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*A Unique Opportunity to Live and Work in the Nation's Capital*

Spring Semester 2004

## MSU Students In Washington again this Spring

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Twenty-one Michigan State students are in Washington, D.C. this Spring Semester as part of MSU's DC Program and will benefit from an exceptional opportunity to live and work in our nation's capital. Students engage in an internship with governmental agencies, non-profit organizations or corporations. They learn firsthand the kinds of knowledge, skills and experiences they will need to successfully move from MSU into their careers or graduate study.



Spring 2004 Semester DC Study Students visit the Roosevelt Memorial

#### COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Kimberly Borowicz, IDS: Public Policy  
Julie Knasel, IDS: Community Relations  
Sarah Meyer, IDS: International Studies  
Alecia Middleton, Psychology  
Matthew Powondra, IDS: Health Studies  
Kaori Takayanagi, IDS: International Studies  
Jake Zimmerman, IDS: Public Policy

#### THE ELI BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Justin Fischer, Finance  
Lindsay Seelhoff, Business Admin./Pre-Law  
Youngbok Yoon, Supply Chain Management

#### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mema Beye, Food Industry Management  
Mallory Koglin, Agribusiness Management

#### COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION ARTS & SCIENCES

Lisa Lerwick, Communication  
Shannon O'Brien, Communication  
Colleen Ryan, Communication  
Hilary Smith, Communication  
Shawn Smith, Journalism

#### JAMES MADISON COLLEGE

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## Special Thanks goes out to our DC Study Internship Sponsors

We have a dynamic group of MSU students in DC this semester. In addition to their Professional Development and Public Policy seminars, as well as their research project, the Spring DC students will also be engaged in a variety of exciting internships. Internships this spring include National Council on Disability, The White House, National Organization for Women, National Organization for Fetal

Alcohol Syndrome, GMMB Communications, Talk Radio News Service, My Sister's Place, Amnesty International, Governor Jennifer Granholm's Washington Office, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Association of American Geographers, Visions in Action, The Hill newsletter, National Partnership for Women and Families, Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, office of Senator Carl Levin, office of Representative Mike Rogers, office of Representative Nick Smith. One of our DC students will continue his efforts on behalf of The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa (one of MSU's ongoing interests).

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## First A.J. Harris II Scholarship Given to DC Study Participant

**Sarah Meyer** was selected to receive one of the first **A.J. Harris II Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (IDS) Field Experience Scholarships**. This award recognizes capable and deserving IDS students who are embarking upon a for-credit fieldwork experience. Sarah's internship with the Association of American Geographers (AAG) offers an opportunity to incorporate the fields of education and geography combined with an opportunity to enhance her writing skills. We thank Mr. Harris for this strong support on behalf of MSU DC Study. Following orientation activities, Sarah and DC Study coordinator Nona Anderson had an opportunity to meet and talk with Mr. Harris about Sarah's plans for her DC Semester.

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## Internship Opportunity with American Association of Geographers

MSU DC Study student **Sarah Meyer** is the first MSU Geography major or Interdisciplinary Social Science major to be selected for an internship with the American Association of Geographers (AAG). **Douglas Richardson**, AAG Executive Director, earned his Ph.D. in Geography from Michigan State and was instrumental in the establishment of an AAG internship opportunity for MSU students.

Dr. Richardson notes AAG interns will have an opportunity to explore their interests as undergraduates in a variety of AAG activities, while sharpening their writing and communication skills. This internship is also designed to assist MSU Geography or IDS students with the additional costs of living in DC for a semester.

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## New Scholarships Assist DC Study Students

Congratulations to **Lisa Lerwick**, who has been selected as the first recipient of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences new "MSU DC Study Scholarship". Two new scholarships are now being offered through the MSU College of Social Science and the MSU College of Communication Arts and Sciences, for MSU students who desire to study in DC.



DC Study Participants and Faculty Visit the US Capitol

The new scholarships are designed to assist deserving students with the additional cost of living in DC for a semester. Applying students submit a statement for the selection committee describing why the Washington experience is important, and how the scholarship will assist in making DC Study a reality.

These awards join a growing number of scholarships funded by area alumni and friends. How can you make DC Study possible for a deserving MSU student? Contact MSU DC Program Coordinator Nona Anderson at [nona.anderson@ssc.msu.edu](mailto:nona.anderson@ssc.msu.edu) for information.

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## "Thank You!" to Fall 2003 MSU DC Study Alumni Volunteers

We salute some of the many DC area MSU alumni and friends who volunteered to contribute to the success of Fall Semester's students. **Alison Gould**, a graduate of MSU's DC Program, provided students with the perspective of someone just starting out in her chosen profession. Alison served as an intern with GMMB Communications, one of the highly regarded communications firms in the country, and then returned to GMMB to begin her professional career following graduation. **Vince Frillici** and **Chris Lisi** were another highlight of the semester. Vince, a James Madison alumnus, currently works on political campaigns, while Chris is communications director for a U.S. Senator. Both combined work and internships during their college careers and Vince's MSU internships included stints at The White House and in South Korea. **Linda Blauhut** spoke with students about her work with the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Another MSU grad, Linda also interned in DC and chose to stay in our nation's capital, attending law school at George Washington University.



Several MSU alumni joined students during their first evening in DC. Students and parents appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with area alums during the Welcome



Howard Gobstein, MSU Associate Vice President for Governmental Affairs, welcomes students and guests

Reception. Some of those who joined the MSU students on January 7th included

**Alan Boehm, Judith Murphy, Joe**

**Bauer, Ralph & Lil Smuckler, Bob & Susanne Morris, Kevin Simpson, and John Wulu Jr.**

Students were also pleased to meet and talk with the officers of the MSU DC Area Alumni Chapter: **Stacy Flanagan, Brad Thaler, Kelly Holdcraft, Kevin Bobrowski, Melissa Freeman, Mike Cieslak** and **Richard Hem** invited students to join local alumni during upcoming activities.

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## U.S. House of Representatives Sergeant-at-Arms Hosts Fall 2003 Students

Fall DC students were honored to meet and visit with MSU alumnus Bill Livingood, U.S. House of Representatives Sergeant At Arms. Bill talked about his experiences in Michigan and his distinguished career in public service. Students also learned about his current role, and looked forward to seeing him in the House chamber when he announces “Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States” at the annual State of the Union address. Everyone appreciated the special tour of the U.S. Capitol.

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## We Thank Our “Welcome To DC” Session Leaders

During orientation, MSU DC Study students enjoy a "Welcome to DC" session. The session helps prepare students for their Washington experience, including the course seminars, research project, internship experiences, and career opportunities. **Joe Bauer** and **Barbara Lowrey** reflected on their experience working with interns. Dr. Lowrey counseled students to meet regularly with their internship supervisors. She also described successful intern experiences at the Federal Reserve, and encouraged students to adopt similar traits. Joe Bauer joined Barbara in sharing his DC experience, and encouraged students to take full advantage of their DC semester.



Joe Bauer addresses MSU DC Study Program participants during the "Welcome to DC" session.

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## MSU DC Study 5th Anniversary Celebration

Over 200 past participants will be invited to participate in the MSU DC Study Fifth Anniversary celebration on April 8th. MSU DC Study, along with the MSU Governmental Relations Office in Washington, D.C., is looking forward to a special celebration with current and former program participants, along with those who have contributed to the success of the program over the past five years. DC area alumni and friends are encouraged to join us during this special event. For further information, please contact MSU DC Program Coordinator Nona Anderson, at [nona.anderson@ssc.msu.edu](mailto:nona.anderson@ssc.msu.edu)

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