

MEETINGHOUSE

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Students Look Back on Semester in Washington

Every year Malone sends students around the world to expand their worldview. This year, two students attended the American Studies Program in Washington, DC. HPSS seniors Jeff Dieringer and DJ Brown both had their semesters cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Dieringer (pictured left) spent his semester interning for Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-13). He had a hard time adjusting to not having a car and taking public transportation everywhere since Ohio is so car-oriented. On the upside, public transport was extremely accessible and could take him anywhere he wanted.

He loved being so close to the historical monuments and going on runs on the National Mall. Fellow Malone alumnus Joe Howard '16 served as Jeff's mentor, and he loved getting to "talk with him about serving in local and state government."

Brown (pictured on page 6) worked as an intern in the Office of Safety Recommendations and Communications at the National Transportation Safety Board. He got to apply the skills that he developed while at Malone on projects and helped to solve problems at the NTSB. He learned how to write blogs, op-eds, and social media better by developing advocacy campaigns and communicating with stakeholders.

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Greetings,

We are just wrapping up a semester that has been unlike any other and we hope that you have all been safe and healthy during this time.

While the spring semester began like so many before it, the global pandemic and resulting stay-at-home orders forced us to make a truly radical adaption in our course instruction into an online format in a breathtakingly short amount of time, and I am particularly proud of the beautiful dedication HPSS professors showed in this work. While it was beneficial for some that Malone was on spring break when the initial suspension of in-person classes was announced, other faculty members were traveling with their families during this time. Several of my department colleagues were out of state when the decision was made, and so we're forced to transition their entire course instruction online with only a day or two to accomplish the work. Such sacrifices are a true testament to their dedication to Malone's students.

During our social isolation, we have faithfully continued Malone's mission by learning whole new ways to engage our students. HPSS faculty have hosted Zoom meetings, Google Hangouts, and created online resources for our students. We have phoned, texted, and Facetimed, our students to maintain our department culture of student engagement and accomplished much that only an institution of our size and with our faith commitments could possibly manage.

The coronavirus did force the cancellation of several of the semester's critical events like the Woolman Lectures and a Worldview Forum. Still, it did not stop us from virtually hosting the induction of our very first cohort of Malone's brand-new chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society. Eight current students and three faculty members were initiated in our opening ceremony, and we were pleased to also be joined by the national president of Phi Alpha Theta. This effort, the personal mission of senior Marina Rarick and Prof. Jacci Stuckey, has been over a year in the making and will endure when we look forward to hosting in-person ceremonies to honor our new members.

Though we have survived this semester, we all remain cautious about new realities as we move into summer. Should alumni be particularly concerned to support the university or department? At the same time, we try to adjust and plan for the uncertainties of a world shaken by this global pandemic, the most direct way to support the university during this time is through the giving to the Malone Fund, or support the department through its James Stuckey Scholarship Fund. Either can be selected in the drop-down menu on Malone's online giving page.

The summer break is always a welcome occasion, and perhaps especially so this year. While routines may continue to be disrupted for some time, I pray that warmer weather and bright skies will make some social distancing seem less stressful. We hope that alumni spread across the country and world will soon be able to regain some normalcy in their families, churches, and jobs.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Beer

From the Faculty: COVID-19 Updates



1 SCOTT WAALKES
Professor of International Politics

We watched the world in my Intro. to World Politics class early in the semester. A few of us complained how we were getting tired of so many stories about the outbreak of this virus in China in the international news section of our newspapers. But little did we know that it was soon headed our way! If we needed any convincing that we are all neighbors on this globe, the virus made that clear. A few strands of RNA attached to a protein that latch onto human respiratory cells, it was first detected in China in late December.

By March, it had shut down the global economy and drove us all indoors. And we all got to witness it firsthand. While saddened about missing face-to-face classes, I am grateful that we all had a first-row seat witnessing historical events that we can share with the generations to come. And I'm most grateful for how our students have taken it all in stride. #Resilience

2 DEBORAH KWAK
Assoc. Prof. of Sociology & Criminal Restorative Justice

The COVID-19 pandemic has allowed me to empathize more with my students and their families. In my conversations with students, I've learned that their parents were laid off from work, and some of my students are doing odd, part-time jobs to make sure their car payments, phone bills and/or rents are paid on time.

This situation has allowed me understand my students' challenges at a personal level, and not just interact with them in an academic setting.

3 JACCI STUCKEY '77
Professor of History

In a baccalaureate message to her graduating peers on May 8, Marina Rarick '20, a history and Integrated Studies double major, mentioned that when she and her parents first visited Malone in 2016, they literally counted how many times they heard the word "community" uttered by Malone faculty and administrators. Let's just say, it was a lot.

We still take community as seriously now as when you were students at Malone. That's what I have missed the most since we moved to remote learning in mid-March. I miss class discussions and interactions, conversations with students and colleagues in our offices, and the vibrant energy that HPSS majors create when they gather to study, chat, or play chess in our student lounge.

Learning and teaching are communal activities that are done best face-to-face. Online learning, Google Hangout meetings, and Zoom study sessions are just not the same. Even so, I have been impressed by and grateful for our students' diligence and hard work these last few weeks. I have missed all our students, but I am especially sad to say farewell to a particularly strong senior class.

I pray for the Lord's richest blessings for our students and alumni, and I look forward to the day when I am teaching in a Brehme Centennial Center classroom again.

The Kwak Family Grows by One

Department professor Dr. Deborah Kwak & her husband would like to announce the birth of their daughter Ellynn Kim. She was born on April 13, 2020. Her name means God's light. The Kwaks purposely spelled her name with an extra "n" at the end because the name can be easy to pronounce in both Korean and English.



Future Social Studies Teachers Reminisce on Semester



Pictured: (Left) Jake Shoup, (Right) Marina Rarick

During the final semester of any senior education major's semester, they do student teaching. Some of our own future History teachers taught in local school districts. Jake Shoup taught 8th-grade Historical Literacy at Oakwood Middle School, and Marina Rarick taught 9th grade World History at East Canton High School.

Rarick's favorite part about her experience was the other staff, her mentor, and getting to spend every day with her students. Her students were "hard-working, caring individuals." She made great connections, especially with Malone alumna Kelly Lenhart. Lenhart helped her prepare, understand her students better, and taught her so many life lessons, including how to come at everything with a sense of faith. Rarick is going to miss the family atmosphere at the school. The hardest part of her student teaching was the COVID-19 pandemic cutting short her semester and time with her students.

Forming relationships and building a positive rapport with the students was Shoup's favorite part of his experience. Initially, adjusting his sleep schedule was difficult, but the school staff were really welcoming and helped him to improve. He formed great connections with Mr. Julian (his cooperating teacher), Ms. Addressi, and two Malone alums who were also teachers at the school. They helped to "give great insightful advice throughout the whole semester."

The COVID-19 pandemic cut short this year's student teaching experience. Students like Jake Shoup & Marina Rarick had to move their teaching curriculum and lesson planning into an online format and adjusted to the unique circumstances. Students made use of online video conferencing and different websites to help improve their teaching methods.

2020 Graduates



KELSEY HAINES



Major: History

East Canton, OH



JEREMY GORBY



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

Salem, OH



MIKE JENNY



Major: History

Greenwich, OH



MIKE JANKOWSKI



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

Brook Park, OH



DJ BROWN



Majors: History & Political Science

Louisville, OH



RHETT SANFORD



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

Lancaster, OH



JEFF DIERINGER



Majors: History & Political Science

Canton, OH



LINDSEY SOLTISZ



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

Mantua, OH



NATHAN HILL



Major: Political Science

Orlando, FL

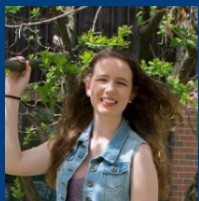


THOMAS WALKER



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

North Olmstead, OH



DELANEY JOHNSON



Majors: Political Science & Environmental Studies

Tarentum, PA



VERONICA WENGERD



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

Canton, OH



GREGARY BRUNNER



Major: Criminal & Restorative Justice

Hilliard, OH



MARINA RARICK



Majors: Integrated Social Studies & History

Canal Winchester, OH



LEAH RAUSCHER

Major: Integrated Social Studies

Norton, OH



ZACHARY MOTTICE

Majors: Business Administration, Philosophy, Finance

Canal Fulton, OH



JAKE SHOUP

Majors: Integrated Social Studies & History

Wooster, OH



2020 Stuckey Scholarship Recipients

Every year the HPSS department awards the Stuckey Scholarship to deserving students. This years recipients include Daniel Adams & Windy Singo.

Daniel (pictured right) is a rising sophomore from Port Washington, Ohio. He is an Integrated Social Studies major with a Missions & Cross-Cultural Ministries minor.

Windy (pictured left) is an incoming freshman at Malone. She will be majoring in Political Science and is from Buffalo, New York.



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He made incredible connections with those that he worked with, even though he got homesick at times. He had a hard time adjusting to living in DC, but loved that there was always something incredible to do in terms of cuisine, cultural experiences, or walking on the National Mall.

His supervisor Nicholas Worrell also made a considerable impact on his life, teaching him an immense amount about Washington, DC, and better ways of living. His passion for his work, a wealth of experience, and focus on developing people and building relationships was incredibly inspiring for Brown. In his own words, "I couldn't have been luckier to have Nicholas as my boss at the NTSB."

In the end, COVID-19 cut their semesters short at the end of March, when the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities closed all of their programs worldwide. Dieringer and Brown both experienced the enormity of moving to a new city and got their hands dirty at the reality of working for government organizations. Both plan to stay in Ohio for the foreseeable future.

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 // Interim VP of Advancement, Professor of History

Scott Waalkes // Professor of International Politics

John Gabbard // Adjunct Professor

Annie St. John '88 // HPSS Administrative Assistant

Andrew Currier '18 // HPSS & CVPA Graduate Assistant

2020: A YEAR IN PHOTOS

