

MEETINGHOUSE

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

Malone's HPSS and CVPA Departments Take On DC

After a one-year delay due to the pandemic and other considerations, twenty-three Malone University students and Professors Jay Case, Marcia Everett, Jacci Stuckey, and Scott Waalkes traveled to the nation's capital for the biennial DC trip over Fall Break in October 2021. Sponsored by the Departments of Communication and Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) and HPSS, Malone students visited iconic DC monuments and memorials, learned about off-campus study opportunities in the nation's capital, and received life lessons from Malone alumni who live and work in the District of Columbia area. This year, students could earn one credit hour for the credit/non-credit Capitol Experience course.

Upon our arrival on Thursday, students posed for a photograph in front of the Capitol and then met with Dr. Cybelle Barthelmess, director of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities' American Studies Program. DC Trip attendee and CVPA senior Seneca Ransom '22 is participating in the American Studies Program during Spring Semester 2022.

Among the course requirements, students were expected to attend at least one of four sessions led by Malone alumni on Friday afternoon.

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Greetings,

On behalf of my History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences colleagues, let me wish you a Happy New Year.

We begin this new semester with hopes and expectations that a Malone University education will shape students' lives after the image of Christ and that through this we can all serve our churches, communities, and the world. While we continue to battle the new realities that face education in the era of Covid, we are thankful that we successfully completed the Fall semester without major disruptions and hope the same will hold true for the Spring.

As you will see in this newsletter, several department faculty members led a fall break trip for students to Washington, DC, but for the first time we also collaborated across with alumni relations which was sponsoring their own trip to DC. While current students and alumni had differing itineraries for the trip, they were able to meet together for a dinner discussion during the weekend for a time of cross-generational discussion and networking. This was a wonderful experience for our group and we certainly hope that our alumni will consider joining future alumni trips to DC so that we can continue to enjoy such connections.

While it was good to see alumni in DC, it shouldn't take cross-country travel for us to stay connected. Be sure to stay in touch with your faculty and alumni friends and let us know about updates in your life and career.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Beer

HPSS/CVPA 2021 DC TRIP CONT.

- The nonprofits and advocacy/interest groups track meeting was led by **Janis Bowdler '00**, former President of the JP Morgan Chase Foundation. Three days later, she was appointed to a new position with the Department of Treasury. See the Alumni Update in this newsletter.
- The legislative track was led by **Rachel Jenkins '16**, Legislative Director for Representative Tim Ryan of Ohio.
- The communications/liberal arts track featured **Sarah Pressler Randall '03**, Deputy Director of Communications at Sidwell Friends School.
- The law-school-to-government track was led by **Joel Miller '06**, Director of Policy in Telecommunications, Information Industry Council.



On Friday evening, the Alumni Networking Banquet was held at Washington Community Fellowship. This year, area Malone alumni were joined at the banquet by **President David and Mrs. Winnie King**, the Alumni DC Trip participants, Megan Mauck (Director of Alumni and Constituent Engagement) Julie McAbee (Executive Assistant for Advancement), and Michelle Alessandro (Resident Director of Heritage Hall.)

This year's Alumni Networking Panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Marcia Everett and featured:

- **Mark Benedict '79**, Managing Partner, Genesis Group
- **Jessica Zurcher '06**, Outreach and Information Associate at US Conference of Catholic Bishops
- **Dan Ziegler '06**, Executive Director, Republican Study Committee
- **Madison (Carper) Howard '15**, Program Coordinator, National Academic Programs, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The journey back to campus on Saturday included a stop at Antietam National Battlefield, where Dr. Jay Case, who teaches Malone's "Civil War and Reconstruction" course, laid out the history and significance of the battle. The next CVPA/HPSS trip to DC is scheduled for Fall Break 2023.



New CRJ & Sociology Professor: Bryson Davis

Last spring, HPSS Chair David Beer announced the appointment of Professor Bryson Davis as Instructor of Sociology and Criminal Restorative Justice, beginning in Fall Semester 2021. Professor Davis brings a wealth of academic and professional experience to Malone University. He is described as follows: “Husband. Father. Pastor. CEO. Instructor. Learner. Professor Davis wears many hats that have afforded him rich experiences in some of the most challenging and beautiful places around the world. From his own upbringing in poverty to winning college championships, he hopes his story will encourage and inspire others to embody stories of solidarity, liberation, and grace.” Professor Davis is completing his doctoral studies in Urban Policy and Development at Cleveland State University Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. In addition to teaching at Malone, Professor Davis is a University Innovation Fellow at Stanford University’s Hasso Plattner Institute of Design and Co-Founder and Director of The Akron Leadership Foundation. We warmly welcome Bryson Davis, his wife, and daughters to the HPSS family!



SUMMER HPSS ALUMNI BOOK CLUB



Professors Beer, Case, Stuckey, and Waalkes once again talked books, mulled over current events, and noshed on summer snacks with HPSS alumni in June, July, and August. Alums gathered at Dr. Stuckey’s house in June and July and at Dr. Waalkes’ place in August. Books discussed in 2021 were *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise of Hope* by Esau McCaulley (June), *The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis (July), and *Anxious People: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman (August). HPSS Alumni are welcome to join us for another season of good reading during Summer 2022.

ALUMNI UPDATE: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Janice Bowdler '00



Katie Heade '14



Rachel Littler '14

1 JANIS BOWDLER '00 (Urban Studies)

On October 25, 2021, US Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen announced the appointment of **Janis Bowdler '2000** to serve as the Department's first Counselor for Racial Equity. Ms. Bowdler will be charged with coordinating Treasury's efforts to advance racial equity including engaging with diverse communities throughout the country and to identify and mitigate barriers to accessing benefits and opportunities with the Department.

Janis has authored a number of publications on financial opportunity and economic mobility. Most recently, she co-authored *Building Equitable Cities: How to Drive Economic Mobility and Regional Growth* with Henry Cisneros and Jeff Lubell.

Janis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Malone College in Canton, Ohio and a Master of Science degree in Urban Studies from Cleveland State University. She is a proud Latina, a yoga instructor, mom to one daughter, two dogs, and a bunny. She lives with her husband and her family in Takoma Park, Maryland.

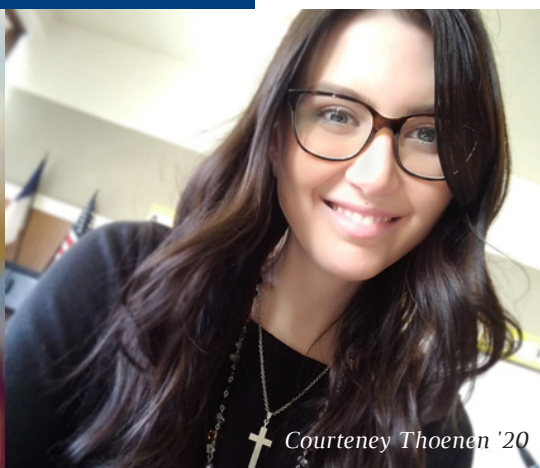
2 HEADE '14, LITTLER '14, KIRCHENBAUER '19, THOENEN '20 & BAKER '21

Alumni teaching area private schools

Katie Heade '2014, Rachel Littler '2014, Hannah Kirchenbauer '2019, and Courteney Thoenen '2020 are teaching at local private schools. Katie, formerly the high school social studies teacher at Heritage Christian School in Canton, is now the middle school social studies teacher at Lake Center Christian School in Hartville, Ohio. Rachel teaches history at Kingsway Christian School in Orrville and Hannah teaches social studies at Beacon Academy in Canton. Courteney, who teaches middle school social studies at Heritage Christian School, was recently joined by **Eric Baker '2021**, who teaches computer skills at Heritage.



Hannah Kirchenbauer '19



Courteney Thoenen '20



Eric Baker '21

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Jeff Dieringer '20



Emma Martinez '21

3 DIERINGER '20 & MARTINEZ '21

Two recent alumni appointed as Ohio Legislative Service Commission Fellows for 2022

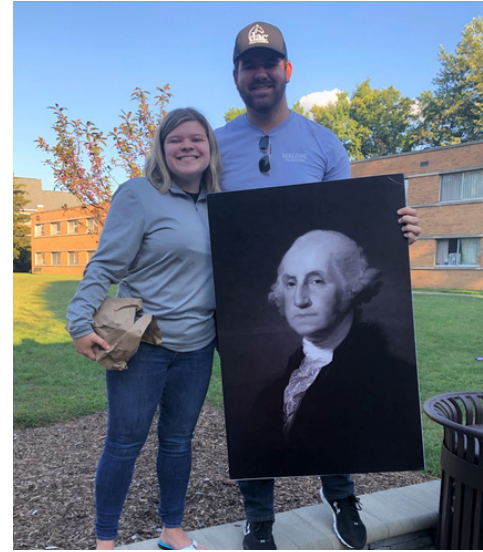
The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) and the Ohio General Assembly sponsor 23-24 paid thirteen-month fellowship positions every year. The internship appointments are highly competitive, so we are pleased that two HPSS graduates, **Jeff Dieringer '20** and **Emma Martinez '21**, were selected as LSC fellows for 2022. Jeff, who is married to Marina Rarick Dieringer '20, had been serving as the Clerk of City Council in Canal Winchester prior to his LSC appointment. Past LSC fellows from the Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences include Meredith Alexander '2013, Joseph de Soza '2018, and Caleb White '2018. Congratulations to Emma and Jeff!



Pictured: The 2022 fellows from the Ohio LSC Fellowship program. Martinez '21 is located on the far left, and Dieringer '20 is located in the middle wearing a red tie.

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



Fall 2021 in Photos