

# MEETINGHOUSE

*The official newsletter of the department of  
History, Philosophy & Social Sciences*

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## HPSS Reunion Honoring Gregory Miller, Malone University's Fourteenth President

The Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences will be hosting a gathering on Saturday, October 15, during Homecoming Weekend 2022, to honor Dr. Gregory Miller as he is inaugurated as Malone University's 14th president. A native of South Dakota with degrees from Oral Roberts University, University of Tulsa, and Boston University, Dr. Miller taught for several years at Valley Forge Christian College before arriving on Malone's campus in 2000. In addition to teaching history courses for two decades, Dr. Miller has served your alma mater as HPSS department chair, Associate Provost, and Provost before beginning his duties as president of the university on July 1, 2022. An internationally known scholar of Martin Luther studies and a recorded minister in the Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region, Dr. Miller is a frequent speaker at academic conferences and churches. He and his wife, Darla Miller, consider Malone University and Canton their home. We have invited former HPSS professors to return to campus for this celebration. Even if Dr. Miller was never one of your professors, please join us to meet the HPSS current professors, to celebrate the heritage and legacy of the Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, and to congratulate Dr. Miller.

*This issue edited by Mitch Bodager '23*



# Hello SUMMER



## Greetings,

I think I speak for everyone in the department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences when I say that we are pleased that another year is in the books and that summer provides a chance for refreshing.

It was wonderful not only to end this semester with lightened pandemic restrictions, but also to celebrate commencement in-person and indoors this year. There were little ways in which we almost seemed to have forgotten how to do commencement after a couple of years away, but I'm sure the habits will come back to us again in do time.

The biggest news coming from Malone this year is that Dr. Greg Miller has been named as the next president of Malone University. I am sure that our department alumni who had the pleasure of taking classes with Dr. Miller when he was a history professor are not surprised by this news, but perhaps also feel a small taste of bitter sweetness in reflecting that future students will not have the same opportunity to benefit from his teaching. My colleagues and I are excited for Dr. Miller's presidency and know that he will give all his energies to making Malone a faithful, Christ-centered institution each and every day.

Alongside having a former HPSS colleague in the university presidency, we are also in the unique position of combining this with an HPSS student serving as student body president as well. Rebekah Stranger, an Integrated Social Studies/Integrated Language Arts major, was selected by her peers to serve as president for the next year, and so we thought this would be a fitting moment to remember other HPSS students who in past years have also held this position. Perhaps as you read through this edition of the newsletter, you will know some of the names of HPSS alumni who have given of their time to serve the student body.

**Sincerely,**

**Dr. David Beer**



## HPSS STUDENT UPDATE

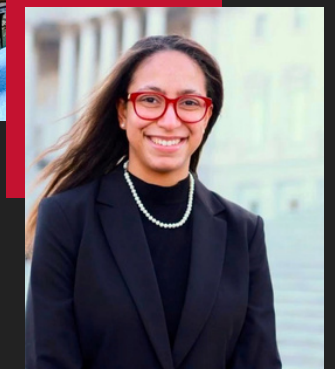


- **Dr. Jay Case's** Senior History Seminar presented their research project on the history of the Christ Presbyterian Church, where President William and Mrs. Ida McKinley were wed, to one of the adult Sunday School classes in January 2022. Participants in the class included **Micah Gregory, Kayley Łucyzwo, Lindsay McMaster, Joshua Reitz, and Emma Tutak.**

- Congratulations to **Rebekah Stranger '23**, Integrated Social Studies major, and **Seneca Ransom '23**, political science minor, on their election as President and Vice President, respectively, of Malone University's Student Senate. **Bekah** was the first four-year renewable Stuckey Memorial Scholarship recipient in 2019. She has been active in Student Senate, served as student director of the Spiritual Formation committee, and is Malone's Honors Program. On March 30, 2022, she presented her honors thesis essay, entitled "Educating a Forgotten Population: Chinese-American Mission Schools and Minority Education," at the Undergraduate Conference on Faith and History at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. **Seneca**, who is majoring in Communication Arts, will begin her second year as a Course Assistant in the College Experience Program. She spent Spring Semester 2022 in the American Studies Program, a CCCU GlobalEd program, in Washington, DC. Seneca served as a legislative intern while in DC this spring and was recently selected for a 2022 summer internship with the Friends Council on National Legislation. Both Bekah and Seneca participated in the CVPA/HPSS DC trip in October 2021.



Left:  
**Bekah  
Stranger '23**  
Below:  
**Seneca  
Ransom '23**



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## HPSS STUDENT UPDATE (CONT.)

- Kudos to **Windy Singo Olanga Oyougou '24**, a political science major and history minor, for winning the 2022 Stark County Bar Association's "Why I want to Be a Lawyer" essay contest. Windy was the 2020 Visio Scholarship winner and the second four-year renewable Stuckey Memorial Scholarship recipient in 2020. **Windy** has been active in the Multicultural Services programs and in Malone theater. She plans to attend law school after graduating. She joined Bekah and Seneca on the CVPA/HPSS DC trip in 2021.



- This year's inductees into the Alpha-Pi-Chi Chapter of Pi Alpha Theta, the national history honors society were sophomores **Benjamin Lansinger '24**, a history major, and **Grace Vogelgesang '24**, a history and English major. Dr. Jacob Blosser, national president of Pi Alpha Theta and professor of history at Texas Woman's University, was on had to officially install the Malone's chapter, two years after it was founded. He was unable to travel to Malone in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. Dr. Blosser, who has become a friend to HPSS faculty and students, warmly welcomed the new and current members of Alpha-Pi-Chi to the national organization. Apple pie ala mode was served to the attendees. (Alpha-Pi/Apple Pie - get it?!)



- For the first time since 2003, political science students were inducted into Alpha Alpha Omicron, the Malone chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honors society. Inducted were **Michael Cook '24**, a Criminal and Restorative Justice major and political science minor, and **Seneca Ransom**

**'24**, a Communication Arts major and political science minor. Dr. David Beer, who is already a member of the Georgetown University chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, and Dr. Jacalynn Stuckey were also inducted into the Malone chapter. Dr. Waalkes was inducted in 2003 as a charter member of Alpha Alpha Omicron.



# Professor John Gabbard is appointed Canton's 17th Police Chief



Congratulations to Adjunct Professor John Gabbard who was appointed the 17th police chief in Canton history, was sworn in by Canton Mayor Thomas Bernabei on April 18, 2022. **Chief Gabbard** teaches the introduction class for criminal and restorative justice and criminal procedure and human dignity.

Chief Gabbard and his wife, Andrea, are parents to six and have one grandchild. Earlier in the month, Professor Gabbard greeted students

students from the Urban and Local Studies in the Canton City Council Chambers. Students learned about law and safety in Canton from Mayor Bernabei, Chief Gabbard, Director of Public Safety Andrea Perry '06, and City Prosecutor Jason Reese.



The Urban and Local Studies students at the Canton City Council Chambers

## YOUNG ALUMNI SUMMER BOOK CLUB



Young alumni and “young-at-heart” alumni are welcome to join us for the tenth annual HPSS Summer Book Club. We meet in June, July, and August at Dr. Waalkes’ or Dr. Stuckey’s backyards. The first book club gathering will be held at 7:00 pm on June 23, 2022, at Dr. Stuckey’s home. We will be reading *The Soul of Desire: Discovering the Neuroscience of Longing, Beauty, and Community* by Malone alumnus Curt Thompson, MD, Class of 1984. For more information, join the private HPSS Alums Book Club Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168172526705542>. If you are not on Facebook, but want to know about the July and August gatherings, email Dr. Waalkes at [swaalkes@malone.edu](mailto:swaalkes@malone.edu) and he will add you to our mailing list. Come for food, fellowship, and good conversation, whether you read the book or not!

Be sure to also check out Dr. Case’s podcast via Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4lhdfqjhc0H5vcV9IpcOQV>

# ALUMNI UPDATE: FORMER SENATE PRESIDENTS

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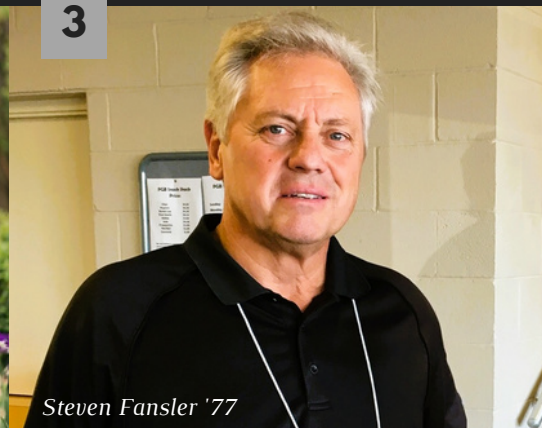
Julianna Smith '08

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Deron Boring '01

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Steven Fansler '77

## 1 JULIANNA SMITH '08

**Julianna Smith '08** was recently appointed as Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana. A former Student Senate President (2007-08), Julianna earned a master's degree in Near East Languages at The Ohio State University, M.Div. from Portland Seminary of George Fox University, and is finishing her Ph.D. from University of California-Los Angeles. Julianna participated in the semester-long Middle East Studies Program (MESP) via the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities during her junior year at Malone and lived for several years in Cairo, Egypt, after graduating from Malone. She has lectured and assisted in teaching courses at UCLA, Portland Seminary, and the American University in Cairo, Egypt. Julianna will soon wed Nathan Widdicombe, a George Fox University graduate.

## 2 DERON BORING '01

**Deron Boring '01**, served as Malone's Student Senate President in 2000-01. After law school, he opened a law practice, Deron M. Boring, Attorney at Law, LLC, in Ravenna, his hometown. Deron has continued to "give back" to Malone, having served as president of the Malone Young Alumni Council from 2006-07 and as president of the Alumni Executive Board from 2018-2020. Deron has also been teaching Business Law and American Constitutional Law at Malone as an adjunct for several years. Deron is married to Constance Brannon Boring, Manager of University Marketing at Malone University.

## 3 STEVEN FANSLER '77

**Steven Fansler '77**, a Social Sciences major with a concentration in political science, was Malone's Student Senate president during the 1976-1977 academic year. Steve has been an attorney in private practice for 42 years, having graduated from the University of Cincinnati Law School in 1980. His practice largely focuses on estate planning and estate work, among other work as well. Since 1985, Steve has been the Chapter 12 Bankruptcy Trustee for the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus Bankruptcy Courts. Chapter 12 is a chapter of the bankruptcy code available only for farmers. As Trustee, he coordinates each bankruptcy filing for farmers in approximately 57 counties of the state, reports back to the court about the appropriateness of the plan of reorganization, and makes recommendations about whether the reorganization plan should be confirmed by the court. An interesting note: Malone President David King and Steve rode the same school bus in elementary school, and both attended West Liberty-Salem School. They have reconnected over the last few years.



# HPSS END-OF-THE-YEAR SENIOR BANQUET AND AWARDS



*From left to right: Departmental Award recipients Bekah Stranger, Kayley Lucywzo, and Lindsay McMaster hold the plaque on which their names are newly listed.*

For the first time since 2019, the HPSS annual banquet was held indoors. Department Chair Beer convened, and Drs. Case and Waalkes presented the annual “Emma Awards.” As always, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022 graduating seniors were presented with Malone University portfolios. And, yes, the portfolios were “autographed” by the HPSS faculty.

In addition to the Emma awards, several other HPSS students were recognized at the banquet including the department’s recipients of **Malone University’s Senior Recognition Award**. The 2022 outstanding HPSS seniors are:

- Criminal and Restorative Justice: Clayton Criss
- History: Lindsay McMaster
- Political Science: Joshua Reitz

HPSS faculty selected the following students of distinction for the annual **Departmental Awards**:

- Contributions to Departmental Life: Kayley Lucywzo
- Participation in the Classroom: Lindsay McMaster
- Scholarship: Rebekah Stranger

All departmental award recipients can be found on the “Departmental Awards” plaque in CC 106.

**Non-renewable James H. Stuckey Memorial Scholarships** were granted to **Samantha “Sammi” Krocker ’23** and **Iszabella Staley ’24**. Their names have been added to the Stuckey Scholarship plaque.

# 2021-2022 Graduates

## December 2021 Graduate



**BRADY MILLER**

*Major: Political Science*

*Congratulations*  
**Class of 2022**



## May 2022 Graduates



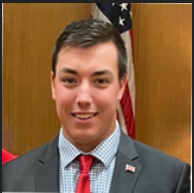
**KELSEY BYERS**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*



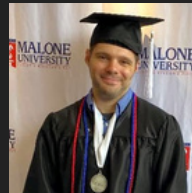
**GAVIN JOHNSON**

*Minor: History*



**CLAYTON CRISS**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*



**ALEXANDER KELLER**

*Major: History*  
*Minor: Political Science*



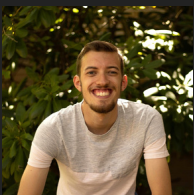
**DEVIN DAVIS-BOONE**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*  
*Minor: Sociology*



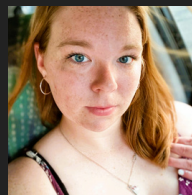
**MADELINE LEE**

*Minor: Criminal & Restorative Justice*



**MAXWELL DIGMAN**

*Minor: Criminal & Restorative Justice*



**SHELBY MCGIRR**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*  
*Minor: Political Science*



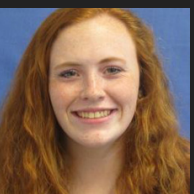
**MORGAN HAYNES**

*Minor: Sociology*



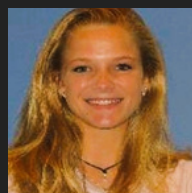
**LINDSAY MCMASTER**

*Major: History*



**TEAGAN HILL**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*



**AMANDA PARKINSON**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*





**JOSHUA REITZ**

*Major: Political Science  
Minor: History*



**BEAU SCHOENEGGE**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice  
Minor: Political Science*



**EMMA TUTAK**

*Major: History*



**MORGAN WILHEML**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*



**OLIVIA WHITAKER**

*Minor: Criminal & Restorative Justice*

**August 2022 Graduate**



**MELIA HARGRAVE**

*Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice*

**HPSS END-OF-THE-YEAR SENIOR BANQUET AND AWARDS (CONT.)**

Renewable James H. Stuckey Memorial Four-Year Scholarships will continue for the past three recipients and an incoming freshman. They are:

- Rebekah Stranger '23
- Windy Singo Olanga Oyougou '24
- Mackenzie Bozman '25
- Caleb Sommers '26

**CURRENT FACULTY & STAFF**

- David Beer // Department Chair, Associate Professor of Political Science
- Jay Case // Professor of History
- Bryson Davis // Instructor of Sociology
- Jacalynn Stuckey '77 // Professor of History
- Scott Waalkes // Professor of International Politics
- Jeff Barnes '09 // Adjunct Professor of History
- John Gabbard // Adjunct Professor of Criminal and Restorative Justice
- Annie St. John '88 // HPSS Administrative Assistant
- Mitchell Bodager '23 // The Meetinghouse Editor





# SPRING 2022 IN PHOTOS