

# MEETINGHOUSE

*The official newsletter of the department of  
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## Dr. Gregory Miller Inaugurated as Malone's Fourteenth President

Gregory J. Miller, a professor of history at Malone University, officially began his term as the fourteenth president of Malone University on July 1, 2022. Several members of the History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences Department were involved in the Inauguration and Homecoming Weekend festivities on October 14 and 15, 2022. Dr. Jay Case introduced President Miller during the Installation Ceremony, **Dr. Jacci Stuckey '77** co-chaired the Inauguration Weekend Committee and chaired the Installation Ceremony Committee, and HPSS students **Rebekah Stranger '23** and **Seneca Ransom '23** read selected passages from the bible at the installation. Dr. Beer hosted the HPSS alumni gathering on October 15.

Dr. Miller first arrived at Malone in 2000 and specialized in European history, also teaching “World Religions” and “Islam and the West.” He served as HPSS department chair for three years and is a two-time recipient of Malone’s annual Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. He also received the Malone’s Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship.

Before his appointment as President of Malone University, Dr. Miller also served as an associate provost and as provost at Malone. His wife, Darla Miller, is an adjunct in Spanish at Malone University. Congratulations, Dr. Miller!

*This issue edited by Mitch Bodager '23*





## **Greetings from all my History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences colleagues.**

Those who were able to join us for this year's homecoming festivities and the inauguration know that this Fall semester was marked by particular joy within HPSS as Dr. Greg Miller, our former colleague and chair, was installed as Malone's new president. While Dr. Miller serves our entire campus and community in his role, we can't help still feeling a special connection to him after our long years of relationships, and I'm sure that any alumni that remembers classes and conversations with Dr. Miller would agree.

We begin the Spring 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.

We remain cautiously optimistic, or perhaps hopefully realistic, that Dr. Miller will be able to lead us into a new era that will include growing enrollment and stable finances. If HPSS alumni wish to show support for Dr. Miller's new tenure, the most direct way to support the university during this time is through giving to the Malone Fund, but you can also support the department and its work through our James Stuckey Scholarship Fund. Either can be selected in the drop-down menu on Malone's online giving page (<https://www.malone.edu/giving/give-online/>).

**Sincerely,**  
**Dr. David Beer**



## HPSS FACULTY AND CLASSROOM NEWS



### Gettysburg 2022

Members of Dr. Case's Civil War and Reconstruction class traveled to Gettysburg National Military park on October 20-21. The weather was beautiful, while the history was sobering, but significant. Many remarked at

the end of the semester that it was among the most meaningful parts of the course. Pictured above from left to right are students Joshua Long, Sami Krocker,

Amanda Foos, Jennings Weber, Alissagrace Raynak, and Grace Vogelgesang. Pictured to the right are students reflecting on the significance of the Gettysburg Address in American History. The students pictured to the left even reenacted Pickett's Charge. Casualties were lower this time around.



### SOC 310 Simulation

Professor Bryson Davis' SOC 310 (Prejudice, Discrimination, and Inequality) class conducted an discrimination simulation and panel on November 17, 2022. Malone students were given different colored pipe cleaners and then sent to three different "stations" to secure housing, employment, or college admission. The pipe cleaners represented different racial and ethnic groups in order to help students understand the challenges of minorities, based on data analyzed by the SOC 310 class. Pictured are Professor Bryson's class members and panel participants.



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## HPSS FACULTY & CLASSROOM NEWS (CONT.)

### Thesis Presentation

**Rebekah Stranger '23**, an Integrated Social Studies and Integrated Language Arts double major, became the latest in a number of HPSS majors who successfully defended and presented an Honors Thesis. Bekah submitted a tripartite thesis: a research essay on Chinese-American missions and schools in San Francisco, a novel based on a Chinese American girl living in San Francisco at the turn of the last century and based on the American Girl series template, and hand-designed and crafted clothing for an American Girl doll. An avid reader as a child, Bekah was enamored with the American Girl historical novels. However, there has never been a novel based on a Chinese American girl—until now. Dr. Stuckey served as Bekah's thesis adviser and Drs. Hannah Kroonblawd and Cherie Parsons of the English Department rounded out Bekah's thesis defense committee.



## HPSS ALUMNI BOOK CLUB – SUMMER 2022 EDITION



Once again, Malone HPSS alumni and friends gathered at the homes of Dr. Jacqui Stuckey or Dr. Scott Waalkes to discuss books, current events, and alumni updates in June, July, and August. Alumni read *The Soul of Desire: Discovering the Neuroscience of Longing, Beauty, and Community* by Malone alumnus **Curt Thompson, M.D. '84** in June, *The Republic of False Truths* by Alaa Al Aswany in July, and Grace Olmstead's *Uprooted:*

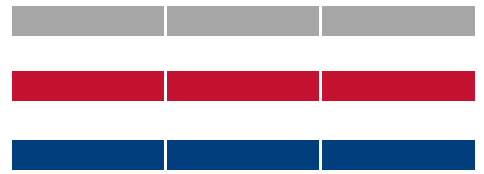
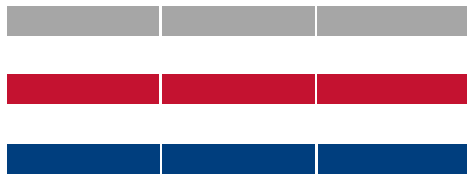
*Recovering the Legacy of the Places We Left Behind* in August. The HPSS professors choose the June book every year, and alumni typically select the books for July and August. What would you like to read in 2023? Please join us! Contact Drs. Stuckey or Waalkes at [jstuckey@malone.edu](mailto:jstuckey@malone.edu) or [swaalkes@malone.edu](mailto:swaalkes@malone.edu).

# Dead Presidents Society

Senior DPS Co-Presidents **Kayleigh Luczywo '23** and **Daniel Adams '23** hosted several DPS events during Fall Semester, beginning with RUSH on August 31, in the Quad. DPS members distributed candy and invited Malone students to vote for this year's honorary "dead" president. On the following Monday, freshman **Caleb Sommers '26** and Dr. Scott Waalkes revealed the winner at the annual DPS "Welcome Back" gathering on Labor Day. The winner: "Cool" Calvin Coolidge, a favorite of Dr. Beer's. Dr. Waalkes hosted the event with S'mores and other treats at his home.



On October 18, as part of the annual "Cemeteries and Cider" DPS event, Kayleigh and Senior **Sami Krockner '23** co-lead DPS members to the site of the Gnadenhutten Massacre, where nearly one hundred Lenape (Delaware) people were murdered. Kayleigh, Daniel, and Sami are all student teaching in Spring Semester 2023 and will graduate in May. The HPSS faculty have appreciated their service to DPS and their HPSS peers for these last few years.



# ALUMNI UPDATES

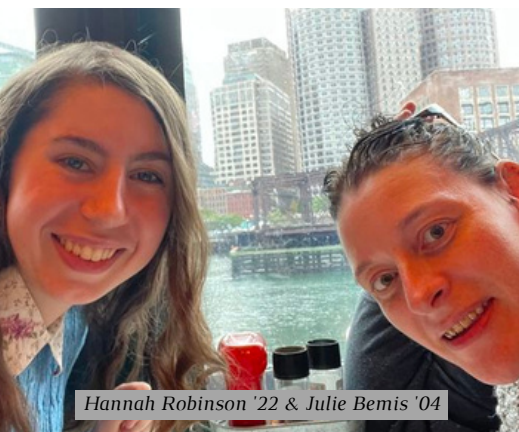


## ZACHARY MURRAY '17

Before moving to Washington, DC in August 2022, **Zachary Murray '17** and his wife, Kiry, joined the first two alumni book club gatherings. Zach was appointed as legislative associate for Mennonite Central Committee's office in the nation's capital. From 2017 to 2020, Zach lived in Cairo, Egypt, first as an English teacher with the Mennonite Central Committee and later as a graduate student at the American University in Cairo, where he earned a master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies. His wife works in the documentary film industry.

# ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

HPSS faculty always enjoy hearing about alumni gatherings and reunions. For example, **Hannah Robinson '22**, who is a graduate student at Harvard School of Divinity, and **Julie Bemis '04**, a political science major, became friends through HPSS connections. Below they are pictured dining in Boston. Professor **Jacci Stuckey '77** traveled to the Deep South last summer to visit former Malone students and colleagues, including **Michael Hines '77**, **Dale '75** and **Pamela Mason King '77**, **Shauna Welling Roberts '09**, **Denise Moschell Stafford '77** (pictured with Dr. Stuckey), **Susan Brown Teague '78**, **Emily Zarzicky '04**, and former professor of political science, Dr. Geoff Bowden and family. Please share your travel stories and pictures!



Hannah Robinson '22 & Julie Bemis '04



Denise Moschell Stafford '77 with Dr. Jacci Stuckey '77



Dr. Geoff Bowden & family



# CURRENT FACULTY & STAFF

- David Beer // Department Chair, Associate Professor of Political Science
- Jay Case // Professor of History
- Bryson Davis // Assistant Professor 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