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2015 END OF THE YEAR AWARDS RECEPTION

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THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 2015
4:00 PM
KIRBY BALLROOM
DULUTH, MN

Masters of Ceremonies:

Nick Bonko graduated from UMD in May 2014 with a double major in Interdisciplinary Studies - Marketing Communications and History, and a minor in Political Science. After graduation he traveled to Europe for seven weeks and visited eight different countries. He now lives in Minneapolis where he works for Airborne Athletics, a sporting goods company that sells volleyball and basketball training equipment.
AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- The department now offers students an undergraduate degree in Tribal Administration & Governance (TAG) which is entirely online, as well as a new minor in Ojibwe.
- Erik Redix was awarded the McKnight Land-Grant Professorship for 2015-2017.
- Linda LeGarde Grover’s book, *The Dance Boots*, was chosen to be the One Book, One Community read for the Arrowhead Library System.

MICHAEL MUNNELL AWARD

Michael Munnell was the first graduate to major in American Indian Studies at UMD. In fall 2012, the AIS department established this scholarship in his name. Munnell is the drum keeper and lead singer of the MA’IIN’GAN Drum. The singers perform at dozens of events each year, including UMD’s commencement ceremony.

AWARD RECIPIENT: RANDI OMDAHL

Randi is from Minneapolis with ties to both the Duluth and the White Earth communities. She is an Art Education major with a minor in American Indian Studies. She plans to become an Art Educator and bring more Ojibwe art, culture and language into the classroom.
NOTES

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

- The department hosted a weekend-long event in August 2014 for alumni of the Intercultural Communication and Hawaii courses. More than 200 alumni attended from as far away as India, Sweden, Hawaii and even Two Harbors!
- The department also hosted a series of Homecoming Weekend events, including a tailgate party and brunch, attended by more than 150 alumni.
- David Gore has been elected Communication Department Chair and Deborah Petersen Perlman has been elected Associate Chair.

WESTMORELANDFLINT SCHOLARSHIP

WestmorelandFlint is making this gift in recognition of the quality education the UMD offers students. This scholarship is intended to help students pursue their dreams of higher education. These students use their knowledge in incredible ways and, WestmorelandFlint is proud to have hired several graduates throughout the years. It is the agency's hope to continue this tradition.

AWARD RECIPIENT: SADIE OSTWALD

Sadie will serve as the 2015 Bulldog Welcome Week Coordinator. Her cumulative GPA of 3.8 has been achieved while weekly working 35 hours plus another 20 hours devoted to serving as a member of the UMD Athletic Band.
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- Many English Department faculty continue to receive funding for their research, such as Dr. Rochelle Zuck’s GPS Alliance International Travel Grant from the University of Minnesota to support her travel to several conferences in London, England.
- Dr. Krista Twu, Dr. John Schwetman, and Dr. Simon Kress traveled to Galway and Dublin, Ireland to continue developing relationships with literary partners at Poetry Ireland and the Irish Arts Council in preparation for a study abroad course.
- Several Irish poets visited the Duluth campus as part of an exchange.
- Student, Jon Bredeson, published his poem, "Judgment," in an online journal called The Furious Gazelle.

ANN H. AND ALFRED HARTLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Alfred Hartley established this scholarship in honor of his wife, Ann, and her lifelong interest in English language and literature. The scholarship supports juniors or seniors majoring in English who are in good academic standing and have a demonstrated interest in language and literature.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Hannah Olson

Hannah is from Richfield, MN and graduated from Richfield High School. She is an English Major and Film Studies Minor at UMD, where she participates as a writing tutor and Captain of the women’s Cross Country and Track teams.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Elisabeth Noor

Elisabeth is an English major with a Liberal Arts emphasis and a Communications minor. Since starting UMD in 2013, she has been on the Dean’s List every semester, and she plans on working for a publishing company after graduating.

ANNA LEE (STENSLAND) AND MYRON LIDBERG SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Anna Lee (Stensland) Lidberg created the scholarship in honor of Professor Stensland’s devotion to students and education. It is awarded to aid a student during his/her student teaching.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Breanna Totzke

Breanna is a senior completing a degree in Teaching Communication Arts & Literature, a minor in English, and the Educational Computing & Technology Certificate. During college, she has been involved in Lighthouse Cru and has gained an interest in teaching middle school students.

Faculty Teaching & Research Awards

CLA Teaching Award: Tenure-Track Faculty

Joseph Bauerkemper

Joseph Bauerkemper has set ambitious goals for the courses he teaches and the programs he has helped to develop. In his words, “American Indian Studies serves the needs, interests, and ambitions of the students who elect to take it up. It also serves the needs and ambitions of a vast array of public and private sector employers eager to hire our graduates. And in rather unique ways, the work done in American Indian Studies classrooms is responsible for serving the Native nations within and well beyond our region.” Bauerkemper has served those constituencies across a wide range of courses in American Indian law, politics, and diplomatic relations. Whether teaching undergraduates or masters students, online or in person, his teaching has earned consistently high praise from students and colleagues. One former student said, “He made me want to attend a course that ran for three hours on Saturday.” Another said, “I learned more from his class than I have throughout my 40 years of life.” Tadd Johnson, Director of Graduate Studies, has summed up Bauerkemper’s impressive teaching talents in this way: “He has the ability to look at American Indian Studies from a global perspective; from a literary perspective; and in the MTAG program, he can teach the practical applications of tribal sovereignty. On a baseball team, he would be a utility infielder—he can do it all.”

CLA Teaching Award: Term Faculty

Andrew Snustad

In his eleven years of teaching at UMD, Andrew Snustad has demonstrated a commitment to seeking “new ways to generate connections with the lives of [his] students.” He describes his teaching philosophy thusly: “to share my enthusiasm about the discoveries I have encountered while learning Spanish using evolving strategies to develop language proficiency and cultural competency that will guide them through potential moments of frustration and closer to moments of their own discovery that will fuel a life-long interest in the Spanish speaking world and beyond.” Students describe him as a “vital component of the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures” and “one of the greatest influences on my overall education,” a teacher and mentor who has made them more “culturally competent” and influenced the course of their career choices. His peers commend him for the “seamlessness” of his classes and his use of teaching methods that are both innovative and in line with the practices of the professional organizations in their field. Put simply, he is, in the words of Eileen Zeitz, his former department head, a “stellar teacher.”
CLA RESEARCH AWARD: TENURED FACULTY

TONGXIN ZHU

Tongxin Zhu received his B.Sc. from Anhui Normal University, China; M.Sc. from the Institute of Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences; and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto, Canada. He joined UMD in 1998 as an assistant professor, and is currently an associate professor in the Department of Geography, Urban, Environment and Sustainability Studies. His research interests include hydrology, geomorphology, and soil erosion, especially in semi-arid climates. He employs field surveys, experimental investigations, and modeling and GIS techniques in his research. He has published a number of papers in a range of top journals in all of his research fields. He is currently collaborating with some of the top institutions in geographical research in both China and the US, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Nanjing University.

CLA RESEARCH AWARD: TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

JENNIFER BRADY

Jennifer Brady is Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies and the Managing Editor of Hispania, the journal of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Her research interests include masculinities in contemporary Spain, doubling and repetition in 20th- and 21st-century Spanish fiction and film, and modification and illness in physical bodies in Spanish fiction and film. Jennifer co-edited Collapse, Catastrophe, and Rediscovery: Spain’s Cultural Panorama in the 21st Century (Cambridge Scholars 2014) and has contributed book chapters to two recent anthologies: Ventura Pons: Una mirada excepcional desde el cine catalán (Vervuert/Iberoamericana 2015) and Pedro Calderón de la Barca’s La vida es sueño: Philosophical Readings (Johns Hopkins UP 2014). She has published articles in prestigious journals, including Ometeca, Cincinnati Romance Review, and Letras hispanas, and has presented over 30 papers at regional, national, and international conferences on literature, film, publishing, and pedagogy.

CLA TEACHING AWARD: TENURED FACULTY

RUNA DAS

Runa Das says that she seeks to “transfer [her] passion for Comparative Politics to students by exuding energy in the classroom,” and students describe the “fire that she teaches with” as life-changing. Her lecturing style is animated and enthusiastic. Even in a large lecture hall, she moves energetically throughout the room, knows every student’s name, and “seems to know their individual personalities and how to interact with them as individuals.” Her respect for her students has helped her to create “an environment propitious to the free exchange of ideas and provocative dialogue.”

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

JOHN AND RUTH REED SCHOLARSHIP

John Reed, UMD class of 1959, English Professor at Wayne State, created this scholarship in honor of himself and his late wife, Ruth, a graduate of Hope College. The scholarship is awarded to a student studying English.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JAMES GILLIGAN

James is a third-year student majoring in English with a minor in Economics. He is a volunteer writer for the UMD Statesman, covering sports. Beyond reading and writing, his interests include hiking and exploring the Duluth/Lake Superior region.

JOSEPH E. DUNCAN SCHOLARSHIP

Established by a bequest in the will of Professor Joe Duncan and supplemented with gifts from his family and friends, the Joseph Duncan Scholarship is conferred upon an English Major who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic capability and professional promise.

AWARD RECIPIENT: AMBER BEATTIE

Amber is entering her senior year as an English major. She hopes to attend grad school with a specialty in medieval studies and eventually become an English teacher to spread the love of literature to students in Minnesota.

KLAUS P. JANKOFSKY ESSAY PRIZE

The Klaus P. Jankofsky Essay Prize is awarded to the best student essay on any topic in Medieval and/or Renaissance Studies.

AWARD RECIPIENT: GRETCHEN GREER

Gretchen is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a focus on myth and religion in literature and culture. She has taken classes in English, History, Philosophy, and Anthropology. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in English.

LAWRENCE WRIGHT ESSAY PRIZE

The Wright prize was established in 1974 by Edwina Wright, in memory of her late husband, D. Lawrence Wright (1900-1978), who was a member of the UMD English Department and a teacher of particular excellence. The prize is awarded annually for the best original or analytical essay submitted on a topic of linguistics, in literature, in rhetoric, or in methods of instruction.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JESSE HARTH

Jesse is a junior majoring in English at UMD. He is passionate about reading, writing, and current global affairs. He spends his free time gardening, working at a cooperatively-owned bakery, and exploring the beautiful, wild woods of Minnesota.
**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

**Michael Robert Lenz Creative Writing Scholarship**

In honor of former UMD English major Mike Lenz, whose untimely death occasioned the endowment for this award, the English Department will award this scholarship to the writer of an exemplary work of imaginative literature.

**Award Recipient:** Jesse Harth

See bio on previous page.

**Michael Robert Lenz Creative Writing Prize**

Named in honor of former UMD English major Mike Lenz, this is awarded at the judges’ discretion for the best original work of imaginative literature, narrative, dramatic, or lyric, in prose or verse.

**Award Recipient:** Casey Holmstrom

Casey is a senior at UMD majoring in Political Science and minoring in Arts & Media. She is interested in feminist ideals and writing about societal faults. She enjoys being on the radio, working with food, and drinking coffee casually.

**Sigmond and Lena Slonim Scholarship**

Created by Dr. Ruth Slonim, in memory of her parents, Sigmond and Lena Slonim. The Slonim Scholarship is conferred upon an English major who, upon entering his or her senior year, has demonstrated financial need, an outstanding scholastic capability, personal effectiveness, and professional promise.

**Award Recipient:** Margaret Forsell

Maggie Forsell is a junior Criminology/English major and Philosophy minor. Her future plans include attending law school to become a human rights attorney, and eventually a Supreme Court Justice. She hopes to make a positive impact on many lives.

**William M. Crockett Scholarship**

The William M. Crockett Scholarship in English was established in 2012 in his memory by his wife Christine Holmes Crockett to support students with financial need in the Department of English. William Mabon Crockett was a descendant of Davy Crockett. Mr. Crockett was a former chair of the Department of English at UMD, and Mrs. Crockett was a talented musician and organist. They were both long-time residents of Duluth.

**Award Recipient:** Jesse Harth

See bio on previous page.

**CLA College - Wide Scholarships**

**Herbert Sorenson Family Scholarship**

The Sorenson Family Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student from the state of Minnesota, with modest economic means, entering his or her junior year in the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Sorenson was devoted to students and the educational process throughout his life and the scholarship is intended to be a tangible means of recognizing his spirit and perpetuating it to future generations of students and scholars.

**Award Recipient:** Quentin Stille

Quentin is a Communication major with a Journalism minor. He started volunteering with the on-campus radio station, KUMD, in Fall 2013. He has been KUMD’s Hip Hop Director, as well as a student DJ, since January 2014. He recently started doing volunteer work with KUMD’s Northland Morning News team. Next summer he will start a new position as KUMD’s College Radio Music Director. Quentin enjoys Duluth for its atmosphere, and hopes to stay here after graduation, working with one of our local news organizations.

**Award Recipient:** Scott Ducharme

Scott is a History major from International Falls, MN. His future goals include attending law school after graduation. Scott is an avid biker and outdoors man and loves the beautiful scenery of the lake country.

**Daniel & Mary Levenduski Humanities Scholarship**

The Levenduski Humanities Scholarship was established by Christine Levenduski in honor of her parents, Daniel and Mary. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student demonstrating a commitment to interdisciplinary studies in the humanities.

**Award Recipient:** Autumn Bartow

Autumn is a Communication and Hispanic Studies major and will be a senior next fall. She loves music, art, philosophy, reading books and poetry, writing, and learning new things. Her short term goal is to spend a semester in Spain immersing herself in the language and culture. Her long term goal is to attend graduate school and work in a job where she can make the world a better place.
CLA College - Wide Scholarships

Ebert Stembler Scholarship
The Ebert Stembler Scholarship is awarded to CLA students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. Mary Ebert and Paul Stembler hope their scholarships will give students the financial flexibility and opportunity to involve themselves in other activities that they find rewarding. Through this scholarship, Mary and Paul hope to inspire others to share the experience, honor and, the feelings of good will that UMD has given them over the past years.

Award Recipient: Nicole Anderson
Nicole is a junior majoring in Philosophy and International Studies with a minor in Chinese Area Studies. She is actively arranging Japanese culture workshops for kids in her area as a librarian assistant and enjoys learning Japanese in her spare time. After graduation, she hopes to attend a graduate program in Japanese studies at the University of Minnesota or teach English in Japan.

Award Recipient: Weiqing (Vicky) Huang
Weiqing (Vicky) is a sophomore majoring in Communication with a minor in Spanish. She is actively involved with research projects in the communication field and enjoys volunteering at Myers-Wilkins Elementary School in her spare time. After graduation she hopes to pursue a career in PR or go on to graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

Award Recipient: Rhianon Fletcher
Rhianon is junior double majoring in Criminology and International Studies and minoring in Russian Area Studies and Political Science. In addition to her involvement in academics, she is very active in UMD Greek Life and Mortar Board. After she graduates, she hopes to pursue a career in international affairs.

Frank McCray Jr. Achievement Scholarship
Frank’s wife and children honored Frank’s wishes and established this scholarship after his passing in 2011. Frank, BA (Engl ’67) and MA (Engl ’71), often gave credit for his success to his background at UMD. His lifelong passion for reading pushed him to pursue a career in higher education. This diversity scholarship is awarded to a sophomore student with a demonstrated financial need and high academic achievement.

Award Recipient: Mikhaila Lampert
Mikhaila is a freshman, with interests in outdoor education and cultural communication. She’s an active member of the Black Student Association, and has recently been elected to their Publicity Chair for the 2015-16 school year. After graduation, she hopes to join the Peace Corps and go on to graduate studies.

English Department

Robert Sand Fund
The Robert Sand Fund was established to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to present papers and participate in conferences around the country by providing financial assistance.

Award Recipient: Julia Brown
Julia Brown received her BA in English Literature from Winona State University in December 2013. She is a first-year graduate student with a focus on Literary Studies and an intended related field in Medical Humanities.

Award Recipient: Scott Koski
Scott is a graduate instructor in his final semester of UMD’s English MA Program. His focus is Renaissance and Romantic period literature, along with literary theory & criticism; he aspires to go on for his Ph.D. in the near future.

Award Recipient: Dana Hagemann
Dana is a second-year graduate student in the English MA program. After earning her Journalism BA from the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities she spent three years working in Duluth at a local television station.

Award Recipient: Jenna Trenberth
Jenna Trenberth is a first-year student in the English MA program with a Literary Studies focus, and she also teaches one section of WRIT 1120. She previously worked at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and UMD’s Education Department.
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

UMD GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and the professional potential in an effort to recognize outstanding students in the English MA Program.

AWARD RECIPIENT: SAMANTHA BAUER
Samantha is a first year Master’s of English student pursuing an emphasis in Writing Studies. She is a Duluth native, and graduated with dual Bachelor’s degrees in English and Education Studies from The College of St. Scholastica in 2013.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JESSICA JONGQUIST
Jessica is a first-year student in the Master’s of English program with a focus on Literature, Language, and Culture. She teaches one section of WRIT 1120 under the teaching assistantship program and works in the Writers’ Workshop as well.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JUNGHUN YANG
Junghun is from South Korea. He is a graduate student in the English MA Program, having received his BA in Linguistics at State University of New York, Albany. He has experience as an exchange student in Hong Kong and the USA.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JULIA BROWN
See bio on previous page.

AWARD RECIPIENT: DANA HAGEMANN
See bio on previous page.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JENNA TRENBERTH
See bio on previous page.

CLA COLLEGE - WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNE AND AMELIA TSUI DARE TO CARE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created by Dr. Anne S. Tsui who graduated from UMD in 1973, received her masters in industrial relations from the U of M Twin Cities and later her doctorate from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA. This scholarship, named after the theme of the 2010 Academy of Management meeting, for which Anne was the program chair and her 2010 Presidential speech, recognizes students who choose to pursue a career or future studies that will bring value to society, beyond providing a good career for themselves.

AWARD RECIPIENT: RACHEL CLOUD ENGESEThER
Rachael is finishing her sophomore year at UMD and is majoring in American Indian Studies and minoring in Political Science. After graduating she plans to pursue a graduate program for Mental Health Counseling and work within the Native community. In her spare time she enjoys bead-work, volunteering, and swimming.

TOBIN PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Raymond Tobin’s family set up this scholarship in the hope that, through education, young scholars can become engaged with the world around them at the local, national or international level while promoting an ethic of care and working toward peaceful solutions. The scholarship was founded so that the critical thinking, social engagement and integrity fostered at UMD would shape the lives and livelihoods of the scholarship recipients. This scholarship is awarded to a student in good academic standing who demonstrates a strong interest in non-violence studies.

AWARD RECIPIENT: RACHEL CLOUD ENGESEThER
See bio above.

VIRGINIA AND MATT KLEMMACK SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. David Klemmack (Psych ‘66) and Dr. Lucinda Roff established this scholarship in 2008 in honor of David’s parents, who strongly supported his academic pursuits. It is awarded annually to an outstanding student in the College of Liberal Arts who has demonstrated financial need.

AWARD RECIPIENT: DEREK DIRCKX
Derek is a junior pursuing a major in Political Science as well as minors in Philosophy and Math. After graduation he plans to apply to a Ph.D. program in Political Science.
CLA College - Wide Scholarships

CLA Board of Advisors Scholarship

The CLA Board of Advisors established this scholarship to encourage and support outstanding students in the College of Liberal Arts. The Advisory Board members have distinguished themselves in business, law, education, civic engagement, and the military, all credit their liberal arts education as the firm foundation that gave them the tools to succeed. Their hope is that, through this scholarship, they can help a deserving student have an enriching experience at UMD, and that he or she will be able to look back from a future career with fond memories and gratitude for their UMD liberal arts education.

Award Recipient: Taisha Bauer

Taisha is a Cultural Entrepreneurship major and Women's Studies minor nearing the end of her junior year at UMD. She is involved in University Honors, University Christian Fellowship, and enjoys reading and the outdoors. After graduation she hopes to create a business that creatively serves as a catalyst for social change.

Potter Lloyd Family Scholarship

The Potter Lloyd Family Scholarship was established by Elizabeth Potter Lloyd (Soc Anth '59) and her family. Elizabeth believes that higher education is an important part of a person’s growth and maturation, and it also stimulates one to lead a life of continuous learning. She is proud to say that UMD is a special place in this respect as it accomplishes these goals and does so in an affordable manner. This scholarship is awarded to a student with good academic standing and financial need in the College of Liberal Arts at UMD.

Award Recipient: Noah Petters

Noah is a sophomore with plans to major in Communication and possibly minor in Information Design or Media Arts. He also is planning to study abroad in Japan. After graduation he hopes to go onto graduate school or pursue a career in the gaming industry. He is currently involved with a University research project.

Richter Family Scholarship

Mitch Richter established this scholarship in 2004, dedicating it to family and friends who assisted him in life and helped him achieve what otherwise may have been possible. It is especially in honor of those at UMD who provided him with the opportunity for a higher education. The Richter Family scholarship supports students in the College of Liberal Arts who have a demonstrated financial need.

Award Recipient: Anthony Prezzia

Foreign Languages and Literatures

• Twenty students accompanied Professor Andrew Snustad to Salamanca, Spain for three weeks of intensive study in Hispanic Studies.
• Student Alex Edwards, Chinese Area Studies, won a prestigious Chinese Government Scholarship to study for a year at Sichuan University in China.
• French Studies conducted Je suis Charlie’s round table discussion to better understand the recent attack on Charlie Hebdo staff in Paris.
• Berlin Wall Week commemorated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.
• Russian Area Studies hosted New Steps International, an interdisciplinary peer-to-peer dialogue project for at risk children and families between Duluth, MN and Petrozavodsk, Karelia.
• Students in the Cultural Entrepreneurship program worked to alleviate Duluth’s “food desert problem” through Fair Food Access internships.

Frances Knobloch Scholarship

This scholarship was established by a graduate of the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department and is named in honor of her high school language teacher. This teacher has also contributed to this scholarship, which is open to students of French, German, and Spanish.

Award Recipient: Matthew Hansen

Matt is from Forest Lake, MN. He is a sophomore at UMD studying Hispanic Studies and Business. This summer Matt will be going to Salamanca, Spain for a month. He will be living with a host family while taking six credits at the University of Salamanca.

Award Recipient: Simon Werber-Krause

Simon is a junior from Minneapolis, MN. He is a double major in Chinese Area Studies and Economics. Simon will be studying at East China Normal University next fall. In spring 2015, he started the Chinese Language Learners Club and has been active in helping Chinese Student and Scholar Association activities.

Milan Kovacovic Scholarship in French Studies

The Friends of Milan Kovacovic Scholarship was established by a group of former students of Professor Kovacovic’s to provide travel support for students majoring or minoring in French Studies.

Award Recipient: Tessa Doolittle

Tessa is a sophomore from Oakdale, MN with a major in Biology and a minor in French Studies. She will be studying in Montpellier, France during the 2015 fall semester at Paul Valéry University. On campus, Tessa is a member of the Pre-Med Club.
FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

A. Marinelli Scholarship in French and Spanish

Established in 1986 by Angela and Anne V. Marinelli of Hibbing, Minnesota. The Marinelli Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in French or Spanish.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Rachel Cook
Rachel, a junior from Bemidji, MN, is double majoring in Hispanic Studies and Biochemistry. This summer Rachel will be studying abroad for seven weeks in Costa Rica while living with a host family. At UMD Rachel works as an RA and is in the Pre-Pharmacy Club.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Melissa vanDerStad
Melissa is from Park Rapids, MN. She is a sophomore majoring in Hispanic Studies and Journalism. During Spring semester 2016, Melissa will be studying abroad in Toronto, Spain. On campus, Melissa is involved in the Writing Club and the Storytelling Project.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Lisa Holman
Lisa, a Fargo, ND native, is a senior pursuing a double major in Music and French Studies. Lisa is participating in a four-week summer intensive program in Montpellier and then spending the upcoming fall semester in Paris, France. This semester, Lisa is giving her Senior Vocal Recital and performing in A Street’s Scene.

The Alayne and Charles Berkins Scholarship

The Alayne and Charles Berkins Scholarship was established to support an undergraduate student majoring in Spanish, German Studies, and/or French programs in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Sabrina Sukhram
Sabrina is from Andover, MN and is completing her sophomore year at UMD. She is a double major in French Studies and Mathematics. In her spare time Sabrina enjoys Bollywood dancing.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Kelcy Huston
Kelcy is originally from Duluth, MN. She is currently a sophomore double majoring in Latin American Area Studies and Environmental Science. Kelcy plans on spending one semester abroad in Chile or Argentina during Fall 2016. Kelcy’s other involvement on campus includes Nordic Ski Club, MPIRG, and various intramurals.

THE ROYAL D. ALWORTH JR. INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

ROBERT & MARY EVANS STUDY IN ENGLAND SCHOLARSHIP (AWARDED FOR 2014-15)

This scholarship is awarded to a student who attends UMD the year following participation in the Study in England Program. It is based upon intellectual and personal growth and overall contribution to the vitality of the program.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Colette Olson
Colette is a senior from Champlin, MN. She spent last year studying in Worcester, England.

CLA COLLEGE - WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The College of Liberal Arts Scholarship is funded by gifts from alumni and friends. It is awarded annually to outstanding undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts at UMD.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Lisa Holman
Lisa is a senior pursuing a double major in Music and French Studies. This semester she has been busy with her Senior Vocal Recital along with performing as Mrs. Jones in UMD’s Music and Theater department production of Kurt Weil’s Street Scenes. This summer Lisa plans to travel to Montpellier, France to participate in a Summer Study Abroad Session along with continuing her schooling in Paris, France during the fall semester. She is excited to graduate in the spring of 2016 and continue on to graduate school for a pending decision between Music or French Studies.

AWARD RECIPIENT: Katryna Bertucci
Katryna is a sophomore majoring in World Religions with minors in English and Photography. She is actively involved with the on-campus group Intervarsity and enjoys capturing meaningful moments with her camera in her spare time. After graduation she hopes to pursue a career in the government Foreign Service as a Public Diplomacy Officer, go on to graduate school, and strives to someday become a college professor sharing her passion and experiences with other cultures to her students.
THE ROYAL D. ALWORTH JR. INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

• The Alworth Institute hosted a series of lectures on “Taking Action: Facing the Challenge of Global Climate Changes,” with Steve Curwood, executive producer and host of National Public Radio’s, “Living on Earth,” kicking off the series with a lecture in September.
• The Alworth Diplomat in Residence, Thomas Hanson, visited campus several times to advise students on internships and careers with the U.S. State Department. Five UMD students have been selected for these internships which are highly competitive across the country.
• The Alworth Institute hosted its 7th WorldQuest International Trivia Competition with a broad cross-section of students, faculty, staff and community members participating in teams of eight to answer questions on national flags and capitals, geography, as well as people and events in the news. Germany was the featured country!
• The Institute held a number of special events, including an Iranian New Year Dinner and Celebration (Nowruz), documentary film screenings, Alworth book club meetings as well as special book readings, and supported the international events of other groups all across the campus.

ALWORTH INSTITUTE STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a student demonstrating an interest in acquiring international experience including, where appropriate, having attended events at the Alworth Institute. The award is to provide support for a student to take part in an approved study abroad program.

AWARD RECIPIENT: LAUREN HANSON
Lauren is a junior majoring in International Studies with a minor in History. At UMD, she has been active in MIPRG as an Environmental Task Force leader. She spent this past academic year studying and interning in Kenya in the areas of sustainability, the environment and public health.

ROBIN AND MARJORIE BLAGBURN AWARD

This award is presented for academic achievement, personal growth, and leadership in the UMD Study in England Program.

AWARD RECIPIENT: MIRANDA MONTEZ
Miranda is a senior with a double major in International Studies and Political Science. She spent last year studying in Worcester, England.

GEOGRAPHY, URBAN, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

• Professor Pat Farrell met Professor Sunanda Madduma Bandara, the Vice-Chancellor of University of Kelaniya in 2014. Under the academic and research cooperation program with University of Kelaniya, she will be working as a visiting professor to establish a research laboratory to conduct experimental research in Physical Geography and to train academics and undergraduates.
• Professor Kate Carlson and 14 students visited a Mayan village in Belize to experience the everyday life of the extant Mayan people and explore ancient ruins during May term 2014.
• Mapping in Belize: Conservation and Cultural Preservation. They spent time in Punta Gorda and Placencia learning how mapping techniques can be used to study the beautiful and pristine southern Belize landscape, and investigated the deforestation, urbanization, agricultural practices, and hurricane impacts using GPS data and satellite imagery.

CATHERINE E. COX SCHOLARSHIP IN GEOGRAPHY

The Catherine E. Cox Scholarship in Geography honors Catherine Cox, who received her undergraduate degree in Geography from UMD. The award recognizes students whose academic achievements and future plans embody the goals and mission of the Department of Geography at UMD.

AWARD RECIPIENT: RILEY HINE
Riley is a junior and is a double major in Geography and Anthropology with a minor in International Studies. Riley graduated from Chanhassen High School in 2012 and ran cross country, track and field and played softball for 12 years. She hopes to go on to graduate school for geography and work for environmental organizations, specifically clean water organizations.

CARLSON AMYS SCHOLARSHIP (AWARDED FOR 2014-15)

The Carlson and Amys families established this scholarship because they valued their education and wished to help graduating students from Hermantown High School attend UMD. They hope the student’s future success will allow them to someday give back to the community. This scholarship rotates annually between the College of Liberal Arts and the Labovitz School of Business and Economics.

AWARD RECIPIENT: CLAIRE MIDDLEMIST
Claire is majoring in Environment and Sustainability Studies. She hopes to find a career that allows her to advocate for wilderness protection and be actively involved in her community’s conservation.
GEOGRAPHY, URBAN, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

EMMA GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP IN GEOGRAPHY

The Emma Goldman Scholarship in Geography recognizes students whose achievements embody the ethics, values, and accomplishments of the famous Lithuanian-born feminism activist and intellectual, Emma Goldman. She has inspired generations of women, feminists, and geographers throughout the world with her numerous scholarly and activist works. This scholarship honors her and her legacy by supporting and promoting gender equity, critical thinking, and academic achievement among students not only in the Department of Geography, but all across UMD.

AWARD RECIPIENT: BRITTA HARDEL

Britta will be starting her senior year studying Geography and Geographic Information Science. She enjoys activities that get her outside such as cross country skiing, rock climbing, and canoeing. Learning more about the environment and how people interact with it is one thing that led her to pursue a degree in Geography.

FREDERICK & LOIS WITZIG GEOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP

The Frederick and Lois Witzig Geography Scholarship was created by the family of Fred and Lois Witzig. Frederick joined the University of Minnesota Duluth Geography Department in 1933 and continued teaching until 1990. This scholarship is based on scholastic merit, and is awarded to students entering their junior or senior year at UMD.

AWARD RECIPIENT: BRITTA HARDEL

See bio above.

MATTI E. KAUPS GEOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP

The Matti E. Kaups Geography Scholarship was established in honor of Matti Kaups, Professor Emeritus, who taught in the Geography Department at UMD for 32 years. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in Geography and interested in pursuing a graduate degree.

AWARD RECIPIENT: NICOLE NELSON

Nicole is a Geography major and will be heading into her senior year. Growing up in Duluth, she has always appreciated the outdoors and loves traveling. She is eager to learn more in her last year at the UMD.

WRITING STUDIES DEPARTMENT

LARRY OAKES JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to honor the life and memory of Lawrence Victor Oakes III. He was a peerless journalist and professor, an adept handyman, a non-judgmental and remarkable listener, and an uncompromising champion of the human spirit. The Larry Oakes Journalism Scholarship will provide an award that the recipient can use towards credit hours in pursuing an internship at a newspaper in the state of Minnesota.

AWARD RECIPIENT: APRILL EMIG

April is double majoring in women’s studies and philosophy with a minor in journalism. She has worked at The Statesman for two years, first as an opinion columnist and then as the Arts & Entertainment section editor and writer. She is especially interested in combining her passion for social justice with her journalistic ambitions and is now working on a series about low-income college students. After graduation, April plans to pursue a career that includes freelance writing and working in public policy.

AWARD RECIPIENT: MEGAN CARSON

Megan is a twenty-one-year-old aspiring journalist who loves anything to do with the outdoors. She finds it refreshing to work with kids everyday, as the hardest question she ever has to answer is, “Will you read me a book?” Megan is lucky to have an incredible support system consisting of over 50 family members who are always looking out for her best interest. Her hopes and dreams consist of writing about things that matter, wherever that may be.

GUSTAF AND MARY NORDIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Gustaf Nordin was a reporter, editor, and columnist for the Duluth News Tribune, beginning in the Superior Bureau in 1929. He served as a political columnist and correspondent from Washington D.C. for the Duluth News Tribune and other newspapers in Minnesota and the Dakotas. He also produced a weekly radio show, which aired in Minneapolis and Duluth. He became managing editor of the Duluth News Tribune in 1950. Later, he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1970. This award is given in his memory to a student who interested in a career in journalism and is in good academic standing.

AWARD RECIPIENT: QUENTIN STILLE

Quentin is a Communication major with a Journalism minor. He started volunteering with the on-campus radio station, KUMD, in Fall 2013. He has been KUMD’s Hip Hop Director, as well as a student DJ, since January 2014. He recently started doing volunteer work with KUMD’s Northland Morning News Team. Next summer he will start a new position as KUMD’s College Radio Music Director. Quentin enjoys Duluth for its atmosphere, and hopes to stay here after graduation, working with one of our local news organizations.
Writing Studies Department

- During the Fall 2014 semester, students in Dr. Kenneth Marunowski’s Grant and Proposal Writing course worked with local businesses, The Duluth Coffee Company and The Duluth Experience, to identify ways to improve the workflow of their companies, thereby increasing profit margins while simultaneously supporting the local economy.
- The Journalism Program has had great success placing students in internships at the Duluth News Tribune, local television stations, and a highly competitive national internship with Bloomberg News Service.
- UMD Journalism graduates are employed at KSTP-TV, the Duluth News Tribune, American Girl Magazine, The Panama City News Herald, ECM Publishers, the Minnesota Timberwolves, The Gear Junkie and KGTV San Diego, to name just a few.
- Will Salmon, Assistant Professor of Linguistics, was awarded a Residential Fellowship for Spring 2016 at the Institute for Advanced Study at UM Twin Cities. Dr. Salmon and collaborator Jennifer Gomez Menjivar will spend the semester working on their project, ”Language Ideologies, Endangerment, and the Future of Maya Mopan in Belize.”
- Associate Professors David Beard (Writing Studies) and Mitra Emad (Sociology/Anthropology) addressed more than 80 students, faculty and community members in the Library Rotunda about the role of comic books in expressing national identity.

Steven R. Fox Journalism Scholarship

Steven R. Fox, a 1974 UMD graduate and recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award, has spent more than 30 years in the journalism profession. He established this scholarship in 2006 to assist and encourage undergraduates studying journalism to attend UMD who are in good academic standing and demonstrates a financial need.

Award Recipient: Nicole Brodzik

Nicole is a junior at UMD majoring in Writing Studies with an emphasis in journalism. She is Sports Editor and Managing Editor of The Statesman. She also works for the UMD Sports Information Department as a videographer/photographer, working on public relations, conducting post-game interviews, co-anchoring and editing a weekly video segment, and editing content for the official UMD athletics website. She helps cover high school hockey in the Northland. Nicole hopes one day to work as a sports journalist covering professional sports teams.

History Department

- Professor Scott Laderman has been promoted to full Professor and Professor Gideon Mailer has been promoted to Associate Professor with indefinite tenure.
- The Museum Studies Certificate program has been approved and the department is actively marketing the program.
- The department has begun its guest speaker series hosting one internationally renowned speaker a semester funded by the Macleir Memorial Lecture Series.

Bathory Lane Scholarship

Established in 2006, by Susan Bathory (Hist ’75) and Donald Lane, this scholarship recognizes the achievements of a UMD student majoring in History. Ms. Bathory credits the scholarship she received as a student with giving her the opportunity to study at UMD and she hopes that this award will make a difference for another student.

Award Recipient: Joshua Stremcha

Joshua is a History major with a German Studies minor. After graduating from UMD he plans on attending law school in the Twin Cities or Chicago.

Maude Lindquist Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from Ms. Helen Anderson, in memory of Professor Maude Lindquist, the History Department is able to award the UMD Maude Lindquist Scholarship on an annual basis in her honor. Professor Lindquist was a long time member and chair of the History Department. The award in her memory is given to the student who writes the best senior essay or Honor’s Paper.

Award Recipient: Nathan Grotte

Nathan’s interest in history was instilled in him by his father. He majored in History himself and always wanted to be a teacher. While he didn’t get his dream, he did his best to teach Nathan about history and helped his love of it grow. After graduation, Nathan plans to attend law school.
**History Department**

**Washburn Memorial Award**

The Washburn Memorial Award is given annually to outstanding History majors. It is named in honor of J. L. Washburn, a prominent Duluth attorney, who was the resident director of the previous, Duluth Teachers College, which is now UMD. He also served on the board governing Minnesota’s State Teachers Colleges and was an advocate for higher education.

**Award Recipient: Garet Anderson-Lind**

Garet's interest in history was realized early on in his life, with many exceptional educators playing significant roles in cultivating this love for the past. He enjoys exploring Duluth, walking downtown when the weather cooperates and skiing when it doesn’t. After graduation he plans to pursue a master’s degree in Public History.

**Award Recipient: Matt Veldof**

Matt would like to thank Dr. Richard Persky for igniting his love of classical antiquity which caused him to seek a degree in history, and eventually a masters’ degree so that he can study antiquity as a professional.

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**Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies**

- In October, WGSS faculty attended the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in Puerto Rico. Four of their faculty members presented research at the conference.
- WGSS students took a study abroad trip in January to study Violence and Women’s Rights in Italy.
- WGSS is offering a new LGBTQ Minor starting Fall 2015!
- WGSS minor, Kate Tusha will be presenting her research on Motherhood in Prison at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Spokane WA.
- The WGSS department would like to say thank you to Deborah Plechner for her many years of teaching in Women’s Studies. You will be greatly missed!

**Jane Maddy Book Award**

Thanks to the immense generosity of Daniel and Sarah Maddy, the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department established this award in Jane Maddy’s honor. Jane Maddy was one of the founding members of Women’s Studies, taught Psychology courses that were part of the Women’s Studies curriculum, and served on the Women’s Studies Advisory Board for many years. She was dedicated to Women’s Studies, the feminist scholarship and causes. This year no student was selected, allowing us to offer a larger award next year.
SOCIYOLOGY-ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

BEVERLY ECKLUND LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Beverly Ecklund graduated from UMD in 1971, worked with the Duluth Police Department for 26 years, and then retired as Director of Police and Parking Services at UMD. This scholarship is her way of “giving back” to UMD and to encourage women who wish to pursue a career in law enforcement.

AWARD RECIPIENT:  LETICIA MARTINEZ
Leticia is a sophomore pursing a major in Criminology and French with a minor in Psychology. Leticia is a first generation college student whose experiences shaped her views on social inequality and role as a community member.

JAMES L. OTTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was created in memory of James L. Otto who worked for the Duluth Police Department for 27 years. This scholarship is awarded to a student with aspirations for a career in law enforcement.

AWARD RECIPIENT:  LETICIA MARTINEZ
See bio above.

WALTER BAEUMLER AWARD
The Walter Baeumler award is presented each year to an outstanding student in Criminology.

AWARD RECIPIENT:  JAMES LYON
James was born and raised in Stillwater, MN and graduated from Stillwater Area High School in 2012. James is currently working towards a double-major in Chemistry and Criminology and in the future plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in forensic psychiatry.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ANTROPOLOGY
Given annually to recognize students who have done exemplary work as reflect-ed not only in course grades, but also in the overall quality of contributions within the programs in Anthropology.

AWARD RECIPIENT:  SARA POSLUSZNY
Sara is a third-year Anthropology student with a minor in Public Health Administration & Promotion. When Sara isn’t studying, she’s busy planning her next world adventure. She plans to study abroad in Barcelona, Spain this summer to learn Spanish.

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

- The Philosophy Department hosted the 2014 meeting of the Minnesota Philosophical Society, consisting of 30 individual sessions plus a keynote address.
- The Center for Ethics and Public Policy hosted a number of well-attended events, including: a debate between the candidates for Minnesota House Seat 7A, a panel on Minnesota's alcohol “blue laws”, a talk on Ebola, and a talk on homelessness in Minnesota. This Spring Semester, the Center is bringing in a number of prominent speakers as part of its series “The Ethics of the Market: Classic Libertarianism.”
- The following people in the Philosophy Dept. have published articles or book chapters in the past year, or have been accepted for publication: Robert Schroer, Jeanine Schroer, Shane Courtland, Michelle Saint, Samuel Taylor.
- The Philosophy Department has 3 new faculty members: Gerald Marsh, Michelle Saint, and Samuel Taylor.

CENTER FOR ETHIC AND PUBLIC POLICY BOOK PRIZE
The Center for Ethics and Public Policy sponsors an essay contest, which awards $250 in textbook reimbursement to a winner. The essay should focus on a topic that is within the Center's mission—ethics and/or public policy (e.g., proportional representation, animal rights, amnesty for illegal immigrants, euthanasia, energy policy, etc.).

AWARD RECIPIENT:  MACKENZIE MALLOY
MacKenzie is student of Political Science, History, and Dance at UMD. Recently, she attended the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize Forum. MacKenzie wishes to work in the Foreign Service before pursuing a career as a family law attorney.
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

RETTA AND HENRY EHlers BOOK AWARD
The Ehlers Book Award provides textbooks needed for philosophy courses taken by the recipients for the following year. Awards are made to continuing philosophy students based on their grades in philosophy courses.

AWARD RECIPIENT: ERICA RONNING
Erica is a Philosophy major, a Deaf Studies minor, and is also on a pre-med track. She is originally from Duluth, MN, and really enjoys philosophical debates on the general topics of women's rights and religious practices.

AWARD RECIPIENT: PATRICK EIBENSTEINER
Patrick grew up in Eden Prairie, MN, and is double-majoring in Philosophy and Management Information Systems. His current philosophical interests are metaphysics and epistemology. In his free time, Patrick enjoys playing bass guitar and going to music shows.

RETTA AND HENRY EHlers SCHOLARSHIP
The Ehlers Scholarship was established by Mary Ann Ehlers Waldo (and Neil Waldo) in memory of her parents Retta and Henry Ehlers. Henry founded the UMD Philosophy Department in 1947 and retired in 1975 after 28 years of service. The scholarship is awarded to a full time undergraduate philosophy student in good academic standing.

AWARD RECIPIENT: CLINT GLENN
Clint is from Duluth, MN, and is a double-major in Philosophy and Computer Science at UMD. Within Philosophy, he enjoys studying existentialism because it’s near nihilistic, but not quite. He also likes exploring the concept of value.

SOCIOLOGY–ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Several faculty members released books this past year including: Tim Roufs (co-written with his wife Kathleen): *Sweet Treats around the World—An Encyclopedia of Food & Culture*; David Syring; *With the Saraguatos: The Blended Life of a Transitional World*; and John Arthur: *Class Formations & Inequality Structures in Contemporary African Migration—Evidence from Ghana*.

This semester, Scott Vollum put together a panel of speakers on the topic of capital punishment. The panel will include an exoneree, a mother of a death row inmate with strong innocence case, and an attorney.

Kathryn Milun was selected to be a Residential Fellow at the University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study for the spring 2015 semester.

ART PULFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Dr. Mary H. Pulford created this scholarship in memory of her late husband, Art Pulford. Art Pulford’s distinguished career of 32 years in criminal justice, corrections, and education was centered on three core attributes: personal integrity, professional ethics, and justice tempered with compassion. This scholarship supports UMD undergraduate students who are studying criminology and who are committed to the professionalization of criminal justice agency management and service delivery activities.

AWARD RECIPIENT: NATALIE PERRON
Natalie is a junior from Shoreview MN, majoring in Criminology and minoring in Anthropology. She is interested in working with women and girls in trouble with the law, and upon graduation plans on pursuing a master’s degree in social work.

ROBERT E. FRANZ SCHOLARSHIP
Robert E. Franz joined UMD as faculty in 1967 and throughout his career at UMD served in many capacities including faculty member, department head, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science, acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and acting associate vice chancellor of Academic Administration. Bob’s family and friends established this scholarship in his memory to be awarded to undergraduate students majoring in Sociology at UMD.

AWARD RECIPIENT: VICTORIA HAIDER
Victoria is a Sociology and Criminology student from St. Paul, MN. She is currently working as a CLA Peer Advisor. This summer, she is looking forward to advising incoming students and preparing to apply for graduate school.
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

DIANE AND CALVIN RUDOLPH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Rudolph Family Scholarship was established in honor of Diane (Reinke) and Calvin Rudolph of Hermantown, MN. They valued education and hard work and encouraged their children into higher education. This scholarship is awarded to a student who shows promise to succeed in law school and who demonstrates financial need.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JENNA LEE

Jenna is a sophomore Political Science major. She’s particularly interested in supporting women’s business development globally. Jenna would love to work with a micro lending organization such as Kiva after graduation. Her long term goals include law school or graduate school.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Geoff Sheagley received a Grant-in-Aid to support his work on the political psychology of economic inequality.
- Derek Dirckx is working on a UROP with Dr. Geoff Sheagley on the Supreme Court and campaign finance rulings.
- Paul Teten (Poli Sci ’14) is conducting research with Dr. Joseph Staats that will be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago in April.
- Samantha Bisognino (Poli Sci ’14) is working for Rep. Nolan in Washington, DC.
- Dr. Shannon Drysdale Walsh received a research fellowship from AAUW.

ALTA MARIE OBEN SCHOLARSHIP

Alta Marie Oben graduated from UMD in 1969 with a degree in Political Science. She established this scholarship to acknowledge and encourage female students to pursue careers that they may not have originally considered. The scholarship is awarded to a female majoring in Political Science or International Studies who demonstrates high academic achievement and financial need.

AWARD RECIPIENT: ROSE INGEBRIGTSEN

Rose is a junior International Studies major. She is interested in environmental change, diplomacy, and law. After graduation, Rose plans to attend law school and later join the foreign service.

CAROL AND MICHAEL S. BERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Berman graduated from UMD in 1961 with a degree in Political Science, and went on to pursue a life of service. The Berman Scholarship was established to honor and support Political Science students who demonstrate high academic achievement and who set an example for others through his or her demonstrated campus leadership.

AWARD RECIPIENT: AMBER SORENSON

Amber is a sophomore Political Science and Organization Management double major. She is interested in entrepreneurial work, non-profit organization, international relations/business, diplomacy efforts, civil rights, social action, volunteering, economic empowerment, and human rights. Amber would like incorporate as many of these interests as possible into her future career path.

AWARD RECIPIENT: MICHAEL ZILLMER

Michael is a sophomore Political Science and Economics double major. He studies law, political philosophy, and political economics. After graduation he plans on attending law school and to be a lawyer.
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

FRANCIS H. DE GROAT AWARD (AWARDED FOR 2014-15)
The Francis H. de Groat award is given to the Political Science Honors student with the highest GPA in Political Science courses.

AWARD RECIPIENT: DIEGO ANTONIO VILLAGRA MOSTACEROS
Diego was born and raised in Lima, Peru, and moved to Minnesota in 2010, where he received his B.A. in Political Science and International Studies from UMD, graduating summa cum laude in 2014. Today, he is pursuing a Master of Development Practice from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Diego is expecting and eager to share his knowledge and passion for economic and social development, as well as to acquire the necessary skills and tools in order to help his country, Peru, bridge its wide economic divide and heal its deeply fractured society.

ELEANOR AND GERALD HEANEY SCHOLARSHIP
The Heaney Scholarship celebrates and honors the lives and service of Eleanor and Gerald Heaney. Judge Gerald Heaney devoted his life to public service and was a constant champion of education at UMD. This scholarship was established to recruit undergraduate students of merit studying pre-law and working towards a degree in law.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JOSE ANTONIO SALAZAR MEJIA
Jose is a freshman Political Science major. He is interested in political psychology, theory, and sociology. Jose would be interested in pursuing a career in public policy at either a state or federal level in the future.

GERHARD E. VON GLAHN SCHOLARSHIP
The von Glahn Scholarship was established in 1995 by James Corson in honor of Professor Gerhard Ernst von Glahn. Von Glahn taught both at UMD and the Duluth Teachers College and was the Political Science Department Head at UMD for decades, retiring in 1979. This scholarship is awarded to the Political Science sophomore with the highest overall GPA.

AWARD RECIPIENT: HANNAH NICOLE SCHLEDER
Hannah is a sophomore in credits, but a freshman at UMD. She is double majoring in Political Science and Women's Studies. Currently she is involved in a variety of activities on campus including WRAC, MPRIG, The Outdoor Club, QASU, working part-time in the Office of Student Conduct, and being a musician in her free time. Hannah hopes to make an impact not just in the future, but with her positive and loving spirit every day with everyone she meets. Hannah is so grateful for this scholarship which will help her along the academic road; it is such a gift.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

JULIUS F. WOLFF JR. SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established in 1989 in honor of former UMD Professor Julius Wolff. The Wolff Scholarship is awarded to the Political Science junior with the highest overall GPA.

AWARD RECIPIENT: JOSEPH GREGORY MAREK
Joseph is a Minnesota native and he enjoys being outdoors and adventuring around Duluth. Joseph is planning on attending William Mitchell College of Law after graduating UMD to pursue career in criminal law.

SALLY B. AND JAMES E. JERNBERG SCHOLARSHIP
James E. Jernberg established this scholarship in 2007 in honor of his 50 year marriage to his beloved wife Sally, who passed away in 2004. Sally (Home Econ ’54) and James (Bus Econ ’57) met while students at the UMD Old Main Campus. The scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate Political Science student with financial need, demonstrated academic and campus leadership, and an interest in public service.

AWARD RECIPIENT: MATISON HANSON
Matison is a sophomore majoring in Political Science and Communication. She has a passion for helping others through advocacy and education. After graduation, Matison would like to work as a policy analyst for a U.S. Senator or Representative in Washington D.C., eventually becoming a lobbyist or legislator herself.

THE M. HARRY LEASE JR. SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established in 2001 in memory of M. Harry Lease Jr., an honest and fair man who took pride in his leadership and teaching at UMD. It is awarded to a student majoring in Political Science who shows promise in the field and demonstrates academic achievement.

AWARD RECIPIENT: ANNA JENSEN
Anna is a freshman Political Science and Economics majors, with a pre-law minor. She plans on focusing on business law of some sort in graduate school. Her goals are to become a lawyer first and ultimately a judge.

AWARD RECIPIENT: CHRISTOPHER WAGNER
Christopher is a sophomore Political Science/Cell and Molecular Biology Major with a minor in Chemistry. He intends to go to medical school for internal or emergency medicine. Christopher would like to work as an adviser for the U.S. government on healthcare policies or to work for a healthcare agency in the U.S. government, like the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.