

Poli Sci Connection

For the alumni & friends of the Department of Political Science
College of Liberal Arts

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University Political Science Association's Special Guest

On March 24, the University Political Science Association (UPSA) invited a special guest to their weekly meeting which they titled, "A Threat to Democracy: The Two-Party System." Eugene McCarthy, former senator and congressman from Minnesota, former third-party presidential candidate, and author of *The Culture of Tyranny* spoke to a group of UPSA members about party politics and the role of alternatives to the two-party system. Moderating the discussion was Lisa Disch, Associate Professor of Political Science and author of *The Tyranny of the Two-Party System*. UPSA is a nonpartisan student organization dedicated to the advancement of student-faculty relations and political science education.



From left to right (standing) are students Dan Kroll, Tim Lee, Matt Holleque, George Wright, former senator Eugene McCarthy, Dan Weiske, and Kyle Potter, and (front) Anna Abbey (2002-2003 UPSA President), Professor Lisa Disch, and Rick Hay.

United Nations Student Association (UNSA)

by political science major Hillary Kraus (UNSA President)

The main goal of the United Nations Student Association (UNSA) is to spread knowledge about the U.N. through meetings, lectures, and U.N. simulation conferences. Besides learning about the U.N. and its member states, we also learn about parliamentary debate and procedure and the role of international diplomacy in the global system. Every semester the UNSA attends a national model U.N. simulation. At these conferences we meet with students from around the world to discuss assigned topics from the perspective of our chosen countries and to act as actual representatives in the U.N.

Our past conference was held from February 27 through March 2 in San Francisco. The name of the conference was the *University of California – Berkeley Model United Nations Conference*. Participants included schools from the State of California as well as schools from across the nation. The countries that the United Nations Student Association represented were: Libya, The Russian Federation, Guatemala, Angola, Belgium and Turkey. One of our members even earned an award for his outstanding work. This experience was only possible because of grants from University organizations, including a generous grant from the Political Science Department. All those who attended commented on the spectacular way in which the conference enabled them to learn more about how the United Nations functions and more about other countries' viewpoints.

Summer 2003

**The Department of
Political Science
2002-2003**

The Professors

- Scott Abernathy
- Charles Backstrom, Emeritus
- Teri Caraway
- Mary Dietz
- Lisa Disch
- James Druckman
- Raymond Duvall
- James Farr
- Christopher Federico
- William Flanigan
- Edwin Fogelman
- John Freeman
- Virginia Gray, Emeritus
- Robert Holt, Emeritus
- Lawrence Jacobs
- Timothy Johnson
- Colin Kahl
- Daniel Kelliher
- Ronald Krebs
- Samuel Krislov, Emeritus
- Jeffrey Lomonaco
- Samantha Luks
- Joanne Miller
- August Nimitz
- Wendy Rahn
- Diana Richards
- Martin Sampson
- David Samuels
- William Scheuerman
- W. Phillips Shively
- Kathryn Sikkink
- Frank Sorauf, Emeritus
- Paul Soper
- Dara Strolovitch
- John Sullivan
- John Turner, Emeritus

The Staff

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Letter from the Chair

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness.”

Thus begins Dickens’ *A Tale of Two Cities*. Dickens’ words describe the situation in which we find ourselves. On the one hand, the University received the deepest cut in its state aid in history. Our undergraduates face another year of double-digit tuition increases. Next year our Department will reduce the number of incoming graduate students and increase the sizes of our freshman seminars and our introductory courses.

On the other hand, as these pages show, our students and faculty continue to excel! Our undergraduates are winning numerous awards for their scholarship and public service. Major intellectual contributions are being made by our graduate students and faculty.

At the same time, our bonds to you, our alumni, grow stronger. This was illustrated this spring at two wonderful events: a ceremony to honor Regents Emeritus Professor John Turner for his receipt of the University’s Outstanding Achievement Award and a lunch to announce the creation of the Charles Backstrom Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science. Many of you turned out for these events. And you voiced a strong commitment to our Department and University. Your commitment is inspiring! It will sustain us through the current ‘epoch’!

Best wishes,



John Freeman
McKnight University Professor and Department Chair

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News About Our Undergraduates

Michael Fenton will spend his summer in Greece and Cyprus studying the effects of the European Union upon the culture of Greek society. In Cyprus, he may be among the first visitors to be allowed to cross into the Turkish sector. Michael says, "As the 'Green Line' is slowly disappearing, the invitation for Cyprus to join the European Union has created boundless hope and enthusiasm for the future of this island. The chance to observe apartheid coming to an end in yet another sector of the world is truly inspiring and captivating in this newfound hope for humankind." Later this summer, Michael will also attend the German Language School at Middlebury College to improve his language proficiency in preparation for studying abroad next year. Middlebury College stresses a full immersion method accelerating the students' abilities to learn their chosen languages.

Maggie Sventek made the Dean's List and also won a \$1,000 Virginia Binger Scholarship for Academic Achievement. Maggie is already planning to enter a study abroad program next spring in Prague. Last year, she participated in a three-week study abroad program to Greece. Maggie is in the process of applying for a grant for fall semester that would enable her to complete a research project of her own design.

Dave Townsend is interning with Senator Harkin (D-IA) this summer in Washington, D.C. David thanks Dr. Paul Soper, Internship Director for the Department of Political Science, for the letter of recommendation that helped him secure this position.

Poli Sci Students Circle the Globe

In 2002-2003, over 60 of our political science majors studied abroad. They circled the globe and studied in these exotic places:

- Amman, Jordan*
- Amsterdam, Netherlands*
- Athens, Greece*
- Barcelona, Spain*
- Bebek, Turkey*
- Beijing, China*
- Belfast, Northern Ireland*
- Berlin, Germany*
- Brussels, Belgium*
- Budapest, Hungary*
- Capetown, South Africa*
- Cuernavaca, Mexico*
- Dakar, Senegal*
- Dublin, Ireland*
- Freiberg, Germany*
- Florence, Italy*
- Galway, Ireland*
- Jaipur, India*
- Joensuu, Finland*
- Krakov, Poland*
- Legon, Ghana*
- London, England*
- Madrid, Spain*
- Melbourne, Australia*
- Montpellier, France*
- Nairobi, Kenya*
- Paris, France*
- Perth, Australia*
- Perugia, Italy*
- Rome, Italy*
- Salzburg, Austria*
- San Jose, Costa Rica*
- Seoul, South Korea*
- Seville, Spain*
- Toledo, Spain*



Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), administered by the Vice President for Research and the Dean of the Graduate School, is designed to give undergraduate students and faculty members the opportunity to cultivate their research and scholarship into collaborative and creative academic projects. The UROP Grant Program provides financial support in the form of a stipend of up to \$1,400 and/or an expense allowance of up to \$300. In spring 2003, three such projects in the Department of Political Science received UROP funding.

Congratulations to Jessica Carter, Zachery Coelius, and Stephanie Root for receiving UROP Grants.

Jessica Carter (Global Studies) and sponsor, **Professor Martin Sampson** (Political Science), will collaborate on a project titled, "U.S. Involvement in Azerbaijan."

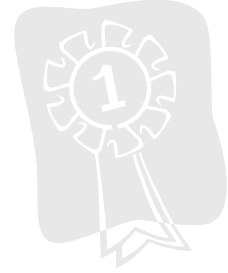
Zachery Coelius (Political Science & History), sponsored by **Professor John Sullivan** (Political Science), will continue work he began last year with a group he co-founded called Votes for Students (VFS). Their project is titled, "Votes for Students Assessment."

Stephanie Root (Political Science & French) will be sponsored by **Professor Barbara A. Frey** (Global Studies). Their project title is "Human Rights Effects on the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Refugee/IDP Camp Settings."



William Jennings Bryan Prize for "Best Essay"

Christy Limpert received this year's William Jennings Bryan Prize for her paper, "A Typically Atypical American." In 1898, William Jennings Bryan gave the University a gift of \$250. The interest from this gift was designated for an annual prize to be awarded to the student who wrote the best essay on government. During the school year, faculty members submit nominations to the Undergraduate Work Committee. At the end of the academic year, the committee reads all of the nominations and selects the best paper. Professor John Sullivan nominated Christy for a paper she wrote in his *American Political Cultures and Values* course. Christy received a check for \$500 for writing an outstanding paper. *Congratulations, Christy!*



Selmer Birkelo Scholarships

The Selmer Birkelo Scholarship, one of the college's most prestigious scholarships, provides funding for extremely talented and highly accomplished CLA students. Each year departments from the fields of history, social sciences, modern languages, and the classics nominate their most outstanding students for this award. Congratulations to these political science majors who received scholarships:

Fatema Abdul Rasul
Ryan Black
Sloan Dawson
Elizabeth Dunbar
Xiaochuan Zhao

2003-2004 Award-Winning Scholars

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, four undergraduates were awarded scholarships to support their research projects. Ryan, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Gladys will receive scholarships from the Charles Backstrom Undergraduate Scholarship, the Asher Christenson Scholarship Fund, the Judge Earl and Mrs. Cecill Larson Scholarship, and the William Schaper Memorial Scholarship.

Ryan Black is an honors student with a double major in political science and Asian languages and literature. Ryan received a Judge Earl and Mrs. Cecill Larson Scholarship to support his research interests in militarization in Japan. To help facilitate his research, Ryan plans to visit the Defense Research Center in Tokyo, interview current and former military policymakers, and access an on-site library of government documents. At the conclusion of his research, Ryan plans to write and submit an article for publication in a scholarly journal. His long-term goal is to enroll in a graduate program and earn an advanced degree in political science and Japanese studies. Ryan eventually would like to teach at the secondary or collegiate level.

Elizabeth Dunbar, an honors student with a double major in political science and journalism and a minor in Spanish, is the first student to receive the newly created Charles Backstrom Scholarship. She also received the Asher Christenson Scholarship and the Judge Earl and Mrs. Cecill Larson Scholarship. Her research interests focus on Latin American politics and the media's role in Latin American democracies. Elizabeth will travel to Buenos Aires to interview journalists and political elites and to access past issues of major Argentine newspapers. Thus, she expects to learn about the relationship, if any, between watchdog journalism and democratic accountability in Argentina, especially the newspapers' coverage of former president Carlos Menem's alleged wrongdoing and abuse of power. Currently, Elizabeth writes for the *Minnesota Daily*. She hopes some day to work for the Associated Press and become a foreign correspondent in Latin America.

Margaret Frost is an honors student who is pursuing a political science major and a minor in German. Margaret received a William Schaper Memorial Scholarship to begin her research for her honors thesis. She will be focusing her research on past and future U.S.-European relationships in light of the U.S. led war in Iraq. Margaret plans to study in Vienna, Austria where she hopes to secure an internship in either a business or an educational setting. The internship will enable her to sharpen her German speaking skills as well as to conduct interviews for her honors thesis. After Margaret completes her bachelor's degree, she may enroll in a graduate program in Europe. Her long-term career interests include serving in the Peace Corps or working in the Foreign Service.

Gladys Mambo is an honors student with a political science and English double major. Gladys received a scholarship from the Judge Earl and Mrs. Cecill Larson fund. She will begin her honors thesis research which will focus on the role women play in African politics and how that role affects both politics and gender relations. Gladys will use examples from her native country of Cameroon and provide some comparative analysis with other African countries. After graduation, she intends to pursue a combined law degree and a Ph.D. with an emphasis on diplomacy and foreign policy. Her research will enable Gladys to not only pursue her career goals but also to create a statement about Cameroonian and African women and the need for their political involvement. Her thesis will be a starting point from which she can educate others about political passivity and reduce the way in which African women distance themselves from political life.

Alfred I. Johnson Scholarships

This scholarship, named for Alfred I. Johnson, a former Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives and later a Regent of the University, was created for undergraduates who show a strong interest in public affairs with an intent to pursue a career or volunteer for activities serving the public. Recipients complete a full-time, one-semester internship with an organization concerned with public affairs. The 2003-2004 scholarship recipients are Zachery Coelius and Richard Hay. Zach and Rick will each receive a \$15,500 scholarship.



Zachery Coelius, a political science and history major, is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Votes for Students (VFS). In 2002, this nonprofit organization provided 500,000 college students access to voting forms and information via e-mail. Planning for the 2004 elections has already begun. VFS intends to e-mail voter registration information to five million college students nationwide. In addition to his involvement with VFS, Zach served as a committee member for the Help America Vote Act of 2002, a committee formed by Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer. He has served as a member of the Governor's Youth Advisory Counsel and is actively involved in the Campus Compact Youth Engagement Initiative, a student group which promotes civic engagement. Zach continues to hone his debate skills as a member of the award-winning University of Minnesota Parliamentary Debate Society.

Zach's plans for next year include interning in the Public Policy Division for the Pew Charitable Trusts or interning for Senator Mark Dayton. Dr. Michael Delli Carpini, the Director of the Public Policy Division and an alumnus of the Department of Political Science, was instrumental in funding VFS. An internship in the Public Policy Division would increase Zach's knowledge of how trusts allocate resources and evaluate projects. Pursuing an internship with the Senator's office would allow Zach to compare what he has learned in the classroom to the actual operations of a senate office and to gain a more holistic understanding of government.

Richard Hay is majoring in political science and Spanish/Portuguese studies. Last summer, Rick interned in the district office of Congresswoman Betty McCollum. In the fall of last year, he acted as the immigration/refugee intern for late-Senator Paul Wellstone. Rick assisted the Senator by meeting with constituents and explaining the immigration process. He tracked the status of pending cases and drafted letters of appeal on behalf of constituents if their refugee status was unfairly denied. Rick is an active member of the University of Minnesota Parliamentary Debate Society and is responsible for the group's publicity. Members of the University Political Science Association recently elected Rick as their president for 2003-2004.

Rick's plans for next year are to intern at either the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) or the Department of Government Relations at Amnesty International's office in Washington, D.C. CEJIL provides legal assistance to those with claims before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. This court prosecutes human rights abuses that might otherwise go unpunished. Rick is also interested in joining the Amnesty International staff in advocating human rights legislation within the Washington policy community. His specific area of focus centers on Latin America. Knowing of Rick's sensitivity toward immigrants and refugees combined with his passion for justice, it comes as no surprise that Rick plans to pursue a career as a human rights attorney for a non-governmental organization.

Graduate Student News and Updates

Best Dissertation Award

Congratulations to **Dan Stevens** who won a 2003 University of Minnesota “Best Dissertation Award.” Dan’s dissertation is titled, “The Psychological Impact of Negative Campaigns on the Electorate.”

The Graduate School gives one “Best Dissertation Award” per year in each of four categories: Art and Humanities, Biological and Medical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education. Dan won the 2003 award for the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education category. Congratulations to Dan, to his faculty adviser, Professor John Sullivan, and to everyone else who helped along the way.

The winner from each group was chosen by faculty members from the broad disciplinary area, in consultation with the Graduate School Dean’s Office. The dissertations are judged for both methodology and substantive quality. Selection of the winners was based on the originality and importance of the research, and the potential for the student to make an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. The recipients received an honorarium of \$1,000 and a special certificate.



From left to right: Professor John Sullivan, Dan Stevens, Professor Martin Sampson (Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science), and McKnight University Professor John Freeman (Chair of the Department of Political Science).

International Studies Association Names “Best Paper Award” Recipients

At the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, not one, not two, but THREE of our graduate students received “Best Paper” awards in a given panel.

“ISA has a massive number of panels. Its sections typically organize numerous panels in their subfield of interest. To say the least, there is no shortage of graduate students from other political science Ph.D. programs presenting papers at ISA. For a small program to walk off with three of these awards is remarkable,” Professor Martin Sampson stated.

Bravo and congratulations to **Robyn Linde**, **Ann Towns**, and **Latha Varadarajan**.

More Graduate Student News

Jonathan Havercroft had a chapter titled, “On Seeing Liberty As” published in a book edited by Cressida Heyes. The book’s title is *The Grammar of Politics: Wittgenstein and Political Philosophy*. Jonathan also won a doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and a Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the U of M’s Graduate School for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Timothy Hellwig is this year’s recipient of the Robert and Shirley Holt Discovery Fellowship in Political Science. Tim also received a \$9,300 grant from the National Science Foundation for his project, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Globalization and Representation in Developed Democracies.” Professors John Freeman and Phil Shively are Tim’s advisers.

Tuba Inal is a recipient of a 2003 Doctoral Research Fellowship from the MacArthur Program. The MacArthur Program is an interdisciplinary program that promotes graduate study and research on issues of peace, global change, social power, and justice. Fellowships are awarded to first-year doctoral graduate students enrolled in the fields of Agriculture, Biological Science, Liberal Arts, Natural Resources, Conservation Biology, and Public Affairs programs at the U of M. Tuition and a stipend are provided for the first and fourth years. Departmental support in the form of assistantships is provided for the second and third years.

Melinda Jackson was asked to join the Junior Scholars Committee of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP). She and another political science graduate student, **Monica Schneider**, are coordinating a workshop titled, “Advice for Junior Scholars on the Publishing Process” at the ISPP conference in Boston in July. Melinda also will be presenting a paper titled, “Manipulating Political Identity in a Campaign Context” at the conference.

Wanjiru Kamau received both the MacArthur dissertation fellowship and the Graduate Research Partnership Program (GRPP) fellowship this year. GRPP is designed to encourage and support research partnerships between faculty in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) and students enrolled in graduate programs housed within the college. The program provides a summer research stipend to graduate students to support their professional, scholarly, and creative development while collaborating with CLA faculty on scholarly research and creative activity. GRPP encourages students to be full partners with CLA faculty on projects of common interest that complement rather than duplicate the ongoing work of either partner. Wanjiru’s research project involves gender budget initiatives in Kenya.

Liz Klages has a one-year teaching position next year as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her article on Danish populist political parties will be published in a Danish political science journal, *Politica*, in November.

Alina Oxendine was awarded a 12-month dissertation fellowship for 2003-2004 with a stipend of \$20,000. The fellowship comes from the Rural Poverty Research Institute (RUPRI) which supports an interdisciplinary group of scholars throughout the United States and the United Kingdom who study rural poverty and its causes and effects. This Institute funds two to three dissertation projects each year. The Institute attempts to bring young scholars’ research to the attention of policymakers. As a RUPRI Fellow, Alina has been invited to participate in the Annual Rural Poverty Agenda-Setting Conference this coming December in Washington, D.C. The title of her dissertation project is “Inequality and Isolation: How Economic Stratification Harms Social Capital.”

Kasia Polanska submitted a written report and made an oral presentation in May on the status of women in Brazil at a session of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). CESCR is one of six human rights committees at the U.N. in Geneva, Switzerland. The summary of her presentation was included in an official press release. Kasia previously submitted and presented reports to CESCR and to other U.N. human rights committees on women's human rights in Argentina, Croatia, Guyana, Iraq, Jordan, Malta, Mexico, and Portugal. In the past several years, she has done on-site research on women in Armenia, Bulgaria, Cuba, Georgia, Honduras, and Lebanon. At the invitation of the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Kasia delivered a lecture in March about her work with the U.N. human rights treaties and women's issues titled, "Engendering Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Women and the United Nations Human Rights System." Her presentation was part of the Women's Human Rights Speaker Series at the Briggs and Morgan law firm in Minneapolis.

Emanuele Saccarelli received a 2003-2004 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship from the U of M's Graduate School. This fellowship program gives outstanding final-year Ph.D. candidates who are making timely progress toward their degree an opportunity to complete the dissertation within the upcoming academic year by devoting full-time effort to the research and writing of the dissertation. Candidates must be nominated by their graduate program's Director of Graduate Studies to an all-University competition. Recipients of the fellowship receive a stipend for the academic year plus full tuition benefits.

Latha Varadarajan won a one-semester Humanities Fellowship for 2003-2004. The Humanities Fellowship is designed to allow advanced graduate students in the final stage of their degree program to devote additional time to their current research project by providing one semester of fellowship support. The goal of these fellowships is to encourage interdisciplinary research and artistic creation on topics of significant importance in the arts, humanities, and related social sciences. Fellowships are awarded to individuals whose research project or creative activity contributes to a new understanding of significant issues in the arts, humanities, and related social sciences. Preference is given to those research projects or creative activities that contribute to the work of existing Humanities Institute research groups or that promote the mission of the Humanities Institute. It is anticipated that Graduate Fellows will participate in activities of the Humanities Institute during their fellowship year. Fellows are invited to give a public presentation of their current research or creative activity at one of the Humanities Institute's regularly scheduled Humanities Research Roundtables.

Justin Wedeking and co-author John W. Winkle wrote an article to be published in the journal *Judicature* titled, "Perceptions of Gender Fairness and Unfairness in Mississippi Courts." In April, Justin received an award for a paper he presented at a conference in 2002. The Pi Sigma Alpha Award recognizes the best paper presented at the previous meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association. Justin and co-author, Harvey D. Palmer of the University of Mississippi, received this award for their paper titled, "Understanding Temporal Trends in Party Affect: Negativity versus Neutrality."



Welcome

*to our newest
graduate students!*

**This year's entering
class of Ph.D.
candidates includes:**

*Dana Adams
Furman University*

*Arjun Chowdhury
Vassar College*

*Pakou Chee Hang
Yale University*

*Henriet Hendriks
University of Amsterdam*

*Serena Laws
Amherst College*

*Isra Muzaffar
Macalester College*

*Jennifer Rutledge
University of Wisconsin*

*Rong Wang
Peking University*

Political Psychology Graduate Students' Recent Publications & Conference Presentations

Publications

Congratulations to political science graduate students **Melinda Jackson, Alina Oxendine, Monica Schneider, and Angela Bos** for their forthcoming co-authored articles.

Lawrence Jacobs and **Melinda Jackson** (forthcoming):
"Presidential Leadership and the Threat to Popular
Sovereignty" in *Polls and Politics: The Dilemmas of
Democracy*, Michael Genovese and Matthew Streb (Eds.).
SUNY Press.

A. H. Eagly, A. B. Diekman, **Monica Schneider**, and P. Kulesa
(forthcoming):
"Experimental Tests of an Attitudinal Theory of the Gender
Gap in Voting" in *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Alina Oxendine, Eugene Borgida, John L. Sullivan, and
Melinda Jackson (forthcoming):
"The Importance of Trust and Community in Developing and
Maintaining a Community Electronic Network" in
International Journal of Human-Computer Studies.

Eric Riedel, Amy Gangl, **Alina Oxendine, Melinda Jackson,**
John L. Sullivan, Eugene Borgida (forthcoming):
"The Role of the Internet in National and Local News Media
Use" in *Journal of On-line Behavior*.

Ian Williamson, Marti Hope Gonzales, Patricia G. Avery, John
L. Sullivan, Eric Reidel, and **Angela Bos** (forthcoming):
"Collectivistic Values and Individualistic Language as
Predictors of Endorsement of Citizenship Activities Among
High School Students" in *Theory and Research in Social
Education*.

Conference Presentations

Congratulations to graduate students **Angela Bos, Justin Holmes, Melinda Jackson, Alina Oxendine, Michael Parkin, Monica Schneider, and Bas Van Doorn** who presented papers at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago or the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Boston.

Angela Bos and Paula L. O'Loughlin presented "Is Feminist a Dirty Word? Candidate Evaluations and Priming" at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Boston in July.

James Druckman and **Justin Holmes** presented "Does Presidential Rhetoric Matter?: Priming and Presidential Approval" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in April.

James Druckman and **Justin Holmes** presented "The Politics of Presidential Approval: The State of the Union and Priming" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in April.

Melinda Jackson presented "Manipulating Political Identity in a Campaign Context" at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Boston in July.

Alina Oxendine presented "Cultural Roots of Social Capital in the United States: An Exploration of Regional Differences" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in April.

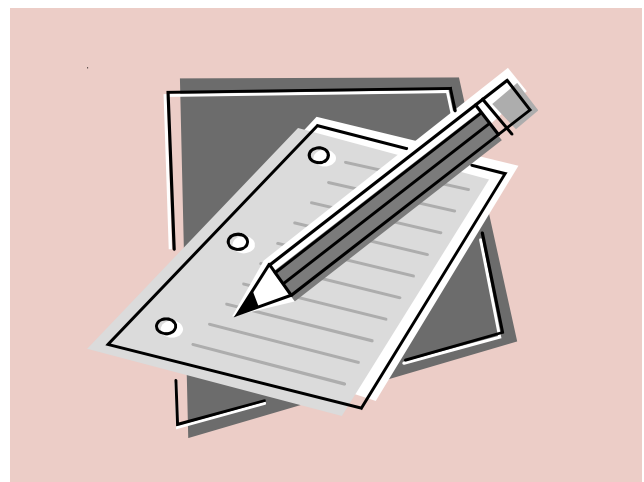
Michael Parkin, Angela Bos, and Bas Van Doorn presented their paper, "Laughing, Learning and Liking: The Effect of Entertainment-Based Television on American Politics," at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago last April.

Michael Parkin and Monica Schneider presented "Conditioning the Cost of Political Indiscretions: How Gender Stereotypes Affect the Public's Reaction to Scandal" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in April.

Michael Parkin, Angela Bos, and Bas Van Doorn presented "Evaluating the Impact of Entertainment-Based Television on Politics" at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Boston in July.

Michael Parkin and Monica Schneider presented "Perceptions of Scandal: How Gender Stereotypes Condition the Costs of Indiscretion" at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Boston in July.

Bas Van Doorn and Angela Bos presented "Context or Content? The Effects of Media Presentation of Campaigns on the Perception of Advertisement Tone" at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in Boston in July.



News from the Faculty

Professor Lisa Disch Receives Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education

Since 1965, the Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education have recognized excellence in contributing directly and indirectly to students' learning through teaching, research, and creative activities; advising; academic program development; and educational leadership. Congratulations to political science professor **Lisa**

Disch who is one of eight recipients of this year's prestigious teaching and mentoring awards.

Professor Dan Kelliher who compiled the dossier for Professor Disch's nomination received many letters going back ten years from current and former undergraduates. Her students wrote affectionately about their experiences with Professor Disch in the classroom as well as their interactions with her outside of class. In an introductory political theory course, one student remembers feeling "as though Professor Disch were inviting each of us to a personal roundtable discussion with the great writers and political theorists."



Her recent research on third-party politics produced a book, *The Tyranny of the Two-Party System*, and led her to redesign her *Democracy and Citizenship* course to include material on political parties, campaign finance, and alternative methods of voting. One student in this course wrote, "My experience in Professor Disch's *Democracy and Citizenship* course was extraordinary....It is the most interesting and engaging course I have taken in my four years at the University."

After the election of third-party gubernatorial candidate, Jesse Ventura, Professor Disch says she "began practicing political theory in public."

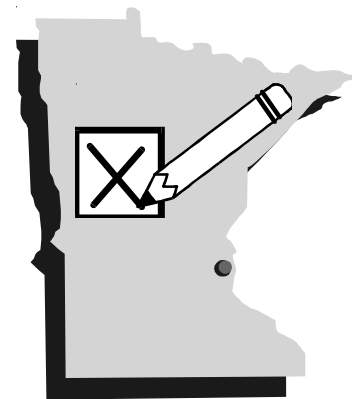
She writes more extensively for popular publications and gives interviews for locally produced segments of Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and occasionally appears on the "Midmorning" and "Midday" call-in shows.

Professor Disch is the ninth professor in the Department of Political Science to receive this teaching award.

Congratulations, Lisa!

"I design my courses to authorize students to read, to argue with, and to take pleasure in works of political theory. I solicit students to join me in what I wonder about."

Department Faculty and Former Students Publish Study of 2002 Elections in Minnesota



In the last alumni newsletter we reported that **Professors William Flanigan** and **Joanne Miller**; Jenny Williams, undergraduate major in political science and now a graduate student in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication; and Professor Nancy Zingale of the University of St. Thomas and a Minnesota Ph.D. in political science, were engaged in a study of the Minnesota Senate race and the 2nd Congressional District race. Their initial report on Minnesota is part of a book, *The Last Hurrah*, edited by David B. Magleby and J. Quin Monson. Chapter 4 includes the report on the Minnesota races. The book is available on the internet at <http://cid.byu.edu/magleby/content.jsp>.

Close to one hundred alumni of the Political Science Department responded to a request to assist in a study of the 2002 elections in Minnesota. These alumni sent copies of campaign literature they received to the research team and kept logs of campaign related telephone calls and e-mails. This activity was part of a larger study on campaign finance and expenditures headed by the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy.

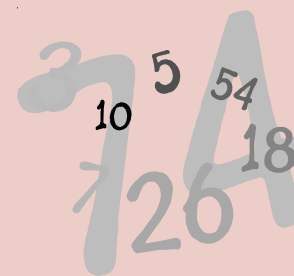
Kali Frederick, a graduating senior in political science, was responsible for handling the campaign literature which was coded for content and other characteristics in a data archive at the Center. Three undergraduates, Haley Gilman, Shawn Niehaus, and Abby Pontzer, collected data on the advertising campaigns in the broadcast media.

The authors would like to thank the alumni for their willingness to contribute to the project's success.

Political Methodology Meeting July 17-19, 2003

Over 60 faculty participants and 30 graduate students from across the country will attend this three-day methodology conference. For a complete listing of presentations, conference speakers, and attendees, visit www.polisci.umn.edu/conferences/methods2003/.

This conference is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the University of Minnesota (including the Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Graduate School), and the Political Methodology Section of the American Political Science Association. Political science professors John Freeman and Samantha Luks are the local organizers of this event.



Professor Charles Backstrom Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science

It is with reverence and affection that one of Charles Backstrom's former students, Leonard Robins, decided to create the Charles Backstrom Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science which will assist students with tuition, fees, and books. Leonard created this fund to honor his former teacher and mentor because, as he explains, "The most important influence upon me as a graduate student, and for the last 30 years my closest intellectual colleague and best friend, has been Charles Backstrom."

Many people have fond memories of Charles and of his contributions to their educational enrichment as well as his contributions to Minnesota politics. A note in the May issue of *Politics in Minnesota* credits Charles' contributions to polling:



Emeritus Professor Charles Backstrom, Elizabeth Dunbar (the first scholarship recipient), and Leonard Robins.

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Brian Backstrom

"Anybody in Minnesota politics who wanted to do polling, understand polling or interpret polling, always started by talking with Charlie Backstrom. For more than 40 years, we have found little pearls of wisdom hidden down in the data one could only find in a Backstrom poll."

In celebration of the creation of this new scholarship, the College of Liberal Arts hosted a luncheon in Professor Backstrom's honor in the A. I. Johnson Room at the Alumni Gateway Center. In attendance were Elizabeth Dunbar, the first recipient of the Backstrom Scholarship; Leonard Robins; and many family members, friends, former students, faculty, and staff. Speakers at the luncheon included Professor John Freeman, Chair of the Department of Political Science



Pictured above are Charles and his wife, Barbara, their two daughters, Anne Brown and Claudia Hornibrook, and son, Brian Backstrom. The Backstrom's also have a son, Paul, who lives in Kirkland, Washington.

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Regents Professor Emeritus John Turner Receives Outstanding Achievement Award

Regents Professor Emeritus John Turner received the Outstanding Achievement Award, an award conferred on former students of the University, who have attained unusual distinction in their chosen fields or professions or in public service, and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership on a community, state, national, or international level. The award was presented to Professor Turner in April by Professor John Freeman, Chair of the Department of Political Science; Regent William Hogan; Emeritus Professor Robert Holt, Political Science; and Provost Christine Maziar at the home of University President Robert Bruininks.



Professor Turner received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1950. During his academic career, he received the Horace T. Morse-Amoco Teaching Award for Undergraduate Education and holds the distinguished title of Regents Professor. Professor Turner authored, co-authored, or edited eight books as well as numerous articles. He served on the University Senate for many years and chaired the University Honors Committee. Professor Turner was instrumental in creating the International Studies Association (ISA) which is a scholarly association for academics. In addition to his many contributions to the academic community, Professor Turner was a consultant to the government of Taiwan; a member of the Review Panel on Research Projects for the U.S. Department of Education; Chair of the Select Committee of the Office of Naval Research; a member of the Board of Trustees at his alma mater, Yankton College; a member of the Governor's Commission on Trade; and a member of the Board of Contributing Editors for the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*. *Congratulations, John!*

2003 John E. Turner Award

The John E. Turner Award was created to recognize the best undergraduate honors thesis in the College of Liberal Arts. Established through contributions from colleagues, friends, and former students, the award honors Regents Professor Emeritus John E. Turner for his commitment to students and academic excellence. This year's John Turner Award recipient is **Marianna Quenemoen** whose thesis titled, "In Search of 'Dai Identity' in Xishuangbanna, China" earned her this most prestigious honor. Marianna graduated summa cum laude in December 2002 with a bachelor of arts degree and an individually designed interdepartmental major in Global Politics and Culture. Marianna is described by her three faculty advisers as "truly a natural at fieldwork," as evidenced by her "remarkable interviews and her pure observation," and "a beautifully lucid writer. Her sentences are models of simplicity, elegance, and clarity." Throughout the process of researching and writing this outstanding thesis, Marianna received advice and guidance from Professors Raymond Duvall and Daniel Kelliher (Political Science) and Professor Jean Langford (Anthropology). *Congratulations, Marianna!*

Faculty & Staff Updates

Jude Hays (Ph.D. 2000) and Hans Nesseth (Ph.D. 2001) are publishing a paper this summer in *International Studies Quarterly*. "Exchange Rate Volatility and Democratization in Emerging Market Countries" is the title of their piece. Their co-author is **Professor John Freeman**. Jude is currently an assistant professor at the University of Michigan. Hans is employed by Cargill, Inc.

Professor Lawrence Jacobs served on the research team that evaluated the attitudes of American leaders, as well as citizens, in the United States and Europe toward American foreign policy. Their team's monographs generated hundreds of news stories in the American and European press (including a number of stories in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and other leading news outlets) and influenced the Bush administration's initial engagement with the United Nations in 2002. Professor Jacobs' publications include a co-authored article on a new approach to governing genetically modified foods that brings together leaders in business, public interest groups, and scientists. The article appeared in the June issue of *Nature Biotechnology*. Oxford Press will publish a volume that Professor Jacobs is co-editing entitled *Healthy, Wealthy, and Fair*. It brings together political scientists, sociologists, economists, and epidemiologists to explain how politics contribute to the striking disparities among Americans of different economic backgrounds. Professor Jacobs is also the chair of the Task Force on Inequality and American Democracy. The purpose of the Task Force is to link existing political science research to broader public discussions about the connections between changing patterns of inequalities, democratic participation and governance, and public policy.

Professor Timothy Johnson's article titled, "The Supreme Court, the Solicitor General, and the Separation of Powers," will be published in *American Politics Research* (formerly *American Politics Quarterly*). He and co-author Valerie Hoekstra also wrote an article titled, "Delaying Justice: The Supreme Court's Decision to Hear Rearguments" which will be published this September in *Political Research Quarterly*.

Professor Colin Kahl's article titled, "Demographic Change, Natural Resources and Violence: The Current Debate" was published in the *Journal of International Affairs* (Fall 2002). Professor Kahl is also a consultant for the U.S. government Task Force on State Failure.

Visiting Professor Rainer Praetorius has returned to the Universitaet der Bundeswehr Hamburg. Spring semester of 2003 was the fourth time he has taught as a Visiting Professor at the University of Minnesota. While his course was on policing democratic societies, he also finished a book manuscript on religion and politics in the U.S., to be published (in German) by Beck-Verlag Munich this fall. If you travel through Hamburg or northern Germany, he invites you to give him a call : ++40/ 6541 2788; rainer.praetorius@unibw-hamburg.de.

Professor Diana Richards will be working with global studies major, Courtney Halverson, on a project entitled, "Shared Knowledge and Strategic Coordination in Electoral Systems." Courtney was awarded an Undergraduate Research Opportunity (UROP) grant to work on this project.





Professor David Samuels

received tenure and was promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Political Science. His new book, *Ambition, Federalism, and Legislative Politics in Brazil*, was recently published by Cambridge University Press.

“Ambition theory suggests that scholars can understand a good deal about politics by exploring politicians’ career goals. In the U.S., an enormous literature explains congressional politics by

assuming that politicians primarily desire to win reelection. In contrast, although Brazil’s institutions appear to encourage incumbency, politicians do not seek to build a career within the legislature. Instead, political ambition focuses on the subnational level. Even while serving in the legislature, Brazilian legislators act strategically to further their future extra-legislative careers by serving as ‘ambassadors’ of subnational governments. Brazil’s federal institutions also affect politicians’ electoral prospects and career goals, heightening the importance of subnational interests in the lower chamber of the national legislature. Together, ambition and federalism help explain important dynamics of executive-legislative relations in Brazil. This book’s rational-choice institutionalist perspective contributes to the literature on the importance of federalism and subnational politics to understanding national-level politics around the world.”

Professor Bill Scheuerman was a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Human Values at Princeton University in 2002-2003. His article, “Speed, States, and Social Theory: A Response to Hartmut Rosa,” was published in *Constellations*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (March 2003), pp. 42-8. “Critical Theory and the Challenge of Ethical Pluralism” appeared in Richard Madsen’s and Tracy Strong’s *The Many and the One: Religious and Secular Perspectives on Ethical Pluralism in the Modern World* (Princeton UP, 2003), pp. 311-35. Professor Scheuerman also has a forthcoming review of the Jacobson, Schlink, edition of *Weimar: A Jurisprudence of Crisis*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (forthcoming, 2003). He is the Book Review Editor for *Constellations* as well as a member of the Editorial Council.

Professor Dara Strolovich

finished her dissertation and received her Ph.D. in December 2002 from Yale University. She received a grant to attend the January 2003 Institute on Qualitative Research Methods. The Institute was hosted by Arizona State University, and sponsored by the Inter-University Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods. Professor Strolovich helped organize and facilitate a 2003 Summer Institute on “Gender, Migration, and Global Change: Feminist Perspectives on the Political and Cultural Economy of Immigration.” The Institute was hosted by the University of Minnesota’s Center for Advanced Feminist Studies. In September 2003, she will present a paper, “Advocacy at the Intersections: Women’s, Racial Minority, and Economic Justice Interest Groups and the Politics of Representation,” at the Colorlines Conference, hosted by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University. She has an article, “Politics and Political Process,” forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of Poverty and Social Welfare* (edited by Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O’Connor, ABC-Clio Publishers). In 2003-04, Professor Strolovich will be on leave in Washington, D.C., as a Fellow at Georgetown University’s new Center for Democracy and the Third Sector.



**Judith
Mitchell,**
*Best
DGS
Assistant!*

The “Best DGS Assistant” Award for 2003 was awarded to **Judith Mitchell**, Student Support Services Assistant in Political Science, for her work with graduate students.

The Graduate School announced a new award program to recognize and reward outstanding Director of Graduate Studies’ (DGS) assistants. Each graduate program has a faculty DGS whose office is responsible for coordinating all graduate student activities in the program: recruitment, admissions, financial aid, degree progress tracking, and fellowship nominations. The DGS’s office, staffed by the DGS assistant, becomes the center of activity for most communication between the students and the Graduate School. Many DGS assistants are often the graduate students’ first line of contact in dealing with milestone events; therefore, the day-to-day smooth functioning of the office, and the quality of the assistance given to a program’s students, depends greatly on the organizational and communication skills of the DGS assistant.

Recipients of this award are selected based upon their unique contributions, special skills, and organizational accomplishments. Winners are chosen by a committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School. Selection is based on the effectiveness of the nominee’s organizational and communication skills, the quality of support to graduate students, and the extent to which students have benefited from the DGS assistant’s work. Up to four awards will be made annually across the University. Each recipient receives an honorarium of \$1,000 and a special certificate. *Congratulations, Judith!*

**Jane Anderson
Receives John Tate
Advising Award**

Jane Anderson, Social Sciences Student Community Coordinator, has been an adviser in the College of Liberal Arts since 1981. For over 20 years, Jane and her staff have provided academic advising to thousands of political science and social science majors.

For her dedication to advising and to students, Jane was selected as one of the recipients of the 2003 John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising. This University-wide award recognizes sustained and substantial contributions to undergraduate education through commitment to academic advising. Many political science alumni remember Jane fondly for all of the assistance she provided in not only helping them achieve their own academic pursuits but also for her kind and caring personality. Jane’s advisees describe her as providing “thoughtful and caring advice” and being “positive, genuine, and always there when you need her.” One student wrote that Jane has a “remarkable ability to reach out to students, to provide support and guidance.” Another student said, “You made a real difference in my academic life as well as making my everyday life better.”

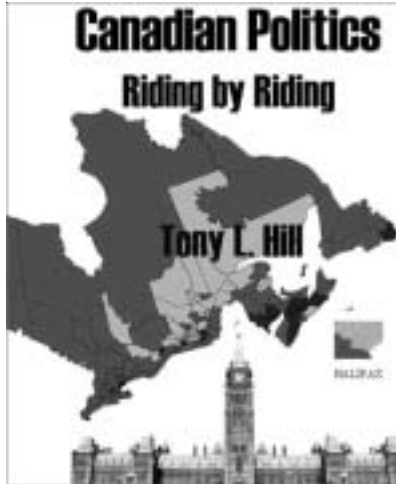
Jane and three other recipients were honored at an award ceremony on April 25 at Coffman Memorial Union.

Congratulations, Jane!

News from Our Alumni!

Class of 2003

Christopher Anderson's (Ph.D.) dissertation titled, "The Rhetoric of Republican Education and the Teaching of Politics in American Schools, 1776-1860" won the Best Dissertation Award from the Association for Moral Education.



A book by recent graduate **Tony L. Hill** (B.A. 1991, M.A. 2003) titled, *Canadian Politics Riding by Riding: An In-Depth Analysis of Canada's 301 Federal Electoral Districts* was recently published by Prospect Park Press. More information about Tony's book, his background, and his

interest in Canadian politics can be found on Prospect Park Press's web site at www.canpolitics.com. Tony is presenting three papers this year: "Discovering Racism in Election Results: Methodology and Case Study, Minneapolis 1997" at the Midwest Political Science Association; "The Ternary Map: A Methodology for Mapping Three-Way Elections" at the Canadian Political Science Association; and "A Simulation of Proportional Representation and Instant Runoff Voting in the 1993, 1997, and 2000 Canadian General Elections" at the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.

Jamie Kreuser (B.A.) works for the law firm of Brownson and Ballou, PLLP in downtown Minneapolis. Jamie says, "It's a great firm. The attorneys are supportive of my own plans for law school and I'm learning so much." She anticipates enrolling in law school in fall 2004. Jamie may also take some additional classes at the U this coming year in order to complete a second major in history.

Deborah Muehlbauer (B.A.) was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa on Saturday, May 17. Deborah will be teaching tennis this summer for the Golden Valley Park and Recreation Department. In August, Deborah will matriculate at the U of M Law School.

Meghana Nayak, (Ph.D.) completed her dissertation, "The Politics of Gender Violence: Remaking Indian Democracy," and recently accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in International Relations at Pace University in New York. She has a forthcoming article to be published in *Women and Politics* (25:3) titled, "The Struggle over Gendered Meanings: How Indian Women's Networks, Hindu Nationalists, and Transnational Feminists Address Gender Violence."

*More
updates
from the
Class of 2003...*



David Simon (B.A.), a Truman Scholarship winner and the second U of M student in recent years to receive a Rhodes Scholarship graduated in May. Immediately after graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C. to intern at the Pentagon for the Eurasia Desk in the Policy Division of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His work will concern U.S.—Russian relations and security arrangements in the Caspian region. As part of the Truman Scholarship Summer Institute in D.C., David will attend seminars at the Brookings Institute, meet Supreme Court Justices, and take a seminar with former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. After an exciting summer in D.C., he will depart for England in late September to begin his two to three years of graduate study at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. At Oxford, David will read for a masters (and hopefully a doctorate) in international relations. He plans to take full advantage of his time in Europe by visiting friends living abroad. So far, David's travels have taken him to exciting destinations, such as Montpelier, Brussels, Casablanca, Moscow, Bangkok, Shanghai, and Tokyo.

Christopher Weber (B.A.) plans to attend State University of New York—Stony Brook in the fall and pursue a Ph.D. in political science. Chris will concentrate his studies on intergroup relations and political psychology.

Jessica Zupfer (B.A.) graduated in May and is interning with Dakota County Community Corrections for the summer. After that, she plans to work in the field of corrections and may investigate becoming a police officer. Jessica says her "time at the University of Minnesota was one of the best times of my life. I will cherish my education and may it allow me to go on to do great things."

Class of 2002

W. Brandon Lacy Campos (B.A.) received his copy of the *Poli Sci Connection* and he thinks it's wonderful. In the last year, Brandon has been appointed a member of the Human Rights Action Council of Amnesty International USA OUTFront Program as well as the chairperson of the United States Lavender Greens. He is finishing his third year as Director of Finance on the Board of Directors of YouthAction, a national nonprofit that provides technical assistance to youth organizations that serve low-income youth, LGBT youth, and youth of color across the Southeast and Southwest of the United States. Brandon also began publishing an electronic magazine, *Brown Tones*, that has received wide acclaim for its first three issues.

Carrie Cihasky (B.A.) is pleased to have been accepted into the graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She begins her coursework in the fall and is looking forward to going back to what she really wants to do. Carrie lives in St. Francis, a suburb of Milwaukee, and works for the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce (where she still gets her "fix" of politics!) and continues with her asthma volunteer work. Carrie has written a children's book that will be published this summer.

Erin Ische (B.A.) graduated in December 2002. In January 2003, she started working as an intern for U.S. Representative Jim Ramstad's district office. In the fall she will be attending law school, most likely, William Mitchell College of Law. Erin's summer plans are to work as a research assistant for the University of Minnesota's Mechanical Engineering Department, a position she held during her undergraduate studies. Erin's internship ended May 30 and law school orientation begins August 18. Erin plans to enjoy her abbreviated summer as much as possible.

Class of 2001

Kjersten Nelson (B.A.) and political science professor James Druckman co-authored an article titled, "Framing and Deliberation: How Citizens' Conversations Limit Elite Influence." Their article will be published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, and it is based, in part, on Kjersten's summa cum laude honors thesis. Kjersten is starting a master's program at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University this fall.

Class of 1999

Summer Pitlick (B.A.) lives in Washington, D.C. Up until last November she worked as the Executive Assistant for Congressman John Thune of South Dakota. Shortly after completing her work for the congressman, Summer was appointed to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation's Office of External Affairs. Her official title is Confidential Assistant to the Vice President. Summer is applying to law school and hopes to enroll in a part-time J.D. program in the D.C. area next year.

Class of 1997

Tim Pomaville (B.A.) CPA, has been accepted to the Managers Program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management to pursue his MBA. He started the program in January 2003. While attending class, Tim will continue to work selling commercial real estate for Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., in Chicago. He would love to hear from fellow classmates or others in the Chicagoland Area: 312-228-2516 (work) or tim.pomaville@am.joneslanglasalle.com.

Class of 1988

Chad Baruch (B.A.) received his J.D. from the U of M in 1991. He is a government teacher and boys' basketball coach at Yavneh Academy of Dallas, an orthodox Jewish college prep school. Chad's most recent article, "In the Name of the Father: A Critique of Reliance on Jewish Law to Support Capital Punishment," was just published. Last year, he was recognized as one of the outstanding teachers in Texas by the Texas Association of Accredited Private Schools and his basketball team was ranked as high as No. 6 in Texas last season.

Alumni Discounts on Career Services and Continuing Education Courses

In response to alumni interest in lifelong learning, the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) and College of Continuing Education (CCE) recently partnered to offer UMAA members discounts on career services and continuing education courses.

Members now receive \$100 discounts on the College of Continuing Education's professional development business courses; 30 percent discounts on its Career & Lifework Center job transition workshops and individual career consultations; and varying discounts on enrichment programs, such as Compleat Scholar courses, U of M Elderhostel learning vacations, Great Conversations events, and the Split Rock Arts Program's week-long summer retreats.

For more information about specific discounts visit www.alumni.umn.edu/ccesavings.

Class of 1978

Christopher J. Manahan, S.J., was ordained a priest on June 6, 2003, at the Church of St. Luke in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, Roman Catholic archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, presided. Fr. Manahan is a member of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, which has more than 20,000 priests and brothers worldwide.

Fr. Manahan, 46, received his bachelor's degree in journalism and political science in 1978 from the University of Minnesota, where he was a staff writer for the *Minnesota Daily*. He worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in Albert Lea, Minnesota, from 1978 to 1982, and at *The Gazette* in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 1982 to 1991. He joined the Jesuits in 1993, after earning a teaching degree in social studies from the University of Northern Iowa.

As a Jesuit, he studied philosophy and received a master's degree in American Studies at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri; taught high school civics and geography at Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota from 1998-2000; and for the past three years studied at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, where he received a master of divinity degree. He was deacon this past year at Sacred Heart Parish in Oakland, California. Fr. Manahan will work in Jesuit parishes on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.



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and Dennis Goldenson (Ph.D. 1975), Senior Member of the Technical Staff at Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute; Ted Kolderie, former senior fellow at the U of M Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs and former Executive Director of the Twin Cities Citizens League; and Brian Backstrom, Charles' son. Each speaker shared some serious and some lighthearted reflections on Charles' life and his contributions to family, the University, and the community.

Brian Backstrom recounted how his father was a stickler for giving you no more than what you earned. "One evening dad told us of one student who earned and was given a B, and how she stormed into his office shrieking, 'I am NOT a B student!' My little sister casually asked dad, 'Well, did you tell her, you are now?'"

Brian spoke of his father as the eternal educator, a father who constantly encouraged his children to ask questions, take risks, and strive for excellence in order to become better students, parents, professionals, and people. Brian quoted Mark Twain as saying, "Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education." He concluded by adding, "Thank you to the University, to Professor Robins, and to my dad, for helping convert a now larger part of this world into far more regal vegetables."

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