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Building interest in politics
Griffin Chair connects with students, community

You don’t have to be a student in one of Bill Ballenger’s political science seminars to learn from his expertise in Michigan government and politics. Ballenger, CMU’s Robert and Marjorie Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government, is an esteemed resource in the Michigan political community, sharing his research and commentary with media outlets throughout the state. He also is editor and publisher of the biweekly newsletter Inside Michigan Politics.

While at CMU, Ballenger has used his connections to invite a number of prominent political and community figures — including several CMU graduates — to be guest speakers in his classes and to participate in the biannual Griffin Policy forums.

“Our goal in establishing the Griffin Chair was to build interest in politics among students, faculty, and members of the community, and Bill certainly has helped CMU make great strides in accomplishing this ongoing mission,” said E. Gary Shapiro, dean of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

“The variety and depth of the topics discussed at the Griffin Policy forums, as well as the significant community presence at these forums, are indicators that Bill’s influence has reached far beyond CMU’s campus,” said Shapiro.
I hope that you will find this summer edition of *Under Discussion* of interest to you. It highlights several ways that our programs and faculty are making a difference in the lives of our students and many individuals outside of the CMU community.

It also provides information about CMU's current Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government, Bill Ballenger, and the success he has had in motivating students to become involved in the political process. We take great pride in the influence that this Endowed Chair has had on our students. The experience of testifying before a Michigan Senate Committee is a credit to our students and to the Endowed Chair.

This newsletter also introduces you to one of our newest students, Kendra Marzinski. She is the first recipient of a new CHSBS student scholarship. I want to thank everyone who gave money to the college last year. Your generosity funded this scholarship, among other worthy efforts. In subsequent years, the college will be expanding these and other CHSBS scholarship opportunities.

Finally, the newsletter highlights some of the important features of our college: events and outside speakers, excellence in teaching, faculty research activities, and achievements and news from our alumni.

**Events and speakers:** While classroom learning is critical to our students’ success as academics and as informed citizens, a university also needs to broaden students’ perspectives by offering them access to experts who share with them their knowledge and different perspectives on contemporary issues facing our disciplines, our region, and the world. The college and its departments and centers are dedicated to bringing guest speakers to campus each semester to meet with students and host public forums.

**Excellence in teaching:** The college prides itself on offering excellence in teaching. When I speak with alumni, many share stories of how their lives were positively impacted by the efforts of their CMU instructors. The tradition of teachers helping students to learn continues within the college’s departments today. In addition to university teaching awards, the college has instituted its own Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of the importance the college places on teaching.

**Faculty research:** The faculty members of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences are among the finest faculty members in the university in terms of research and creative activities. This newsletter discusses several major grants that faculty members have received during the past year.

**Alumni news and achievements:** Many of our readers tell us that one of their favorite sections of the newsletter is learning more about our alumni. As a result, we are increasing the amount of space dedicated to alumni news. Please remember to keep us updated about important milestones in your lives, so that we may share your news with other alumni.

Sincerely,

E. Gary Shapiro
Dean
Griffin forum examines threats to Great Lakes

Michigan is home to the world’s longest freshwater shoreline, so it is no surprise that its citizens hold strong and often conflicting opinions about how to manage and preserve these valuable resources.

The spring Griffin Policy Forum, “That Giant Sucking Sound: The Multiple Threats to Michigan’s Water,” gave panelists and audience members an opportunity to express their concerns about issues such as commercial bottling of water, control of beachfront property, and water pollution.

“We are the Great Lakes State, and for everyone living in Michigan — especially the political community — water has always had a salience. It’s always hotly debated in the legislature,” said Bill Ballenger, CMU’s Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government, who organizes the biannual Griffin forums.

“The idea that Michigan government possesses not one but two departments, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality, when the effort elsewhere has been to consolidate — well, it just shows how deeply people in this state care about the environment,” he said.

Dave Poulson, assistant director of the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at Michigan State University, moderated the forum.

The panelists included Wil Cwikiel, program director of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Mike Johnston, director of regulatory affairs for the Michigan Manufacturers Association, Lana Pollack, president of the Michigan Environmental Council, and Bill Rustem, president and CEO of Public Sector Consultants Inc.

Panelists discuss threats to the Great Lakes during the Griffin Policy Forum on April 19. From left: Bill Rustem, Lana Pollack, Mike Johnston, Wil Cwikiel, and Dave Poulson.

Griffin chair sparks interest in politics

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Ballenger, who became the second occupant of the Griffin Endowed Chair in the fall of 2003, says he is concerned that many citizens lack knowledge about state government.

“The news media pays more attention to federal and local government than to state government, yet ironically it was the states that created the U.S. government as well as every sort of local government imaginable throughout the country,” said Ballenger.

“In colleges and universities, there is an emphasis on what I would describe as ‘textbook’ or ‘ivory tower’ descriptions of state government and how it works, and not enough real world, hands-on experiences. One of the goals of the Griffin program is to connect CMU students to the hurly-burly of modern-day state politics as it’s practiced on the ground and in the trenches in the state Capitol and throughout Michigan,” he said.

Ballenger also hopes to inspire more students to serve in state government.

“I help my Griffin seminarians connect with mentors and find internships or part-time jobs in and around Lansing, whether they’re interested in running for office, working on campaigns, getting a civil service job, working on legislative or executive branch staff, lobbying, or even writing about state government as a journalist,” said Ballenger.

“Our future as a nation depends on the quality of the people we can recruit into public service or into working with the institutions of government at the state level,” he said.

Ballenger, who holds degrees from Princeton and Harvard, is a former state representative and senator and served as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare under President Gerald R. Ford.
Retired FBI agent, investigative journalist launch inaugural Wigand Lecture Series

CMU’s Center for Professional and Personal Ethics kicked off the inaugural Dr. Jeffrey Wigand Ethics Lecture Series in February with two lectures by retired FBI agent Coleen Rowley, who publicly criticized the FBI for its failure to prevent the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Rowley wrote a series of memos to FBI Director Robert Mueller in 2002 criticizing the bureau for ignoring critical leads regarding the Sept. 11 hijackings, specifically related to hijacker Zacarias Moussaoui’s 747 flying lessons.

Her letters, later made public, and her testimony before Congress led to a review of U.S. intelligence gathering operations and earned her Time magazine’s co-person of the year honor in 2002.

Rowley’s lectures at CMU were titled “Always Do Right” and “Patriotism, Democracy and Common Sense: Restoring America’s Promise at Home and Abroad.”

The lecture series also hosted two lectures by Adam Penenberg, former senior editor at Forbes and reporter for Forbes.com.

Penenberg gained public attention for his exposé on Stephen Glass, a Washington journalist who fabricated the majority of articles he wrote.

He also is the author of the book Tragic Indifference: One Man’s Battle with the Auto Industry Over the Dangers of SUVs, which examines the Ford-Firestone product liability case.

Penenberg’s lectures at CMU were titled “Corporate Ethics: The Seamy Side of Business” and “Media Ethics.”

The ethics center supports the study, teaching, and practice of ethics and aims to promote moral excellence in both the personal and professional lives of those in the community. Visit http://ethics.cmich.edu for more information.

Ethics center spring events

In addition to the Dr. Jeffrey Wigand Ethics Lecture Series, CMU’s Center for Professional and Personal Ethics hosted a variety of activities during the spring semester.

Ethical Culture Panel: Students and faculty participated in a public forum to discuss violence, bystanderism, academic dishonesty, and sexual assault.

Court in the Classroom: Judge William Rush of the Isabella County District Court tried alcohol- and drug-related cases in a temporary campus courtroom in the Bovee University Center.

Chris Peterson: Author and University of Michigan psychology professor Chris Peterson discussed his groundbreaking work in the classification of character strengths and virtues during his lecture, “The Science of Human Virtue.”

Academic Integrity Roundtable Discussion: A panel of CMU faculty members discussed their experiences with plagiarism and academic dishonesty at CMU, as well as their methods for combating cheating.

Rental Housing Clinic: Volunteers from the Michigan State University College of Law Rental Housing Clinic hosted a free Rental Housing Clinic where they discussed tenant rights and responsibilities and answered students’ questions about landlord and leasing issues.

CMU holds inaugural Book Recognition Event

CMU hosted its inaugural Book Recognition Event on April 11 to honor faculty, staff, and emeriti faculty who have authored, co-authored, edited, translated, or illustrated a book published from 2000 to 2004.

The reception was held during National Library Week. Organizers plan to make it an annual event.

The College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences was well represented with more than 50 entries from faculty and emeriti faculty. A copy of the book recognition publication is available on the College’s Web site at www.chsbs.cmich.edu/chsbs/FacandStaff.htm.

Pamela Gates (left), CHSBS associate dean, Mary Obuchowski (center), English professor, and Susan Steffel (right), English associate professor, attend CMU’s inaugural Book Recognition Event in April.
**Army commander describes effective leadership**

“Soldiers deserve good leaders,” said West Point graduate Brig. Gen. Anne F. Macdonald during her speech on effective leadership for CMU’s Col. William B. Nolde Lecture Series on April 11.

Macdonald, deputy director of operations at the National Military Command Center, was one of the first female cadets to be admitted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where she received a commission in 1980.

Speaking to an audience filled with many cadets from CMU’s ROTC program, she described several key elements to becoming effective military leaders.

“This is not just about building a team when you demonstrate that you care.”

She also emphasized the value of having a positive attitude, maintaining a balanced life, and doing the right thing even when you think no one is watching.

“You are a leader to develop human capital,” she said. “Every person has something to offer and wants to be developed. Find out what that is and go with it.”

The Nolde Lecture Series, named after former CMU assistant professor of military science Col. William B. Nolde, seeks to promote an understanding of the role of the U.S. Armed Forces in the life and history of the United States and to recognize the tie between military science and the broader disciplines at CMU.
Culture critic discusses U.S. politics

Author and culture critic Thomas Frank discussed his theories on how conservatives have transformed American politics during a visit to CMU in April.

Frank wrote the books One Market Under God and What’s the Matter With Kansas?, which describes his observations about why his home state of Kansas has undergone a dramatic political shift from a blue state to red over the years.

CMU sociology professor Robert Newby, who also is from Kansas, said the state is sometimes described as a “northern state with a sort of quasi-Southern attitude.” It is known as a state with a history of strong trade unions, but it tends toward “cultural conservatism,” on issues like abortion and teaching creationism in public schools, he said.

“In his book, Frank talks about how it is that people vote against their interest,” said Newby. “The people who largely don’t vote their interest are in some of the most conservative states and some of the poorest states.”

Frank’s visit to CMU was sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work.

Congressman Camp visits campus

Congressman Dave Camp, R-Midland, visited Central Michigan University on March 24 to address students from four sections of political science classes taught by assistant professor Chris Petras. He also met with members of the Student Government Association.

Petras invited Congressman Camp to speak to his classes about Social Security Reform legislation, a public policy topic currently under consideration by the U.S. Congress.

Writing Center tutors win awards

Student tutors in CMU’s Writing Center have again been recognized by the East Central Writing Centers Association for their outstanding work, receiving two of the three awards given in 2005.

Undergraduate student Korinne Milks received the Outstanding Tutor award, which is given to recognize innovative approaches to tutoring, the quality of work with writers, and the articulation of a guiding philosophy of tutoring.

Graduate assistant Meghan Monroe received the Outstanding Leader award, which recognizes excellence and creativity in areas such as administration, program development, tutor training, and work with special populations.

This is the fourth consecutive year that a CMU student has won an award from ECWCA.

The purpose of ECWCA is to foster communication, scholarship, research, and effective practices among colleagues in writing centers and to provide a forum for discussion of mutual concerns. It is the oldest of the regional affiliates of the International Writing Centers Association.

CMU’s Writing Center is staffed by undergraduate and graduate student employees, professors, and volunteers who provide assistance at any phase of the writing process, from brainstorming ideas to revising, editing, and polishing drafts.

College Events
Students propose changes to Merit Scholarship

What began as a class project to revise the Michigan Merit Scholarship program developed into an opportunity for several CMU students to bring their ideas before the state Senate.

Political science students from Griffin Endowed Chair Bill Ballenger’s spring “PSC 301: Law and Policy in Michigan State Government” seminar developed a plan to increase the Michigan Merit Scholarship to $5,000 and also increase the number of Michigan residents who earn college degrees. They believe this plan encompasses the best aspects of both the current merit program and Gov. Jennifer Granholm’s proposed changes — and will cost no more money.

After hearing about their plan, members of the state Senate invited the students to present their proposal during a joint committee session between the Senate Education Committee, chaired by Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Sen. Mike Goschka, R-Brant.

Six of Ballenger’s former students attended the hearing, which took place on June 8 in the Senate Appropriations Room of the Capitol Building.

“We approached the issue from a student’s point of view, but we also took into account a politician’s perspective,” said CMU senior Kate Finneren of Caseville. “Our solution not only encourages kids to pursue a higher education, but to do so in a way that’s economically realistic for both students and their families, as well as the taxpayers.”

The merit scholarship program now gives $2,500 awards to high school students who do well on a state standardized test. The students can then use the money to help pay for their first two years of college.

GOP lawmakers have said they want to keep the program running as is. Granholm, however, had proposed increasing the amount to $4,000 but delaying awarding it until students complete two years of college or training.

She argued that the state must find a “carrot” to encourage more high school graduates to continue their education. Her administration has said it wants to double the number of college graduates over the next decade.

Breaking their class down into simulated legislative chambers and partisan caucuses and with Ballenger acting in the role of the Democratic governor, the undergraduates hatched a plan that:

- boosts the merit stipend to $5,000 but strings it out over four years to be paid in increments of $1,250 in the fall of each college academic year. The money would be sent directly to the university, college or training school to be attended by any student who passes the merit test.
- requires 50 hours of community service to be completed by Aug. 1 of the summer before the qualifying student would first enter college.
- restricts the scholarship to students who attend in-state colleges, public or private, after they have graduated from secondary school.
- guarantees the student will receive the $2,500 covering the first two years of college, at which point the student must have completed 48 credit hours and maintained a 2.0 grade point average in order to receive the final $2,500, divided equally between the junior and senior years.

Joining Finneren at the Senate hearing were Heather Chiarello of St. Joseph, Robert Avers of Smiths Creek, Lauren Kauppi of Howell, and Aaron Yanke of Commerce Township.
CMU bids farewell to professor emeritus Bill Browne

The CMU community said goodbye to a respected friend, colleague, and mentor during a heartfelt memorial service for political science professor emeritus William P. Browne in June.

Browne passed away on April 18 at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston after a 12-year battle with chronic myelogenous leukemia.

Guests swapped stories about Bill’s playful humor, his professional contributions to CMU, and his love for cooking, fishing, baseball, and caring for stray dogs.

Political science professor Delbert Ringquist, who began teaching at CMU with Browne in August 1971, recounted how Bill’s enthusiasm and dedication forever changed the face of the political science department.

“Without his care and attention, the department might never have established the master’s in public administration program, which he developed in the mid-1970s,” said Ringquist. “He also was instrumental in establishing an internship program that placed students in locales from Washington, D.C. to Lansing and communities throughout Michigan and around the country.”

“He treated students with respect and encouraged their achievements and successes. He was a constant mentor to students, and they knew they had a friend in Dr. Browne,” said Ringquist.

Many of these former students attended the service and shared fond memories of Browne.

“Bill had faith in me before I even had faith in me,” said Amy Stone, ’81, who, with assistance from Browne, became the first CMU student to be a presidential intern. She remained in Washington, D.C., after graduation and is now the CEO of Thriving Organizations Co.

Jeffrey Weber, ’91, a high school teacher who drove from Chicago that morning to attend the service, said he tries to model his teaching style after Bill’s.

“Each day, I try to remember what I learned from Dr. Browne.”

Other students expressed gratitude for the personalized guidance they received from Browne.

“I owe my career in city management to him,” said Jack Duso, ’77, an assistant city manager in Midland.

Duso remained close to Browne and his family over the years and was the co-moderator of the memorial service along with Ben Bifoss, ’75, former Manistee city manager.

Browne is survived by his wife, Linda, his sister, Suzanne Browne Miller, his mother-in-law, Doris Thomas, and nine brothers and sisters-in-law. The memorial service and luncheon were held at CMU on June 10 in the Townsend Kiva.

Michigan authors host readings

Several local authors had an opportunity to showcase their talents this spring when the English department hosted a series of readings by Michigan writers.

The series began with CMU journalism professor John Palen, who read from his new book of poetry, Open Communion: New and Selected Poems, on March 23.

English professor Anne Alton and research assistant James Esamagidi presented “Creating the Eternal Child: The Many Faces of Peter Pan” on March 29. They described their work on Alton’s new edition of Peter Pan, which will include several early versions of the story that led to the classic people know and love.

Shakespeare scholar Grace Tiffany hosted a reading of her work on April 6.

Tiffany, a literature professor at Western Michigan University, has written the novels Her Father Had a Daughter, based on the life of Shakespeare’s daughter, Judith, and WILL: A Novel, based on the life of Shakespeare.

Essayist Kathleen Stocking wrapped up the series with a reading on April 12. Stocking is the author of Lake Country: A Series of Journeys and Letters from Leelanau: Essays of People and Places. She has been compared to E.B. White and Garrison Keillor.

All of the readings were sponsored by the Great Lakes Faculty Forum of CMU’s Department of English Language and Literature.

CMU English professor Anne Alton presents “Creating the Eternal Child: The Many Faces of Peter Pan” as part of a series of readings by Michigan authors.
Soon after most students leave campus for the summer, CMU’s English Language Institute gears up for a full schedule of classes, welcoming international students interested in improving their English language skills.

Students from China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Bulgaria, Chile, and other countries can take classes in grammar and writing, reading and vocabulary, and listening and speaking during two six-week summer sessions. The ELI also offers a full curriculum of courses during CMU’s fall and spring semesters.

Chris Dunsmore, director of the ELI, says international students view English competency as crucial to their chances of a successful career in their home countries and abroad.

“Many global companies in countries like Japan and Korea use English competency as a requirement for promotions,” said Dunsmore. “In addition, many of our students will live and work in English speaking environments for these companies.”

“Since English has become the dominant language of international business, our students know that English competency will allow them to communicate with people from all over the world — not just native speakers of English, but all the others who have learned English as a second language just like them,” he said.

Most students learn about the ELI from universities that have entered partnerships with CMU and from other students who have already studied at CMU. The ELI also maintains a Web site (www.eli.cmich.edu) and distributes informational brochures in several languages.

Dunsmore says the small class sizes and personalized attention that students receive gives CMU’s ELI program a unique advantage over programs offered at larger universities.

“Students choose CMU because we offer top quality instruction in a safe environment,” he said. “We have a medium-sized program that gives students a lot of personal attention from their instructors, and we are able to provide them with more of a ‘family’ environment.”

In addition to language study, ELI students participate in cultural and recreational activities such as skating, skiing, canoeing, and touring Michigan cities. They have visited Detroit, Frankenmuth, Mackinaw Island, the state Capitol, a working farm, and local schools and businesses.

Departments select new chairs

Two CHSBS departments selected new department chairs for the upcoming academic year.

Marcy Taylor will replace outgoing chair Steve Holder in the English department, and Hajime Otani will replace outgoing chair Gary Dunbar in the psychology department.

Department chairs oversee administrative, academic, personnel, and student activities within their departments.
NIH funds Parkinson’s research at CMU

More than 1 million Americans have Parkinson’s disease, and an estimated 40,000 to 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. It is a disease that crosses cultural and national boundaries and causes patients to suffer from debilitating symptoms such as tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, and impaired balance.

With support from a grant from the National Institutes of Health, scientists and students in CMU’s neuroscience laboratories hope to develop treatments that will help individuals suffering from Parkinson’s disease enhance the quality of their lives.

That’s the goal for researcher Justin Oh-Lee, a CMU psychology professor who has been awarded a three-year grant totaling $191,474 from NIH.

Parkinson’s disease is a brain disorder that results from the death or damage of dopamine-producing neurons in the brain. Dopamine is a vital chemical that enables smooth movement of the body’s muscles.

Although scientists have not found a treatment that slows or stops the progression of Parkinson’s, they have developed several treatments of its symptoms including levodopa, a commonly prescribed drug that is modified by brain enzymes to create dopamine.

Oh-Lee’s research will focus on reducing the harmful side effects produced by levodopa and making the drug delivery more effective.

“We’re trying to prolong the efficacy of levodopa therapy as long as we can to improve the lives of people with Parkinson’s disease.”

- Justin Oh-Lee Psychology Professor

Oh-Lee’s goal is to stave off those side effects for as long as possible in order for Parkinson’s sufferers to lead healthy lives.

“We’re trying to prolong the efficacy of levodopa therapy as long as we can to improve the lives of people with Parkinson’s disease,” he said.

Oh-Lee competed with several nationally prominent scientists for the grant. He received a high score from the NIH due to the proposal’s scientific merit and potential for clinical application.

“In addition to research and service opportunities, I am excited about this NIH support as I will be able to get more CMU students involved in research,” he said.
Clinic offers parent-child interaction therapy
CMU receives grant to assist children with disruptive behavior disorders

CMU psychology professor Larissa Niec is offering parents of children with disruptive behavior disorders an innovative opportunity to improve their discipline techniques and enhance the quality of their relationship with their children.

The National Institute of Mental Health recently gave Niec a three-year grant worth $175,000 per year to study group treatment for children ages 3 to 6 who exhibit behavior problems that are beyond what is considered normal for their age. These children are often described as defiant, uncontrollable, overactive, attention seeking, and extremely impulsive.

“Overall, our goal is to enhance the quality of life for parents and children,” said Niec. “Children with disruptive behavior disorders who do not receive effective treatment are at risk for multiple problems as they grow older, including difficulties with school adjustment, interactions with peers, and delinquency.”

In the study, therapists will observe parents and children through a two-way mirror and will coach the parents through a microphone connected to an earpiece worn by the parents.

This enables the parents to immediately put into practice what they’ve learned from the therapists, said Niec.

Groups of two to five families whose children share similar behavior problems will work under the leadership of two therapists. The parents will take turns at interacting with their children while several parents observe in another room with the therapists. The program lasts approximately 14 weeks.

“Not only will parents learn from the therapists, but they also will learn and obtain support from other families who understand what it’s like to live with a child with difficult behaviors,” said Niec.

Niec will complete her research at the Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Clinic, which she opened on CMU’s campus in 2000. The clinic serves referred clients from Mount Pleasant and surrounding communities.

“We provide state-of-the-science intervention for families,” said Niec. “No other clinics that offer parent-child interaction therapy for families are available in mid-Michigan.”

The clinic commonly uses group therapy programs due to the overwhelming demand for services for young children.

“With the ongoing reductions in health care resources, it is critical for us to be able to reach families in a way that is effective and cost-effective,” said Niec.

The Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Clinic is housed within the Psychological Training and Consultation Center in CMU’s Health Professions Building. Clients who meet criteria for the new program will receive services free of charge. For more information, call (989) 774-3808.

Participants needed!
The Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Clinic has openings available for families of children with disruptive behavior disorders to participate in the new group therapy program funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Call (888) 774-3808 to request additional information.
Two CHSBS faculty members received the university’s top teaching award. Luz Marcela Hurtado of the foreign languages, literatures and cultures department and Katherine Rosier of the sociology, anthropology and social work department each received CMU’s Excellence in Teaching award.

Hurtado and Rosier, along with three other teaching excellence award recipients, were honored during CMU’s May commencement ceremonies.

Hurtado was recognized for her preparation, high expectations, and respect for students and their questions and opinions.

Some of the individuals who nominated Hurtado made these comments:

“I see Dr. Hurtado as a teacher with excellent skills who motivates her students to do their best and is dedicated to bringing them to a high level of proficiency in Spanish.”

“Since her arrival at CMU in 2001, she has served our students with compassion and respect in numerous ways that have always encouraged their educational and social development.”

“It is apparent that her students always come first to her and that she is passionate about the material she teaches.”

Rosier was recognized for her care, passion for teaching, and high expectations of her students.

Some of the individuals who nominated Rosier made these comments:

“Passion is the only word I can use. She loved the subjects that she was teaching; she absolutely loved the light-bulb moment in a student’s eyes.”

“She is a force — a person who throws her whole being into her teaching.”

“She holds high expectations and challenges her students to be their best, while supporting them along the way.”

“She knows her students; she cares about them. She is one of those instructors who has an impact on students’ lives, and she reciprocates the compliment by viewing teaching as an interactive process allowing students to have a meaningful impact on a teacher’s life.”

Steffel receives new CHSBS teaching award

English professor Susan Steffel had an unexpected interruption while teaching during the final week of classes in April.

CHSBS Dean Gary Shapiro and Associate Dean Pamela Gates came to her classroom to present her with the first annual CHSBS Excellence in Teaching Award.

Steffel’s students broke into applause, and she tearfully expressed her gratitude for the recognition.

The award is designed to recognize a CMU faculty member who goes above and beyond what is expected in creating exceptional learning opportunities for students. The recipient is selected by a committee of CHSBS representatives.

During the award presentation, Dean Shapiro shared several comments made by Steffel’s peers and former students during the nomination process.

One peer noted: “She is my personal benchmark for teaching professionalism here at CMU.”

Another peer stated: “She is one of the most professional, effective, and influential teacher educators in the state.”

“Never in my academic and professional career have I encountered a more life-changing, challenging, and caring role model,” said one former student.

Another alum noted: “I feel as if I am not capable of adequately capturing the magnificence of this woman. She is the example by which I measure myself as a teacher.”
Teachers attend summer school
CMU faculty host workshops for K-12 history teachers

CMU faculty members and K-12 teachers are working together to develop innovative lesson plans and professional development opportunities for history instructors.

Combining intensive classroom instruction with field visits to significant historic sites, the grant-funded workshops conducted by CMU faculty members aim to help K-12 teachers gain a deeper understanding of the American and Michigan history courses they teach.

History department chairperson **Timothy Hall** says the program’s thematic instruction model and hands-on field experiences help teachers examine history from new perspectives.

“We use historical events and topics in Michigan and the Great Lakes as a lens through which teachers can gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of events and processes in U.S. history,” said Hall. “Our goal is to help teachers not only learn the facts of history but also gain an understanding of history as a method of disciplined inquiry into the past.”

During this summer’s workshop, “The Anishinabeg of Michigan and the Great Lakes,” participants learned about Native American history by examining and analyzing textbooks and other primary materials and taking a three-day trip to Fort Michilimackinac.

“While at the fort, the teachers met with individuals who use archeology to conduct research,” said Hall. “They had an opportunity to ask questions about historic archeology and also helped screen dirt at an authentic archeological dig.”

The project is funded through two overlapping grants from the state of Michigan and the federal Teaching American History Grant program.

Hall and CMU history professor **Timothy O’Neill** partnered with **Renay Scott**, CMU’s Teacher Education and Professional Development chairperson, to secure the state grant to strengthen the teaching of American history among K-12 teachers in the Alpena area. That grant funded the project from 2003 to 2005. This year, along with history assistant professors **Jennifer Green** and **Ben Ramirez**, they were awarded the federal grant to extend and enhance the Alpena project through the summer of 2007.

The K-12 teachers draw upon their experiences at the summer workshops to produce lesson and unit plans that they will classroom test with their students during the following school year. The CMU faculty members hold follow-up visits with the teachers throughout the year and host a spring workshop with all of the participants to evaluate and review the effectiveness of the lessons.

The project also addresses the need to develop effective learning opportunities for teachers.

“We are creating a better professional development model that incorporates a stronger emphasis on content for teachers with some of the latest developments in best history education practice,” said Hall. “Our innovative model leads the participants into a deeper knowledge of the content by incorporating methodologies that provide modeling and practice for the teachers.”

The program is conducted through the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District, which is the fiscal agent for the federal grant. The K-12 teachers participating in the workshops are from Alpena and surrounding districts. They attend classroom instruction in Alpena and make field visits to landmarks and communities associated with the materials they are learning.

Last year’s workshop, “Michigan in the Great West,” examined Michigan’s role in migration to and the economic and political development of the American West. Next year, teachers will examine mining and migration in Michigan and visit historic sites in the Keweenaw Peninsula.
Alumni gifts fund new scholarship for freshmen

Gifts from alumni and friends of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences will help make the transition to college a little easier for one freshman this fall.

Kendra Marzinski, a 2005 graduate of Manistee High School, won the first annual CHSBS Alumni Fund Award. She will use the $1,000 scholarship to help cover expenses when she begins taking classes at CMU in August.

The CHSBS Alumni Fund Award was established in 2004 to provide scholarships for incoming freshmen students who plan to major in one of the college’s academic departments.

Marzinski, who also was accepted into CMU’s Honors Program, will major in psychology at CMU. Her long-term goal is to pursue a master’s and doctorate in either experimental or industrial/organizational psychology.

“While I realize that eight or more years of college won’t be cheap, it will be worth it to be trained in a field that I absolutely love,” said Marzinski.

Learning about psychology has been her passion since seventh grade when she read a book about a girl with multiple personalities. She spent the next several years studying the theories of Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Carl Rogers, and other influential psychologists.

“I want to study psychology because it combines scientific reasoning, creativity, and compassion in an effort to enhance human life,” said Marzinski. “I am passionate about the subject, and to obtain a career in psychology is my absolute dream.”

After researching psychology programs at several universities, Marzinski decided CMU was the best match for her educational aspirations.

“I chose CMU for my undergraduate studies because of its outstanding psychology program, which is accredited by the American Psychological Association and includes four doctoral programs. I feel strongly that the educational opportunities and experiences available at CMU will prepare me well for graduate studies in psychology,” she said.

CHSBS created the Alumni Fund Award with financial gifts designated to the college by alumni and friends. Applicants must have a minimum 3.4 high school grade point average and an ACT score of 25 or higher. They also must submit a two-page essay that lists their qualifications and intended major and a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor. The award is renewable for one year.

Planned giving opportunities benefit donors, CMU

Greetings CHSBS Alumni and Friends!

Every year, Central Michigan University benefits from the generosity of thousands of people. Their reasons for giving vary as widely as their interests and their financial circumstances. What they all have in common is the desire to help make a great university even greater.

The college’s development office has received a number of inquiries this year from alumni and friends asking about gift planning options, so the following is a brief summary of options to consider when crafting your estate plan. I encourage you to call if you have specific questions.

Bequests: You can name CMU as a beneficiary of your will, revocable trust, retirement plan, or other estate plan.

Life Insurance: Life insurance may be used in a variety of ways to provide a future gift to CMU or to replace contributed assets for the benefit for your children or other heirs.

Life Income: CMU offers a variety of charitable plans to enhance your present income or provide income for your loved ones. Each of these plans is designed to provide benefits to you today and a future benefit to CMU.

Retirement Plan Gifts: Assets held in a qualified retirement plan can be one of the most effective ways to support CMU.

Retained Life Estates: You can donate property, including your personal residence, to CMU, but retain the right to use the property for your benefit for as long as you live.

Life Income Gift Plans: A charitable remainder trust or gift annuity provides income to you and/or another beneficiary for life or a term of years. These options may be utilized to provide either a fixed or variable income, and can sometimes be tax-free – and further may offer an immediate income tax deduction. These options are available for gifts of $5,000 or more.

CHSBS abounds with excellent students, faculty, staff, and programs deserving of your support. So much can be accomplished when, together, we invest in the future of CMU. From all of us in CHSBS, thank you for your very generous support!

Alison Miller
Director of Development
CHSBS
Alumni News and Accomplishments

~ 1950s ~
The Hon. Fred M. Mester (BA Soc. Sci. ’59), Oakland County Circuit Court judge, was voted one of the top three civil or criminal judges for 2005 by The Detroit Free Press readers. He also received the Frances R. Avadenka Memorial Award from the Oakland County Bar Association in June. The award is presented to a member of the association who has made significant contributions to the community outside of the legal profession.

~ 1960s ~
David R. Balfour (BS Ed.: Hist. ’64; MA Hist. ’66) retired in 2002 after 37 years with Dearborn Public Schools. Since retiring, he has been busy conducting research for a book about the sailing experiences of several Great Lakes captains and participating in a business venture with his son.

Tim Bazzett (BS Eng. ’69; MA Eng. ’70) taught for five years at Monroe County Community College (1970-75) and then re-enlisted for five years in the U.S. Army. He then spent 21 years as a civilian worker for the Department of Defense. He retired in 2001 and moved back to Reed City. He recently published a book of memoirs and is working on two more volumes. Visit www.rathole.com/reedcityboy to learn more about his book, Reed City Boy.

Annlee (Beckstrom) Boonstra (BA Ed.: Soc. Sci. ’65; MA Ele. Ed. ’69) and her husband, William, have spent the past 15 winters in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. She is a certified Lay Speaker (minister) at Donna F.U.M.C. They enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren, Heather, Andrew, and Aaron, and they have driven through or visited all 50 states.

Charles Cook (BA Hist. ’66; MA Hist. ’67) is the director of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which is the regional accrediting body for Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. He is the author of The American Codification Movement: A Study of Antebellum Legal Reform and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice on the history of two Native American reservations, authored histories of those reservations, and served as an expert witness in Indian claims litigation.

Susan Cooper Cady (BS Ed.: Hist. ’63) is grant coordinator for adult and alternative education in the Potterville Public School District and will coordinate and teach the new career development program this year. Previously, she taught history for Fremont Public Schools. She and her family live in East Lansing.

John Eastman (BS Ed.: Pol. Sci. ’68) is principal of Woodrow Wilson Elementary in Port Huron. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Fort Gratiot.

Kathleen (Griffin) Fenwick (BA Ed.: Eng. ’69) retired from West African Mission School where she worked as the elementary librarian and occasional substitute teacher. Her four adopted children have grown up and left home, so she is learning to live alone. She is working as an invoicer in a drug warehouse and is planning to take more college classes. She also is an active participant in writing workshops.

James E. Harris (BS Ed.: Hist. ’64; MA Hist. ’72) teaches adult/alternative education at Carrollton Public Schools. Previously, he taught at high schools in Reese and Atlanta.

John Kulhavi (BS Psych. and BS Ed.: Psych. ’65) was elected chairman of the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees in December. He is senior vice president at Merrill Lynch in Farmington Hills and was named one of the top 100 U.S. stockbrokers in the June 13, 2005, edition of Barron’s magazine.


Irene M. (Roberts) Oliver (BS Ed. ’64) retired from Hemlock Elevator Co. in 2001.

Ed Phillips (BS Ed.: Hist. ’67) was elected mayor of Foxfire Village, N.C., an incorporated municipality near Pinehurst. He previously served as mayor pro-tem in Wayne for eight years. He retired from Wayne-Westland Schools in 1995 after serving 28 years as a teacher, coach, administrator, and counselor.

~ 1970s ~
Lois (Anger) Allen (BA Ed.: Soc. Sci. ’73) has taught all primary grades for 30 years at Bloomington Elementary in Van Buren County.

Mark Bailey (BS Psych. and Jrn. ’79) received the Retailer of the Year Award in the small retailer category given by the Michigan Retailers Association. He and his wife, Claire, own McNalley’s Shoes in Allen Park.

Jeffrey D. Brasle (BS Ed.: Hist. ’70; MA Journ. ’76), who has been president of Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired since 2000, was appointed vice president and board member of the National Council of Agencies for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He resides in Wyoming, Ohio, with his wife and two daughters.

Steve Domke (BS Ed.: Hist. ’74; MA Hum. ’96) has joined the Utica High School staff as a government teacher after being released to the board office for three years as a social studies consultant to Utica schools. He is currently the system-wide secondary social studies chairman, coordinating programs in Utica’s eleven secondary schools. He also is very active as a Civil War Living Historian and president of the Multi-Lakes Association for Civil War Studies.
Darryl Goncharoff (BS Ed.: Eng. ’72) recently retired from Walled Lake Schools. He plans to teach at the college level and pursue a business venture in Oakland County.

Kandy (Barr) Griswold (BS Psych. and Soc. ’71; Specialist Psych. Spcs. ’78) is a school psychologist at the Genesee Intermediate School District, where she also serves on the early childhood and autism teams.

Phyllis A. Hall (BA Ed.: Eng. ’75; MA Counseling ’90; MA Ed. Admin. ’04) is principal at Farwell High School.

Bruce N. Jacobson (MA Psych. ’75) is married and has five children. He is proud to announce that he became a grandfather last December. He is a unit chief/supervisor for the mental health team at the Marquette Branch Prison.

J. Thomas Kolka (BS Ed.: Sec. ’72) was named superintendent of Van Dyke Public Schools in Warren. He formerly served as principal of Lincoln Park High School.

Michael C. Mayse (BS Psych. ’77) completed the Executive Master of Nonprofit Organizations degree from the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations and Case Western Reserve University. He is president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland.

Renee L. Hickey-Niezgoda (BS Hist. and Eng. ’77) is a self-employed attorney in Mount Pleasant.

William (Bill) T. Rasmussen (BA Hist. ’70) is the author of a new book, Corroborating Evidence: A True Crime Story (Sunstone Press), which discusses evidence supporting connections between the Cleveland Torso Murders and several other notorious murders. Visit www.sunstonepress.com for more information.

Connie (Lashaway) Salisbury (BS Ed.: Eng., ’70) retired on July 1 after 35 years of teaching various grade levels at North Central Local School in Pioneer, Ohio. She plans to travel and volunteer as a tutor in her spare time. She also is considering a bid for a city council seat in November.

The Hon. Rudolph A. Serra (BS Psych. and IPC ’76; MA Speech and Dram. Arts ’77) was appointed judge of the Wayne County 36th District Court, which serves the city of Detroit.

Richard A. Yake (BS Ed.: Hist. ’71) retired this year after 30 years of service in the River Rouge school system.

~ 1980s ~

Kerry (Lutz) Bennett (BA Eng. ’80; MA Eng. ’82) recently became Web content editor for the Nemours Foundation’s health and prevention services division.

Paul Callaghan (MA Psych. ’89; Psy.D. ’93) is a licensed psychologist in Traverse City.

Leanne Chandler (BS Ed.: Hist. ’88) manages Park Township Airport near Holland. She has worked in the aviation industry for the past six years and is in the process of building her own aircraft.

Cecilia Lee-fang Chien (BA Hist. ’80) is a professor at Hong Kong University of Science & Technology in Clearwater Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Her book, Salt and Stateless: An Annotated Translation of the Songshi Salt Monopoly Treatise, was published by the University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies in June 2004.

Thomas DeLuca (BS Ed.: Eng. ’83) was named director of finance for Chesaning Public Schools.

Walt Drenth (BS Pol. Sci. and Psych. ’81; MA Phys. Ed. ’90) was named men’s cross country coach at Michigan State University.

Tamara Johnson Costa (BS Ed.: Hist. ’87; MSA ’94) is working for the Novardis Pharmaceutical Corp.

After graduation, Mary Mintz (MA Clin. Psych. ’87; Psy.D. Clin. Psych. ’93) taught at Saginaw Valley State University for one year, worked in a private practice for more than two years, and then moved to Europe. While in the Netherlands, she directed an English-speaking counseling service without pay and then returned to Michigan to remain in the volunteer sector. She currently volunteers in her local hospital, several nursing homes, and a hospice as a therapeutic music practitioner. She also is an editorial advisor for the Harp Therapy Journal, published in Pennsylvania.

Karen (Johnson) Preston (MA Ele. Ed. ’84; EI ’88) retired from Bay City Public Schools in June after teaching in the district for 20 years. Previously, she taught at Big Burning, a one-room school in Bad Axe, and at St. Michaels in Pinconning.

Frank E. Stead (BS Ed.: Hist. ’89; MA Hist. ’92) is an assistant manager at Walgreens and adjunct faculty member at North Central Michigan College. He teaches history part time at NCMC and is the historical coordinator of the bronze statue of Bidasoego (Ignatious Petoskey), which was completed this spring and will be placed in Petoskey. He also is writing a fictionalized history of northern Michigan covering the 18th through 20th centuries. In addition, he is continuing his research in Anishnaabe culture of the Great Lakes region with the elders of several American and Canadian bands and serves on the board of the Little Traverse Historical Society.

Susanna Warner (BS Psych. ’89; MA Clin. Psych. ’91) is director of outpatient counseling at Wedgewood Counseling in Grand Rapids. She and her husband have two children.

Kevin Zielke (BS Pol. Sci. ’89) joined Dykema Gossett PLLC as a member of the Litigation Practice Group in the Detroit office. He lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

~ 1990s ~

Brad Antcliff (BS Soc.: Social Work ’99) and his wife, Lisa (Bellinger), (BS Bus. Ed. ’97) announce the birth of their daughters, Natalie Kate and Paige Elizabeth, on Aug. 18, 2004. The twins join their sister, Kelsey. The family lives in Weidman.

Kirsten Cauchy (BS Psych. and IPC ’98) married Christopher Gutmann on March 27, 2004, in Chicago. She is an assistant director of residence life at Loyola University. They live in Chicago.

Eric J. Cleveland (BS Psych. ’91) is an Employee Assistance Program Consultant at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He received his MSW from Michigan State University in 1994 and his MA from Concordia University, St. Paul, in 2001. He and his wife, Tracy, ’94, have two children.

Stephen Kelty (MA Hist. ’97) has been living in Europe for the past eight years. He met his wife while going to school at Strathclyde, and they now live in her native Sweden with their son, Isak. He is teaching history and philosophy at Viktor Rydberg International High School in Stockholm.

Anissa (Krauss) Lukowski (BS Pol. Sci. ’92) and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of their son, Theodore Richard, on Dec. 6, 2004. They live in Akron, N.Y.

Orestes Mavromatis (MA Hist. ’97) teaches world civilization courses at Lansing Community College.

Wendy McLean (BS Psych. ’99) married Joshua Tremblay (BS Phys. Ed. ’02) on July 17, 2004, in Mount Pleasant. Wendy is a school social worker for Grant Public Schools, and Joshua is a teacher and coach for Grant Public Schools. They live in Grant.

Capt. Shawntell Mullins (BS Ed.: Hist. ’99) received a Juris Doctor degree from Washington University School of Law in 2002. She currently is serving on active duty at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts with the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps.

Maria A. Peterson (BS Psych. ’99) is enrolled in a graduate nursing program at the University of Michigan, while she continues to work as a registered nurse in a pediatric department. She lives in Battle Creek with her husband and two children.

Nick Phillips (BS Psych. ’98) and his wife, Rana, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Nicholas, on Sept. 16, 2004. The family lives in Mount Pleasant.

Alumni honored with awards

Two CHSBS alumni were among those recognized during CMU’s annual alumni awards banquet on June 11.

Political science graduate student Adam Miller received the Community Recognition Alumni Award, which is given in recognition of distinctive service of a humanitarian nature or citizenship through community and public service activities.

Miller is the mayor of Mount Pleasant — the youngest in the city’s history — and also serves on the Michigan Municipal League Taxation and Finance Advisory Committee, the Council of Governments, and the Isabella County Agricultural Preservation Board.

In addition, he volunteers for the Mount Pleasant Area Junior Chamber of Commerce, the United Way Volunteer Center Steering Committee, and the Mount Pleasant Historical Society.

Miller received a bachelor’s degree in geography in 1998 and is pursuing a master’s degree in public administration at CMU. He works as a professional sales representative for Janssen/Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Inc.

CHSBS alumnus Joseph Scott received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which is presented to alumni to recognize their remarkable professional success and the positive reflection made on the reputation of all CMU graduates.

He is a professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Washington, where he also has served as chairman and professor of American ethnic studies and professor of sociology.


In addition, he served on the Committee on Freedom for Research and Teaching for the American Sociological Association, he is a past president and vice president for the North Central Sociological Association, and he is a past president of the Association of Black Sociologists.

He received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from CMU in 1957 and earned a master’s degree and doctorate from Indiana University.


~ 2000s ~

Tracy L. Baldwin (BS Psych. and Family Studies ’00) married Kevin Kaul last year. She is a corrections officer at the Saginaw County Jail.

Samuel E. Bates (BS Psych. ’01) is assigned to HHS 1/12th Field Artillery in Fort Sill, Okla. He returned to the U.S. in April of 2004 after serving a one-year deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Michelle Baughman (BS Ed.: Hist. and Bio. ’01) won the National Authors Registry President’s Award for Literary Excellence for her poem, “Once Upon a Star.” She is a third grade teacher in North Carolina.

Shada Biabani (MPA ’03) received the BPW Young Careerist Award from the Alma Area Business and Professional Women’s committee. She owns Concept Communications, a marketing and communications company in St. Louis, and she publishes Life in the Middle of Michigan magazine.

Penny Cole (BS Ed.: Eng. ’00) and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Jackson David, on Dec. 16, 2004. They live in Breckenridge.

Bree (Sutton) Cullum (BS Psych. ’00) married Geoffrey (BS IT ’02) in 2001, and they had their first child in October of 2003.

Nicole (Novak) Garberg (MS Exp. Psych. ’02) and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their first child, Drake, who was born in April. Nicole has a supervisory position in market research with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minneapolis.

Melissa A. Gill (BS Pol. Sci. ’02) is in her second year of law school in Boston. She completed an internship at the Massachusetts attorney general’s office, and she heads up the women’s law caucus and the student bar association.

Rebecca Ann (Hirn) Haase (BS Ed.: Hist. ’01) is a social studies teacher in Minnesota.

Robert Haynes (BS Hist. ’02) graduated from Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training as an electronic warfare officer. He and his wife are foster parents of four boys.

Joylynn Henning (BS Ed.: Soc. Studies ’04) began graduate work last fall at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro on a master’s in counseling, with an emphasis on student development in higher education.

Phil Hernández (BS Hist. ’02) worked as an assistant hall director at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus until last fall, when he began graduate work at Iowa State University. He is pursuing a master’s in higher education with an emphasis on student affairs.

Dennis Hidalgo (Ph.D. Hist. ’03) is completing post-doctorate work at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. He is an

Alumni News

Alumni inducted into CMU’s ROTC Hall of Fame

The military science department inducted four new members into the CMU Army ROTC Hall of Fame during their annual military ball held at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort on February 25.


CMU ROTC alumni from across the country attended the formal dinner to show their support for the new inductees and the military science department’s current faculty and cadets.

To learn more about the CMU ROTC Hall of Fame, visit www.chsbs.cmich.edu/Military_Science and click on Alumni/History.
Three graduates of CMU’s creative writing master’s degree program returned to campus on April 20 to host a poetry reading and to meet with students and faculty members. All three — Shelley Savren, ’74, Marc Sheehan, ’79, and Phillip Sterling, ’74, — are widely published poets.

Savren lives in Ventura, Calif., with her husband, Elijah Imlay, and is a full-time faculty member of the English department at Oxnard College. Her book The Common Fire was published by Red Hen Press in 2004. She has taught poetry writing workshops at a maximum security men’s prison, juvenile detention centers, a homeless shelter, a school for emotionally disturbed adolescents, a women’s center, and numerous other facilities and at every grade level through the California Poets in the Schools. She received first place in the 1994 John David Johnson Memorial Poetry Award and a nomination for a Pushcart Prize.

Sheehan is an editorial services coordinator for Ferris State University and an associate editor of Fourth Genre: Explorations in Nonfiction, a literary journal published by Michigan State University.

He is the author of Greatest Hits, a collection of poems from New Issues Poetry Press and has published more than 100 individual poems in a variety of journals. In addition, he has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Sterling lives in Big Rapids and teaches at Ferris State University. He is the author of Mutual Shores (New Issues 2000), and the editor of Imported Breads: Literature of Cultural Exchange (Mammoth 2003).

He has received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry, a PEN Syndicated Fiction Award, and two Senior Fulbright lectureships (Belgium and Poland).
**Alumni Information Form**

Help us learn more about our alumni. Please send us news of your accomplishments.

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**Homecoming 2005!**

Mark your calendars for the 2005 CHSBS Homecoming reception on **Saturday, October 15** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit the CHSBS tent near the Rose Ponds before the game to enjoy free food and beverages and to mingle with students, alumni, faculty, and retired faculty.