

MEETINGHOUSE

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

Malone Welcomes Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society

On December 31, 2019, the department received news that the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society approved Malone University's application for a local chapter. Alpha-Pi-Chi is the name assigned to the Malone chapter.

Thanks go to Marina Rarick, outgoing president of the Dead Presidents Society, for her efforts throughout her four-year tenure to secure a history honor society chapter for Malone.

The official installation of the chapter, which requires that the national president of Phi Alpha Theta be physically present, was canceled due to the coronavirus.

However, the charter members were inducted into the honor society during an initiation ceremony held via Zoom on April 30, 2020. The national president of Phi Alpha Theta, Dr. Jacob Blosser, Professor of History at Texas Women's University, joined Malone students and faculty remotely for the ceremony.

Charter members of the Alpha-Pi-Chi chapter are: Donald Brown '20, Jeffrey Dieringer '20, Joseph Foos '20, Amanda Klinessmith '21, Christopher Marquart '23, Emma Martinez '21, Jessica Perkins '21, Marina Rarick '20, Jacob Shoup '20, Dr. David Beer, Dr. Jay Case, and Dr. Jacalynn Stuckey '77. Dr. Stuckey serves as faculty advisor for the society.

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Greetings,

On behalf of my History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences colleagues, let me wish you a blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.

This semester has been a challenge for students and faculty in the department – and the university as a whole – as we have continued to adjust to our pandemic restrictions while maintaining Malone’s distinctive educational mission. From the very beginning of the semester we have prepared for the possibility that students might have to be absent from in-person classes for periods of time due to quarantine or that the entire university may have to again transition to fully remote instruction. This preparation was certainly warranted, but it also paid off and represents the value that comes from Malone’s foundational principles, flexibility, and faithfulness. Despite the difficulties of the year, we have accomplished a great deal and I am very proud of our students’ perseverance and our faculty’s dedication.

Alongside our current department faculty, we were blessed this year to have Jeff Barnes, John Gabbard, and Bill Wyse returning to serving our students as adjunct faculty. Jeff Barnes (’09) has been teaching at Malone since 2013 and is the first adjunct faculty member for HPSS to be promoted to Malone’s newly created status of senior adjunct. The senior adjunct status acknowledges the value of retaining the faithful adjunct professors who continually give of their time and talents to serve our students and grants them increased benefits and responsibilities with the university as part of our appreciation for all they do.

One of the important developments of the semester outside of classes has been the implementation of Malone’s new Pendle Hill Pledge. We encourage all our alumni to learn more about the details of our Pendle Hill Pledge, which can briefly be summarized as providing:

- Opportunities for students to seek God’s purposes by discovering who they are called to be
- Mentoring of students by faculty, staff, alumni, and community members
- Hands-on learning through internships, service learning, student research, or off-campus study
- Career preparation activities in our classes

While learning about this new program, we also encourage you to consider adding your financial support to this initiative. Through the leadership of Dr. Scott Waalkes, Malone received a grant for the very beginning of this program and its new activities, but Malone can also receive an additional \$25,000 in grant matching funds if university donors contribute \$25,000 to support the continuing development and expansion of this program. You can find more details about the Pendle Hill Pledge and opportunities to give to the initiative on the university’s website.

In whatever new and different ways you are celebrating the holidays this year, I pray that you will stay safe and healthy having a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Beer

UPDATES FROM THE FACULTY

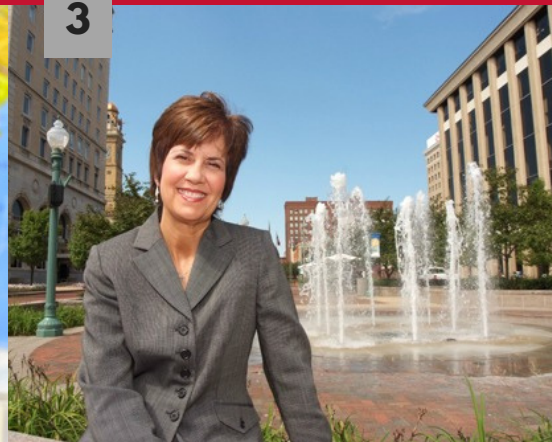
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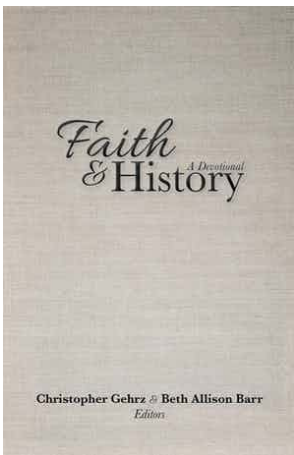
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1 SCOTT WAALKES Professor of International Politics

Dr. Scott Waalkes, Professor of International Politics, was appointed Director of General Education at Malone University in July 2020. He is also the Co-Director of the recently-launched Pendle Hill Pledge initiative, as noted earlier in this newsletter.

2 JAY CASE Professor of History



Dr. Jay Case, Professor of History, was recently published in a book of devotionals written and edited by Christian historians and produced by the Conference of Faith and History. Dr. Case contributed two devotionals to the book, Faith and History: A Devotional, which is available through Baylor University Press.

Pictured left: Faith & History: A Devotional, which features Dr. Case

3 JACCI STUCKEY '77 Professor of History

Dr. Jacci Stuckey was recently awarded a Malone University Faculty Scholars Grant for a project entitled "Urban Renewal or Negro Removal: The Lingering Impact of 1960s Urban Renewal in Canton, Ohio." The funds will support the research activities of her student assistant...

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...Rebekah Stranger '23, for this project. Rebekah is an Integrated Social Studies and Integrated Language Arts double major at Malone University.

IN MEMORIAM: DAVID RAWSON



Left to Right: Teaching at George Fox University (2), State Department photo

The Honorable David P. Rawson '62, who represented the United States as ambassador to Rwanda and Mali, died on September 16 at the age of 79. The son of Quaker medical missionaries in Burundi, Dr. Rawson earned his bachelor's degree from Malone College and his Master's and doctoral degrees from American University. Upon graduating, Dr. Rawson returned to Malone College, where he was a professor for six years and, during the latter part of his tenure here, chaired what is now the Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences before he joined the U. S. State Department.

After his retirement from foreign affairs in 1999, Dr. Rawson served on the Malone Board of Trustees and was an adjunct professor at Hillsdale College and Spring Arbor University in Michigan. Recently, Dr. Rawson and his wife, Sandy, were living in Newberg, Oregon, where he served as Scholar in Residence at George Fox University. In inestimable ways, David Rawson demonstrated that his commitment to Malone's mission to "serve the church, community, and world."

DEAD PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY CHOOSES NEXT PRESIDENT



Pictured left: Co-President Daniel Adams '23

Pictured below: Co-President Kayley Luczywo '23 with this year's Dead President Martin Van Buren

For nearly 20 years, HPSS students have participated in the Dead Presidents Society. Every year, Malone students choose the "Dead President of the Year" during RUSH. This year, Martin Van Buren was given the honor for the 2020-21 academic year.

Martin Van Buren was president of the United States from 1837 to 1841 and was known for being a shrewd politician. He was unable to get elected to a second term as president, however, when a financial panic hit the country and the stock market crashed.

After serving as president of the club for four years, Marina Rarick '20 handed her "gavel" to co-presidents Daniel Adams '23 and Kayley Luczywo '23. The annual S'mores Welcome Back DPS event was held around the fire pit next to Woolman Hall and, as is custom, the year's honorary Dead President was announced.

Although the coronavirus pandemic has curtailed some activities, Dr. Case once again hosted "Cheesecake and Croquet" at his home. Co-president Luczywo created and ordered DPS shirts commemorating the 2020-2021 year. More activities are planned for Spring Semester 2021.



BIDDING FAREWELL TO DR. KWAK



Pictured Left to Right: Annie St. John, Dr. Scott Waalkes, Dr. Jacci Stuckey, Dr. Deborah Kwak, Dr. Jay Case, Dr. David Beer

As of Fall Semester 2020, Dr. Deborah Kwak will no longer be teaching sociology and Criminal and Restorative Justice courses at Malone University. Sadly, she and her husband, Dr. Taehoon Kim, returned to South Korea, where Dr. Kim is teaching engineering courses at a university in Seoul, Korea.

Dr. Kwak's colleagues hosted a socially-distanced, masked farewell gathering for her and her family in Dr. Jacci Stuckey's backyard in July. Dr. Kwak, who has been teaching online from Seoul during Fall Semester, will be sorely missed by her students and colleagues.

MEET OUR ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

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1 AMBER NEADING ZWICK

Amber Neading Zwick '14, a history and political science double major at Malone University, will be teaching in the department for the first time, beginning in Spring 2021. After graduating from Malone, she moved to Virginia while her husband finished graduate work before earning a Juris Doctor (J.D) at The University of Akron Law School. She currently serves as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Juvenile Division in the Stark County Prosecutor's Office. Professor Zwick is also on the board of Imagine Missions in Despinos, Haiti, a ministry that provides nutrition, education, and professional mentorship for young people in Haiti, and Hannah's House, a mentoring program for teenaged girls.

She is on the Stark County Juvenile Human Trafficking Task Force and serves as the prosecutor on Promise Court, the safe harbor special docket in Stark County Juvenile Court for youth who are victims or at high risk for human trafficking. Amber and her husband live in the Akron area.

2 BILL WYSS

Bill Wyss has been serving as an adjunct at Malone for a number of years, teaching mostly political science, but also history, courses. Professor Wyss completed graduate studies at Ohio University before embarking on a career with the Smithsonian Institution for a number of years before returning to Stark County where he served as curator of the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum.

He went on to earn a teaching certificate from Mount Union, his undergraduate alma mater and taught high school for several years. He is married to Malone nursing professor, Dr. Lora Wyss. They have two daughters and live in the Louisville area.

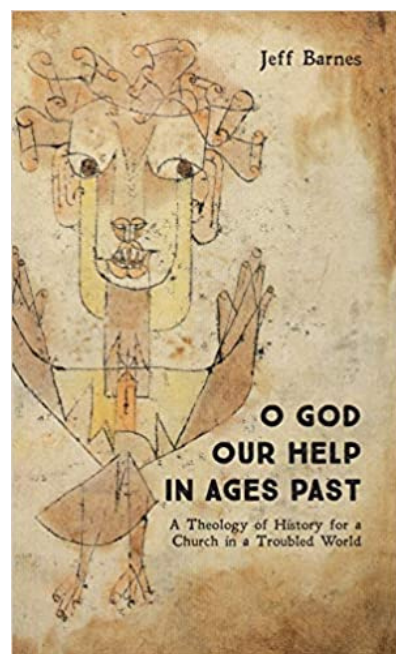
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3 JEFF BARNES

Jeff Barnes '99, a math major and history minor at Malone University, has been teaching history courses for several years. Professor Barnes went on for graduate and post-graduate studies at The University of Akron, specializing in Middle East history. He published a book, *O God Our Help in Ages Past: A Theology of History* in 2018 with his Malone World History students in mind.

Professors Barnes and Stuckey have assigned the book in their classes. A world traveler even as a student at Malone, Professor Barnes has presented academic papers in Israel, Jordan, Palestine, and Cuba, and elsewhere. Jeff's wife, Carley Ann, is also a Malone graduate and teaches at Jackson High School. They are the parents of three children and live near the campus.



Pictured left: Adjunct professor Jeff Barnes' book O God Our Help in Ages Past: A Theology of History

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4 JOHN GABBARD



John Gabbard, Captain and Patrol Division Commander for the Police Department for the City of Canton, has been teaching Criminal and Restorative Justice courses at Malone for over a year.

Professor Gabbard has been a police officer for 23 years and has created and directed a number of community initiatives for the police department, including the Community Priorities Bureau, an opiate outreach and recovery program called Stark Outreach Support (SOS), the Mobile Crisis mental health support initiative, the LEAD initiative (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion), steering citizens with mental health challenges out of the criminal justice system.

Captain Gabbard has received several law enforcement awards along with recognition from other agencies and community groups. The professor is a lay pastor at his church. He and his wife have six children and live in the Canton area.

HPSS Alumni Book Club Digs In



Pictured left: The July reading of John M. Barry's The Great Influenza

Pictured right: The August reading of excerpts from Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent

For several years, HPSS alumni have been gathering every summer and talking books, but without the homework, their professors assigned when they were students. Founded by members of the Class of 2013, the HPSS Alumni Book Club consists of former students of current departmental faculty.

Faculty members select the June reading, and alumni vote on the July and August readings. Due to pandemic concerns, alumni met in Dr. Scott Waalkes and Dr. Jaci Stuckey's backyards or remotely for the June, July, and August 2020 book chats.

This year, HPSS alumni read two books and one article, each in keeping with the events of 2020: John M. Barry's *The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*, James Baldwin's *Notes of a Native Son*, and excerpts from Isabel Wilkerson's recently published book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* in a New York Times essay entitled "America's Enduring Caste System." The faculty look forward to meeting again in June 2021.

CURRENT FACULTY & STAFF

David Beer // Department Chair, Associate Professor of Political Science

Jay Case // Professor of History

Shawn Floyd // Professor of Philosophy

Deborah Kwak // Assistant Professor of Sociology

Gregory Miller // Provost, Professor of History

Jacalynn Stuckey '77 // Professor of History

Scott Waalkes // Professor of International Politics

John Gabbard // Adjunct Professor

Annie St. John '88 // HPSS Administrative Assistant