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*82 Years at Michigan State University*  
**1927 - 2009**

Michigan State University Chapter 041

***Annual Initiation Ceremony and Banquet***

**April 25, 2009**

Kellogg Center, Red Cedar Room  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.



# PROGRAM

## Welcome

Burton A. Bargerstock  
President, MSU Chapter 041

## Lunch

## Invited Speaker

David A. Thomas  
Author, *Michigan State College: John Hannah and  
the Creation of a World University, 1926-1969*

## Initiation Ceremony and Induction

All Honored Candidates

## Awards Presentation

Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship  
Kyalamboka A. Brown

Study Abroad Grant  
Rebecca L. Farnum

Love of Learning Award  
Marieka E. Brouwer

## Conclusion

Burton A. Bargerstock

## — INVITED SPEAKER —

### **David A. Thomas**

*Author, Michigan State College: John Hannah and the Creation of a World University, 1926-1969 (2008, Michigan State University Press)*

David Thomas is a writer specializing in history, art, the social sciences, and Latin America. He has written for publications such as *Michigan History*, *Business Mexico*, *Horticulture* magazine, the *Detroit News*, and the *Lansing State Journal*. He was the senior editor and contributing writer for “Let the Record Show: The Legal History of Ingham County, Michigan” and, more recently, compiled a history for the Rotary Club of Lansing. Much of his writing is done in the 1849 farmhouse on Hagadorn Road in East Lansing—Mid-Michigan’s oldest residence.



# Michigan State University

## 2009 New Phi Kappa Phi Members

### Undergraduate Initiates

#### *Juniors*

Megan Bergland  
Bryan Blase  
Ryan Burke  
Jennifer Ferlito  
Evan Goodman  
Patrick Heffner  
Phebe Kim  
Jenny Korn  
Jessica Kushler  
David McComb  
Christopher O'Brien  
Michael Oliverio  
Alexander Piazza  
Abigail Podufaly  
Andrew Robertson  
Christine Rohrkemper  
Nathan Shinault  
Lauren Smith  
Rachel Stager  
Robert Wells

#### *Seniors*

Eric Armstrong  
Jessica Barnese  
Carla Christian  
Laura Clark  
Lauren Cueto  
Drew Doster  
Nicole Dunn  
Carlee Forbes  
Teresa Johnson  
Lauron Kehrer  
Alan Legg  
Lauren Lundin  
Ming Sun Ng  
Sarah Parker  
Garrett Putansu  
Rachel Roys  
Erin Rygiel  
Jeanette Vieracker  
April Zander  
Jowhara Zindani

### Graduate Initiates

Jenifer Barclay  
Eric Beasley  
Murali Bhupatiraju  
Melissa Brooks-Yip  
Robyn Carlson  
Laura Casper-Teague  
Deborah Corley  
Todd Drummond  
Michelle Gould-Rice  
Akono Gross  
Bree Holtz  
D'Andrea Jacobs  
Paul Kasowski  
Mikyoung Kim  
Cara Ludlow  
Gordon Martin  
Rebecca Meuninck  
Andrea Miehl  
Karyn Miller  
Kaumudi Mi  
Mary O'Neill  
Kimberly Palmer  
Marisa Rinkus  
Linda Robinson  
Elise Wagner

### Alumni Initiates

Julia Farner  
Ryan Gaffke  
Shelley Lee  
Katherine Wechtwe  
Karen Wong-Petrie

### Faculty Initiates

Katherine Alaimo  
Lucinda D. Davenport  
Jill L. Elfenbein  
Jeffrey T. Grabill  
Christian Lotz

**Congratulations, 2009 Initiates!**  
Phi Kappa Phi is proud to have you as members.

Founded in 1897, the primary objective of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. The society believes that by recognizing and honoring those persons of good character, who have excelled in scholarship, that others will be stimulated to similar goals of excellence.

## — FACULTY INITIATES —

The outstanding achievements of these faculty members represent the high standard of scholarship, professionalism, and public service that Phi Kappa Phi symbolizes and supports. The Michigan State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is proud to grant membership to them.

### **Katherine Alaimo, Ph.D**

Katherine Alaimo is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. Dr. Alaimo's research areas include: community food security; urban agriculture; nutrition and physical activity promotion through policies, programs and community design; and community-based participatory research. She is currently the co-principal investigator/project director of a CDC-funded project to improve and evaluate the Michigan Promoting Active Communities program, and the principal investigator of the School Nutrition Advances Kids (SNAK) project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research and the Michigan Nutrition Network/Food Stamp Nutrition Education programs. For the past several years Dr. Alaimo has worked with community gardeners in Michigan on participatory research projects, including explorations of the effects of gardening and community beautification on neighborhood renewal, social capital and youth development, and the health benefits of backyard and community gardens for women. She has published several articles on the prevalence and consequences of food insufficiency for children in the United States. She holds a Ph.D. in community nutrition from Cornell University.

### **Lucinda D. Davenport, Ph.D.**

Lucinda Davenport has expertise in teaching, journalism, and research. She developed one of the first interactive software programs for journalism education and has co-authored three international textbooks on reporting and mass communication: *Reporting for the Media* (9th ed.), *Media Now* (6th ed.), and *The Media in Your Life*. She has published in books and numerous refereed journals. Dr. Davenport was recently Associate Dean of Graduate Education for the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. She also directs the CAS Media and Information Studies Ph.D. program and the graduate program in the School of Journalism, where she is a professor. She has received teaching and research awards and service recognition. She was honored with the MSU Mid-Michigan Alumni Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award and has five Top Faculty Research Paper awards from national conferences. Dr. Davenport has degrees in journalism and mass communication from Baylor University, University of Iowa, and Ohio University. Her master's thesis and doctoral dissertation were firsts in the world on computerized information services and online news.

## **Jill L. Elfenbein, Ph.D.**

Jill Elfenbein is an Associate Professor in MSU's Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD). She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa and holds American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) clinical certification in both speech-language pathology and audiology. In 2006, she was awarded ASHA Fellow status in recognition of her contributions to these professions. Dr. Elfenbein enjoys the challenges of multidisciplinary research and is a member of an MSU research team that is investigating genetic etiologies of hearing loss in children and adults. She teaches three undergraduate courses, is an advisor for CSD students in the Honors College, is advisor for CSD's Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee, mentors undergraduate students who are developing projects for presentation at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), and is a founder and supporter of MSU's American Sign Language Living/Learning Option in the residence halls.

## **Jeffrey T. Grabill, Ph.D.**

Jeffrey T. Grabill is a Professor of Rhetoric and Professional Writing and Co-Director of the Writing in Digital Environments (WIDE) Research Center. He is interested in the knowledge work of citizens, users, workers, and students within organizational contexts. Grabill has published two books on community literacy programs and articles in journals like *College Composition and Communication*, *Technical Communication Quarterly*, *Computers and Composition*, and *English Education*. He won the Richard Braddock Memorial Award for best article published in *College Composition and Communication* (2001), the Ellen Nold Award for best article published in computers and composition studies (1999), and the Nell Ann Picket Award for best article published in *Technical Communication Quarterly* (1998).

## **Christian Lotz, Ph.D.**

Christian Lotz, Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, earned an M.A. in philosophy, sociology, and art history from the University of Bamberg (1997) and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Marburg (Germany, 2002). In addition, he spent two years as a research fellow at Emory University in Atlanta (2000-2002). Before coming to MSU he taught at the University of Marburg (1997-1999), Seattle University (2002-2003), and the University of Kansas (2003-2005). In 2009 he received an MSU's teacher-scholar award. Lotz is the author of *From Affectivity to Subjectivity: Revisiting Edmund Husserl's Phenomenology* (Palgrave, 2007/2008) and *Vom Leib zum Selbst: Kritische Analysen zu Husserl und Heidegger* [Lived Body and Self: Critical Investigations in Husserl and Heidegger] (Alber, 2005). In addition, he has co-edited four books. Lotz has published articles on various topics and philosophers in European philosophy in major U.S. and German journals. His current research interests are in German philosophy, aesthetics, philosophy of culture, and the role of the concept of conscience for a theory of subjectivity. He twice organized the Workshop in Social and Political Thought at MSU (Rethinking Intersubjectivity, 2006; Rethinking the Political, 2009).

## — AWARDS —

### **Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship**

#### **Kyalamboka A. Brown**

Kyalamboka Brown will complete her B.S. in mathematics, with a minor in earth-space science, in May 2009. She participated in the McNair Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) at MSU in 2007 and the SROP at University of Michigan in 2008. Her honors include a Gram Endowed Scholarship, 2005 – present; Golden Key International Honour Society induction, 2007; membership in the MSU Undergraduate Research Advisory Board, 2008; and the Dean's 4.0 List in 2006 and 2008. Brown is the first author of two publications which appeared in *CrystEngComm*, a refereed journal of crystal engineering. She is Fundraising Chair of the Somali Association of Michigan as well as a past volunteer with Read to Succeed, Capital Area Literacy Coalition, Alternative Spring Break Program, Boys and Girls Club, and other organizations. Her career objective is to become an education researcher and coordinator of mathematics enrichment programs for inner-city youth. After graduation Brown plans to attain a master of arts in education with secondary teacher certification from the University of Michigan, then teach in an urban school system for several years before pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics education.

### **Study Abroad Grant**

#### **Rebecca L. Farnum**

Rebecca Farnum is a first-year student at MSU, studying peace and justice in Africa and the Middle East. On campus, Becca serves as secretary of Students for Peace and Justice, as student leader of Act for Justice (an interactive theater group that works to educate the public on social justice issues), and as a member of the start-up team of the Campus Interfaith Council. Her father's role as a United Methodist pastor has had a big impact on Becca's life. She currently serves as the chair of the North Central Jurisdiction Division on Ministries with Young People. This summer Becca will be studying the Arabic language intensively at the American University in Cairo's Arabic Language Institute. Egypt has always been a personal favorite of hers and she is thrilled to have the opportunity to study in "The Mother of the World." She sends a "thank you to Phi Kappa Phi for your support and encouragement of academia!"



## **Love of Learning Award**

### **Marieka E. Brouwer**

Marieka Brouwer's dissertation concerns how late glacial and early post-glacial hunter-gatherers coped with a rapidly changing landscape in the western and central Netherlands (12,000 to 6,000 years ago). She studies these behavioral adaptations through the stone tools left behind by these populations. Last September she conducted a month-long dissertation data collection trip to the Netherlands with a small grant from the University. An additional Love of Learning award allowed her to stay in the Netherlands for a few additional days to meet with two Dutch archaeologists and discuss in detail the intricacies of her dissertation project, from datasets to methodologies and results, as well as visit the repositories and sites from which the assemblages are derived.

# Michigan State University Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

## 2008-2009 Chapter Executive Committee

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