he worked with the Children’s Education Law Clinic and gained experience in special education.
Ellen VanCleave-Klem (PTCD ’01) began working at the American Bar Association, Commission on Law and Aging in Washington, D.C. earlier this year. VanCleave-Klem, a 2004 graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, works to prevent the abuse of senior citizens through policy development, advocacy, education, and training. VanCleave-Klem was recently married to Brian D. Klem, a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University.

Liza Weinstein (IR ’01) was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) fellowship to conduct dissertation research in Mumbai, India for the 2005-06 academic year. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Chicago; her dissertation is examining the effects of economic and political globalization on urban governance in Indian cities, and specifically on Mumbai. Weinstein is also working as a research assistant at the MacArthur Foundation, where she researches urban policy and practice in the areas of regional governance, community development, and affordable housing.

Alyssa Oldani (PTCD ’02) is beginning her third year of public service. She is a federal employee at the U.S. Department of State and works as a management analyst in the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Programs Management and Policy, Performance Measurement and Improvement Branch. Alyssa relies heavily on her writing and analytical skills to ensure accordance with the president’s management agenda and the Government Performance and Results Act. Her main tasks include developing and implementing the Balance Scorecard strategic planning methodology, continuous process improvement, performance measurement development and implementation, and survey development, administration, and analysis.

Natalie Oldani (PTCD ’02), after receiving a full La Follette Fellowship, is working towards her master’s of international public affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her policy field is international business and government and her regional focus is Southeastern Europe. She is spending 2005-06 researching in Serbia and Croatia as a David L. Boren (NSEP) Fellow. Upon completion of her research, Oldani will graduate and perform the required one year of government service.


Lindsay Meehan (IR ’03) is a legislative information specialist at Pennsylvania Legislative Services in Harrisburg, PA with a solid knowledge of political affairs and enthusiasm to participate in state government. Her primary responsibilities include legislative bill tracking and following Senate session activity. She also attends committee meetings. Meehan began her experience as an intern at Greenland Partners in Harrisburg, PA, where she covered committee meetings, conducted legislative research, and aided in the preparation of political fundraisers. She became immersed in the government process through love of research, writing, and daily interaction with a variety of people working in and around the Capitol.

Sydney Plant (SR ’03) has joined Grenzbach Glier & Associates in Chicago, a philanthropic management consulting firm. She was previously with Northwestern University in alumni relations and development at the School of Law.

Jacob Spencer (IR/Spanish ’03) will be teaching fourth grade this fall at Ruben Salazar Bilingual Education Center. Salazar, located on the Gold Coast of Chicago, is a small, progressive school with two classes for each grade K-8, where parent and community involvement is very high. In June, the school was among Chicago Public Schools to be granted a reward of freedom for being one of the best-run schools in Chicago, which entails “sweeping autonomy in teaching students, training educators, and spending money,” according to Tracy Dell’Angela, Chicago Tribune. Spencer also graduated with a specialization in Latin and Caribbean Studies at MSU. He has been a substitute teacher in Chicago and worked full time at Walter Payton College Prep. He is currently enrolled in Northwestern University’s NU-TEACH alternative certification program, teaching and working toward a master’s in education and social policy as a Mary Lou and John Scott Fellow.

Sara Brinegar (IR ’04) is attending the University of Illinois, working on her Ph.D. in political science/Russian studies. She was the recipient of a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, which includes full tuition and a $14,000 stipend.

Hannah (Reed) Cappelletti (IR ’04) enters her first year as a social studies teacher at Holt (MI) High School where she is teaching American history and government. She is married to Nick and plans to return to MSU to pursue a master’s degree in summer 2006.

Paul Mayo (IR ’04) is attending Cooley Law School in Lansing on a 100 percent academic scholarship and is working for Michigan Senator Tony Stamas.

Gregory Nowakowski (IR ’04) has made law review at Wayne State University Law School.

Meghan Paulas (SR ’04) was recently a project assistant at Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago. She began attending Chicago-Kent School of Law in the fall as an Honors Scholar, which provides her with full tuition, a $10,000 stipend, and opportunities to conduct research studies.

Michael John Polyak (IR ’04) is working in the public affairs office on press and cultural issues at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

Honorary Alum

Burton Gerber (with Jennifer Sims) has written Transforming U.S. Intelligence, available in September. He will speak at Madison about the book on October 20 (see Mark Your Calendar, p.4).
Senior Returns from Middle East Internship

**Don Amboyer (IR, senior)** recently returned from Dubai where he worked for the Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis (INEGMA). INEGMA is a Dubai-based firm that provides analysis of regional political and security events to governments, think tanks, and private firms and produces documentaries for Arabic language satellite channels (al Hurra and al Arabiya).

At INEGMA Amboyer researched, analyzed, and wrote about regional developments. Before beginning the internship, he spent three weeks in Sudan with the family of **Osman Elfaki (IR, junior)** and traveled in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman. After leaving Dubai, Amboyer spent three weeks in Sana’a, Yemen studying Arabic. The governments of Saudi Arabia and Iran extended invitations to him as an INEGMA representative to attend interviews and attend meetings in their countries.

Amboyer has a background in the software industry. Before coming to MSU, he spent six years working in information technology at Ford Credit, Ultimate Software, and Stora Enso paper. He attended high school at the Rooper School in Birmingham, MI where he was involved in Model United Nations and student government and was a member of the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol leadership program.

“I owe a great debt to Madison College and MSU for allowing and encouraging me to pursue studies and internship opportunities in the Middle East,” says Amboyer. “My time abroad allowed me to focus and define my interests, and I don’t know that I would have had that opportunity had I studied at a different university. Dr. Schechter has been very supportive and provided great guidance before and during my internship.”

Madison Student Activists Recognized

A group of Israel advocacy student activists at MSU led by **Jennifer Bloom (PTCD/IR, junior)** was recognized as 2005 Israel Activists of the Year at the American Israel Public Affairs Conference (AIPAC) in Washington, D.C., in May 2005. **Avi Davidoff (IR, sophomore)** was the campus advocacy coordinator. A delegation of 15 MSU students was on hand, along with MSU Jewish Studies Director Ken Waltzer.

The group, which planned a series of Israel advocacy events at MSU in 2004-05, was honored for several accomplishments: bringing the most diverse student delegation to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress; training more than 150 students how to advocate for Israel in a four-part series, including appearances by Dennis Ross (former Clinton advisor on the Middle East), Steve Pomerantz (former FBI assistant director for antiterrorism),
Recent JMC Grad Receives Fulbright to Work on Forestry in China

Michael Stone (IR/East Asian Studies ’05) has received a Fulbright Fellowship to work on sustainable forestry in China. He will work with Dr. Xu Jintao at the Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP) in Beijing. CCAP is one of China’s foremost research institutions and has a strong international reputation for excellence.

Stone, a member of the Honors College, is interested in pursuing an M.S. in agriculture economics, followed by a Ph.D. in international relations. At MSU, he was president of the MSU Chinese Club, vice president and president of the International Relations Organization, and a resident assistant.

Stone’s senior thesis on “Dread and Economics” was reviewed by JMC Professor Bryan Ritchie. He learned forestry in the field during a National Science Foundation Research Experience (NSF REU) for undergraduates that took him to China to do primary research. He presented his research at the Joint Conference of the Society of American Foresters and the Canadian Forestry Association in Edmonton, Canada. He was then promoted to teaching assistant with the NSF REU program.

“I am greatly indebted to Dr. Schechter and Dr. Yin (of the MSU Department of Forestry) for their enormous influence towards my getting the Fulbright,” says Stone. “However, I am more broadly thankful for the excellent support and encouragement I received at Madison from all the professors who took a special interest in my unusual interests and ideas.”

$10,000 Fellowship Goes to JMC Senior

Madison senior Katherine Pitsch (IR/Muslim Studies, senior) is the MSU recipient of a prestigious graduate fellowship sponsored by Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR), an association of retired U.S. Foreign Service officers with offices in Washington, D.C. MSU is one of only eight institutions nationwide chosen in the fall of 2004 to nominate students for this year’s award, which includes a 2005-06 academic year tuition stipend of up to $10,000 for master’s level study in international affairs at a U.S. university. The fellowship, in memory of Margaret Niles Butler, is awarded primarily on the basis of academic excellence, although a career objective in public service may be a factor in the decision.

Pitsch has studied Arabic and Kazakh at MSU and is also fluent in Spanish. She reports that she is currently deciding between a master’s program in Arab studies at Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service (with subdisciplines in history, linguistics, and political science) or a master’s program in modern Middle Eastern and North African studies at the University of Michigan. She intends to continue her study of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the greater Middle East. After earning a master’s degree, she plans to pursue a doctorate in preparation for a career in academia or the Foreign Service.

Pitsch has been the recipient of numerous merit-based scholarships while at MSU and has been active in a variety of student organizations.

Other Student News

Aaron Adler (IR, senior) is the recipient of the Dorr Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing.

Anne Coburn (IR, junior) was awarded a two-year scholarship by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The scholarship, created in 2003, will provide tuition, a stipend, and a paid 10-week summer internship. Coburn is involved in the International Relations Organization at MSU, the Model United Nations Association, and spent part of the summer studying abroad in Brussels. The DHS scholarship will allow her to further explore her interests in domestic security issues and American foreign relations. The scholarship is intended for students interested in pursuing basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission and to ensure a diverse and highly talented science and technology community.

Kristi Cox (IR, senior) was awarded an MSU Federal Credit Union study abroad scholarship for 2004-05. She participated in a multidisciplinary program in Russia: engineering, education, and Russian language.

Kenneth Curell (IR, junior) is the recipient of the Burton L. and Rosalie P. Gerber Scholarship for 2005-06. He is specializing in Muslim studies and international business, is the president of MSU Students for Life, speaks French, is teaching himself Bengali, and will begin Arabic in the fall. During his senior year, he will study abroad in Israel for a semester followed by an internship in Bangladesh with the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC).
Curell hopes to work in the government intelligence community. The scholarship’s aim is to support an outstanding student pursuing a career in international relations and public service.

Justin Dolfus (IR, junior) was awarded a Michael and Audrey Rubner Scholarship for 2005-06. The scholarship’s aim is to support an outstanding student pursuing the study of international relations and a preference for Middle East studies and experiences.

Terrell Frazier (SR/Journalism, senior) was accepted into the American Sociological Association (ASA) Honors Program, one of 60 selected nationally. The ASA Honors Program provides undergraduate sociology students a rich introduction to the professional life of the discipline. Exceptional sociology students from throughout the country and the world come together for four days and experience all facets of the ASA annual meetings. Frazier shared his research on the dynamic between Black Power and integration advocates within the Civil Rights movement at the August 2005 ASA meeting in Philadelphia.

Kelly Miller (SR, 03), the first Madison participant in the ASA Honors program, is completing her first year of graduate school in sociology at the University of Notre Dame.

Emily Harcum (IR, senior) was awarded a (Madison) Dean’s Scholarship for 2005-06. Her academic interests are international affairs, foreign relations, and international law. Harcum is interested in working at the State Department, specializing in international affairs with Western Europe/EU.

Jon Hoadley (SR, senior) was honored in September with the 2005 Henry D. Messer Youth Activist Award by the Triangle Foundation of Michigan. The foundation considers Hoadley a rising star in Michigan as one of the most visible leaders for the Coalition for a Fair Michigan to defeat Proposal 2. He is the president of the Stonewall Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party, worked for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in summer 2005, and has been active at MSU with various groups working on youth and student issues.

David McClintick (IR, sophomore) was recognized with a merit award at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum for his poster presentation “The Simon and Ehrlich Wager: A Historical Perspective.” Research for his presentation was conducted as part of his professorial assistant responsibilities to Professor Ross Emmett.

Natalie Michalik (IR, junior) (left) was an intern in the Chicago office of Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (right) this summer. Working with the Treasurer’s “Cash Dash” program, Michalik traveled throughout northern Illinois helping citizens find lost or forgotten assets. “I’ve had an excellent experience at the Treasurer’s Office,” Michalik said. “It’s a great feeling to connect lost money with rightful owners through Cash Dash.” Topinka celebrated the work of her interns at a recent ceremony in her Chicago office. “I am so proud of our interns,” Topinka said. “They are a talented group of students who have really helped our office be more accessible to the people of Illinois.”

Matthew Penney (IR, senior), upon review and acceptance by Atlantic Council Conference on Transformation, participated as a U.S. delegate at the Conference on Military Transformation and the Transatlantic Relationship in June 2005.

Micho Rutare (PTCD, senior) produced, along with MSU students Ben Rosenblatt and Sonia Khaleel, the full-length feature film “A Movie About College and Life,” which won the 2005 Residence Hall Association/University Activity Board film festival’s Audience Pick for Best Feature Film award. The film, shot on location at MSU, features a cast of MSU and U of M students. It follows three days in the lives of three different college students and the choices they make as their lives intersect.

Aaron Stine (IR, senior) is the recipient of a (Madison) Dean’s Scholarship for 2005-06. His academic interests include Chinese language and culture, studying abroad in China, the economy and politics of modern China, and international law. He would like to enter the intelligence community either with the NSA or CIA as a language analyst or work in the field of international law. He plans to spend a year in China following graduation in 2006 to teach English and become fluent in Chinese.

Paul Stoetzer (IR, junior), Kevin Roth (IR, senior), and Maggie Harris (SR, junior) participated in the MSU Academic Competition Club. They sent three teams to the University Activities Board intramural tournament in November 2004 and came in first, second, and third place. The first-place team went on to become regional champions and attend the National Championship Tournament where Kevin Roth, the team’s captain, was the leading scorer. Professor Michael Schechter is their advisor.

New Madison Graduates

Lisa Asmus (IR ’05) has joined Anderson Economic Group, a leading economics, public policy, and market assessment firm, working with day-to-day operations and office management and providing research assistance for the Public Policy and Regulatory Analysis practice area.

Jessica Durham (IR/German ’05) is a market intelligence analyst for Continental Tire in Auburn Hills, MI.

Joshua Feinberg (IR ’05) is attending law school at the University of Miami (FL).

Grant Folland (IR ’05) is attending the University of Chicago Law School.

Justin Gengler (PTCD/IR/Muslim Studies ’05) was one of 21 MSU students recognized for academic achievement by the MSU Board of Trustees at its April 8, 2005 meeting. The May graduates all achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Gengler, from Flushing, MI, is a member of the Honors College. His senior thesis, “On Religion and War,” looked at the relationship between war and five different religions, using both sacred texts and cross-nationally comparative statistical data. He was also the winner of this year’s Jack Chapin Memorial Prize, which is awarded annually to the outstanding senior in political theory. It memorializes Jack Chapin (JMCD ’77), one of the college’s most brilliant graduates. Gengler plans to attend the University of Michigan in political science, focusing on comparative politics and continuing the study of Arabic.

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Paige Harley (SR ’05) is attending the MSU College of Law and will be a part-time clerk for Judge Richard Ball (JMCD ’71). Harley is the past chairperson of the Madison Student Senate.

Chris Immel (IR/PE ’05) will attend Florida State Law School.

Brian Lavictoire (IR ’05) is working as a caucus liaison with the House Republican Caucus in Lansing. He completed an internship with Dykema Gossett in Lansing and plans to attend law school in the future.

Jessica Leffler (SR ’05) is working at WPBN/WTOM in Traverse City, MI as an on-air reporter.

Amy Meldrum (SR ’03) will be serving in the Peace Corps in Moldova.

Adam Pavlik (PTCD/IR ’05) will attend MSU College of Law.

Gina Reynolds (IR ’05) joined the Peace Corps in summer 2005 and serves in Bangladesh.

John Rood (IR/PTCD ’05) will attend graduate school in social science at the University of Chicago.

Tony Senagore (SR ’05) is attending law school at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Matt Thome (PTCD/IR ’05) is attending law school at the University of Michigan.

Bernisha Waller (SR ’05) is attending Wayne State University Law School.

Ben Zeidman (IR ’05) is attending Rabbinical School, the first year in Israel and the following four years in Cincinnati, OH.

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JMC ADMISSIONS NEWS

Do you know what Seoul, Republic of Korea; Brasilia, Brazil; Paris, France; Holiday, Florida; Alpharetta, Georgia; Anchorage, Alaska; Toronto, Ontario; and McAllen, Texas have in common?

Each of these cities is the home of a first-year James Madison College student. During the past five years, JMC and Michigan State University have worked diligently to increase awareness of the university and its exceptional programs nationally and internationally. This fall JMC welcomes more than 340 first-year students. The fall 2005 class hails from every region of Michigan and more than 15 states and 5 countries. James Madison College remains committed to increasing awareness of the college both within Michigan and globally.

It’s Never too Soon to Search for Scholarships

With the cost of higher education rising, students and parents should begin the scholarship search process as soon as they begin the college search process. A good place to start the search is by contacting high school guidance counselor offices and groups and businesses within communities such as churches, labor unions, employers, heritage organizations, and a variety of others. Web sites such as fastweb.com or the College Board can assist in this process. Scholarship search services may also be valuable resources, although some require a fee.

JMC and Michigan State University are proud of their extensive merit-based scholarships, many of which have been supported by alumni and friends. All admitted students to James Madison College are mailed information and scholarship criteria in February of their senior year of high school and are invited to apply for the following merit- and essay-based scholarships:

- JMC Alumni Association Endowed Scholarships
  (two are awarded annually)
- JMC Alumni Association Endowed Scholarships for Diversity
  (two are awarded annually)
- Nelson and Marie Cummings Scholarship
- Freeman-Darling Scholarship
- BRAVO Foundation/James Madison College Scholarship
- A. Gordon Adams Scholarship
- Dixie Platt Scholarship
- Dean’s Scholarships

Brief overviews of eight scholarships awarded by Michigan State University are listed below. All criteria for scholarship awards are based on the cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) of the freshman through junior years of high school. Funds are limited and awards cannot be guaranteed for students who apply for admission after November 1 of their senior year of high school.

Alumni Distinguished Scholarship: Awarded to the top 15 candidates based on intellectual performance and participation in the MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholarship (ADS) competition. Invitations to compete in the examination are sent to the most outstanding students who apply for admission by November 1. Renewable over eight semesters, these scholarships include tuition, fees, room and board, and $1,000 annually. An additional 100 scholarships ranging from $1,500 per year to full tuition and fees for eight semesters are awarded as a result of the ADS competition.

National Merit Recognition Scholarship for Out-of-State National Merit, National Achievement, or National Hispanic Students: Awarded to out-of-state National Merit Scholars who name MSU as their first-choice institution; includes $4,000 annually and room and board in an MSU residence hall, renewable for four years.

Honors College National Scholarship: Awarded to out-of-state Honors College invitees who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, or citizens of Canada or Mexico; $8,000 annually for four years. To be automatically invited to the Honors College, applicants must be in the top 5 percent of their graduating class and have an ACT composite score of 30 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1360 or above. Students who are very close to the criteria may also be considered.
Honors College Tuition Grant: Awarded to out-of-state Honors College invitees with an ACT composite score of 33 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1500 or above, or semifinalist status in a National Merit program. Grant equalizes tuition and fees to the rate charged Michigan residents (worth approximately $11,000 annually) for four years and is accompanied by a paid research assistantship.

University Scholars Award: Awarded to academically talented out-of-state students who are not eligible for the Honors College at the following levels:

- $6,000 awarded annually over eight semesters to Academic Scholars Program invitees with a high school GPA of 3.8 or above and ACT composite score of 28 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1240 or above.

- $4,000 awarded annually over eight semesters to students with a high school GPA of 3.5 or above and ACT composite score of 24 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1100 or above.

- $2,000 awarded annually over eight semesters to students with a high school GPA of 3.3 or above and ACT composite score of 24 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1100 or above.

Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship: Awarded to out-of-state students with a high school GPA of 3.0 or above and ACT composite score of 21 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1000 or above for use with an MSU-sponsored Study Abroad program; $3,000 to $5,000, depending on the length of the program. Honors National Scholarship and University Scholar Award recipients automatically receive the Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship.

MSU Valedictorian Scholarship: Awarded to the top-ranking graduate from each high school, as identified by the high school principal or guidance counselor; $2,000 for the first year of study.

Legacy Scholarship: Awarded to out-of-state students with a high school GPA of 3.0 or above and ACT composite score of 21 or above or SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of 1000 or above, who are the dependent of an MSU alum; $1,000 annually, renewable for four years.

For more information on scholarships available through James Madison College contact the Office of Admissions at 517-353-5260. For information on merit-based scholarships offered by Michigan State University, contact the Office of Admissions and Scholarships at 517-355-8332. Visit www.admissions.msu.edu/scholarships.asp to learn more.

Jeff Judge
Director of Admissions
James Madison College

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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Lily Klinger Memorial Award Established

The Lily Klinger Memorial Award has been established at James Madison College to honor the life of Lily Ann Klinger, an active JMC student, alumna (Urban ’82), and long-serving member of the JMC Alumni Board.

Born on June 24, 1958 in Chicago to Dr. Alfred and Catherine Klinger, Lily graduated with an undergraduate degree in urban planning and development from James Madison College. A gregarious and warm person, she was known for her generous and giving heart. Her kindness, warm smile, and infectious laughter touched many people who came across her life. She was completing a master’s degree in philanthropy at St. Mary’s University in Winona, Minnesota at the time of her death on September 1, 2001, from complications due to ovarian/pancreatic cancer. She was 43.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Lily spent the last ten years of her professional career writing grants for nonprofit organizations. She worked as development manager and grant writer for Advocate Health Care in Chicago. Her many contributions to the Chicago area included employment by the Chicago Architecture Foundation, and she also served the city as a docent. In 1991, she was hired by the nonprofit organization Zonta International to act as their foundation manager. An avid music lover and concertgoer, Lily was also a regular season ticket holder to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and enjoyed theatrical productions. Shortly before her passing, she was assisting the Chicago-based Eclipse Theatre troupe establish a donor base for their seasonal stage productions.

Lily had a great sense of adventure and loved to travel. In her short life, she was able to see many of the world’s wonders including the Great Wall of China, the Eiffel Tower, Machu Picchu, the Golden Gate Bridge, the London Tower, and the Great Lakes. Lily welcomed visitors to her beloved city, Chicago, and gave hundreds of walking tours as a docent. She educated visitors on the many architectural marvels of the city. It was easy to fall in love with Chicago while attending one of Lily’s walks. She was a risk taker and found humor in everyday events. Lily met her husband by responding to a personal ad on a dare from a favorite aunt, and later married Thomas H. Brierton on April 23, 1994, in Chicago.

Lily devoted her life to making the world a better place. Her work with Zonta International focused on growing the foundation to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women and to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. While working with Zonta, Lily traveled as a spokesperson, meeting with thousands of women in the Far East, Europe, and North America to assist with advancing the status of women. Zonta International was a great match of Lily’s personal beliefs with her work life.

Lily was an exceptional daughter, friend, wife, student, citizen, and human being. She gave her all on a daily basis, and was consistently a positive and kind influence. Passages from the Zonta Collect best sum up Lily’s approach to life: be large in thought, in word, in

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Honor Roll of Donors

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These pages contain two lists. The first is an honor roll recognizing all James Madison College supporters holding a distinction as a donor society member at Michigan State University for cumulative gifts throughout the university. The second honor roll recognizes all cash contributions from individuals to JMC received from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Multiple gifts by individuals and couples have been combined to reflect the total amount given.

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Honors College Recognizes Zinman with Faculty Award

Richard Zinman, University Distinguished Professor in James Madison College and the Department of Political Science, has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students. Three former Madison and Honors College students—John Rood (IR/PTCD ’05), David Brumbaugh (PTCD ’04), and Madison Dean Sherman Garnett (JMCD ’77)—nominated Zinman for the award.

This award was established in cooperation with the Honors College Student Advisory Committee and the MSU Alumni Association to recognize exceptional contributions to Honors College students through teaching, advising, or mentoring. The award is presented once each year during spring semester and has been given for seven years. In addition to a certificate, the recipient receives an honorarium of $1,000.

Zinman is executive director of the LeFrak Forum/Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, a research center in the Department of Political Science. At JMC, he also serves as chair of its program in Political Thought and Constitutional Democracy. Zinman specializes in political philosophy and American political thought, with special interest in the intersection of philosophy and public policy.

For some 36 years, Zinman has been an acclaimed adviser, dedicated and honored teacher, and encouraging mentor to Honors College students in JMC. A variety of students easily recall his “powerful” classes, which have introduced classical political philosophy to generations of unsuspecting — and subsequently exceedingly appreciative — students. Zinman has also provided superb guidance and support to countless Honors College and Madison students seeking the most appropriate graduate or law schools or competing for major national and international scholarships. One former student summed up these contributions, noting that Zinman “helped us understand that political philosophizing does not happen in a vacuum, that it can powerfully influence public affairs — and ourselves.”

“We are very pleased to recognize a faculty member who has affected so many students so positively,” says Ronald Fisher, director of the Honors College. “Professor Zinman has made these contributions over a long and distinguished career, during which he has greatly affected the lives of Honors College and Madison students as well as the educational environment at Michigan State.”
Diplomat-in-Residence Joins Madison

John S. Habib has joined James Madison College as visiting professor and diplomat-in-residence for the academic year 2005-06. Habib received a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Detroit, an M.A. in Near Eastern studies, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan. He is ad hoc teaching professor at Mohamed V University, Rabat, Morocco and coordinator of its Center for American Studies, which he helped establish. He is a former Fulbright Scholar, Fulbright-Hays Fellow, and three times National Defense Foreign Language Fellow. For 2004-05 he was Fulbright U.S. Distinguished Lecturer. His special interests are American national security issues, international terrorism, Middle Eastern crises, and political and social developments in the Arabian Peninsula.

As an American diplomat, Habib served at embassies in Egypt, Kuwait, Qatar, Morocco, and France and as special assistant to the chief, U.S. Military Training Mission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He also served special missions at more than 20 embassies in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and in North Africa. In 1982 he entered the private sector as a management-security consultant and directed companies in Geneva, Monte Carlo, and Paris. In 1989 he joined the faculty of the University of Maryland, European Division, Heidelberg, Germany, and retired in 2004.

Habib’s publications include two books on Saudi Arabia. He has addressed international conferences and seminars in Bahrain, Belgium, Germany, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and the United States. In November 2005, he will be a featured speaker at the Frank Church Institute Conference in Boise, Idaho on Global Conflicts: the Class of Cultures. In addition to his teaching and writing activities, Habib is establishing privately funded Centers for American Studies abroad where American history, government, and culture can be studied comprehensively and objectively.

During the Reagan and Clinton administrations, Habib served as chairman, Monte Carlo, Republicans Abroad and then as its international treasurer. He is no longer active in partisan politics. A native of Michigan, Habib now resides between his permanent residence in California and his homes in Brussels and Paris.


Ilan Blumberg (see front page article “New Faculty”) recently published “Houses of Study: Reading and Writing as a Jewish Woman” (Michigan Quarterly Review); “Collins’ Moonstone: The Victorian Novel as Sacrifice, Theft, Debt and Gift” (Studies in the Novel); and “Against Self-Sacrifice: Trollope’s Ethic of Mutual Benefit” (Nineteenth-Century Literature). In 2006, her memoir Houses of Study, narrating the challenges of merging traditional Jewish and secular intellectual worlds, will be published by the University of Nebraska Press.


Gamze Cavdar (Yasar) (see box on next page) will present “Political Reform in Egypt” at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), November 19-22, 2005, in Washington, D.C.

Michael Craw’s (see front page article “New Faculty”) dissertation won the 2005 William Anderson award from the American Political Science Association for best dissertation in federalism, intergovernmental relations, and state and local politics and was recognized for the honor at the association’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in September 2005.


Julia Grant published “Children versus Childhood: Writing Children into the Historical Record,” History of Education (Fall 2005).


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Michael Rubner’s reviews of Defending Israel by Martin van Creveld, The Yom Kippur War by Abraham Rabinovich, Squandered Victory by Larry Diamond, and Beyond Chutzpah by Norman Finkelstein will appear in future issues of Middle East Policy.


Susan Stein-Roggenbuck published “Wholly Within the Discretion of the Probate Court: Judicial Authority and Mothers’ Pensions in Michigan, 1913-1940” in Social Service Review, vol. 79, no. 2 (June 2005).

Curtis Stokes (with Austin Dorell Jackson) edited Race and Human Rights (Michigan State University Press, 2005).

Richard Zinman organized (with Hillel Fradkin and Sven Olaf Berggoetz) and participated in the conference “Education and Intellectual Discourse in the Middle East: Present Challenges and Future Prospects” sponsored jointly by the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy (MSU), the Hudson Institute (Washington), and the Herbert Quandt Foundation (Munich) and held in Washington, D.C. in June 2005. The conference included sessions on intellectual discourse, scholarship, secondary education, and higher education. Contributors included John Agresto, president emeritus, St. John’s College, Annapolis, and former U.S. senior advisor on higher education in Iraq; Zainab Al-Suwaij, American Islamic Congress; Rahma Bourquia, president, Universite Hassan II Mohammedia, Morocco; Abdou Filali-Ansary, director, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, University of London; Rusen Cakir, columnist, Vatan Daily, Istanbul; Nidhal Guessoum, professor of astronomy and physics, American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; Husain Haqqani, professor of international relations, Boston University, and senior fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Mohammad Jabir, vice president, Alnahrain University, Iraq; Satar Jawad, dean of arts and sciences, Mustansriyah University, Iraq; Gunter Mulack, German ambassador to Pakistan; and Mohammad Sadik, president of Salahaddin University, Iraqi Kurdistan. This was the second conference in a series on Islam organized by the Symposium. The first was held at MSU in April 2004.

**New JMC Postdoctoral Fellows and Visiting Instructors**

Gamze Cavdar (Yasar) will serve as JMC Professor Mohammed Ayoob’s postdoc for 2005-06. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science, University of Utah. She specializes in comparative politics and international relations, particularly in the Middle East. Specifically, her research areas include Islamist movements, democratization, and gender and politics.

Cavdar’s dissertation on state strategies towards Islamist movements is a comparison between Egypt and Turkey. She is the recipient of the Barbara and Norman Tanner Fellowship for the Prevention of Violence (2003-04) and a University of Utah Graduate Research Fellowship (2004-05). Her recent article has been accepted for publication by the Political Science Quarterly.

Tobin Craig, JMC visiting instructor, will be teaching courses in PTCD and developing courses and curricula for the new STEPPS* specialization. Craig received his ABD from Boston College in political science and successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation in August 2005. His dissertation is on Bacon’s New Atlantis and the place of technology in modern politics. His areas of research and interest center on the philosophic origins and criticisms of modern science and technology, and the political and moral problems associated with modern science and technology.

Matthew Zierler has become a full-time visiting assistant professor at JMC, having previously served as JMC Professor Mohammed Ayoob’s postdoc. Zierler’s research and teaching interests are in international relations theory, foreign policy, international law, and international cooperation. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His dissertation, “Failing to Commit: The Politics of Treaty Non-ratification,” explores the numerous cases throughout American history when the United States has signed a treaty only never to ratify it. He is also working on a collaborative project examining the lifecycles of preferential trade agreements.

* Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy Specialization
In 2005, Michigan State University celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding as the nation’s pioneer land-grant institution.

Errata

We apologize for these errors in the spring 2005 issue of James Madison Scene.

In an article on JMC alumni in higher education: Rogers Smith is at the University of Pennsylvania, not at Yale. Eric Petrie graduated in 1980, not in 1990.

In alumni news: We were sorry to call Mark Moon (IR ’99) Michael Moon (IR/German ’97). Mark Moon appears on page 9 of this issue.