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'50s



Dr. Melvin Holli '57 BA of

Chicago has been a professor of history at the University of Illinois since 1966. He is the author of 18 books on ethnicity, politics and urban development. He has been a U.S. State Department lecturer in Europe and a Fulbright professor in Finland.

'60s



Jerome Wester '62 BS of Alger

was named the 2005 Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year for his active work in both the American Legion Post 370 and VFW Post 3775. A Korean War vet, Jerome has been a VFW member for 50 years and an American Legion member for 40. He has helped raise more than \$1 million for numerous programs in the county since retiring and contributes more than 200 hours per year to charity work.

David Hart '64 BS delivered the keynote address at NMU's spring commencement ceremony. David is a leading expert in connective tissue repair and arthritis research. He is a professor of microbiology, infectious diseases, rheumatology medicine, clinical immunology and surgery at the University of Calgary. He is also an adjunct biochemistry professor at University of the North in the Republic

of South Africa. He is co-founder of two biotech start-up companies and serves on the scientific advisory board of a third.

James McGann '64 BS of Stillwater, Minn., received the U.S. Justice Department Directors Award for outstanding contributions to law enforcement and retired after 28 years as a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel with 30 years of service.

Robert Verran '65 BS of Port Huron retired in June 1995 after more than 30 years of teaching business and English subjects at Port Huron High School. Since then, he has worked at Port Huron Music Center from 1995-2003 and traveled to California, Florida, London, England, Dublin, Ireland, and the Cornwall area of England as well as taking Alaskan and Caribbean cruises. He visits the U.P.'s Copper Country for several weeks each year.

Roselynn Lindstrom '68 AS, BA of Reno, Nev., taught religion, English, and mathematics at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School longer than anyone in the school's history, and was head of the math department for 30 years. Though retired, she still teaches math at the local community college. This year, Roselynn was nominated for three teaching awards, and last year was named in "Who's Who in America's

Teachers." She counts among her wonderful former students a federal state judge, space shuttle engineer and leading medical researchers. She promises to one day get back to NMU!

'70s

David Brackett '72 BS of Jackson, Wyo., is a driver for UPS. He invites fellow alumni to join him this summer for a free day of fly fishing in Teton National Park in support of ALS of Michigan (see www.alsofmi.org).



Pak-Wing Chum '74 MA (pictured above) of Midland was inducted into the Plastics Hall of Fame on June 19 at the Chicago Hilton and Towers during the National Plastics Exposition in Chicago, Ill. He is being recognized for lifelong contributions to the development of polymer materials science and the use of materials science to guide and speed up the development and innovation of new plastic products and applications.

Wayne Elson '73 BS of Issaquah, Wash., completed 30 years of service with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago and Seattle. He works in clean air programs focusing on transportation planning, vehicle emissions, and voluntary diesel emissions reduction. One career highlight was helping teach a class in India and Armenia. He enjoys volunteer work with his church and the Boy Scouts. He and his wife, Bonnie, have two

children, and he occasionally travels to the U.P. to visit family.

 **Dale Hemmila '73 BA** of Ishpeming has been named district manager-public affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs, the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America. Dale's responsibilities include coordinating and managing all aspects of Cleveland-Cliffs' public affairs activities in Michigan. He will assist in the development of company external communications and have primary responsibility for activities in the areas of public, community, media and local government relations.

Christine Johnson '73 BS, '75 MA of Madison, Wis., earned an Ed.D. from Indiana University and does educational consulting with a technology emphasis. cj@alivelearn.com

 **Thomas Redd '75 BS** of Shelby Township sees the men from Dakota House on a regular basis and was part of the annual fishing trip to Canada with them this summer. Thomas is an agent with State Farm Insurance in Clinton Township.

Michael Walsh '75 BS of Temple, Texas, is the chief of the department of anesthesia at Scott & White Hospital in Temple. He received the Army Legion of Merit Award and retired as chief of the department of anesthesia for Darnall Army Hospital in Fort Hood, Texas in 1997. Michael received the Army Achievement Medal while assigned as a CRNA to the 28th Combat Support Hospital during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm in Iraq.

Frank Klim '76 BS of St. Petersburg, Fla., is executive director of communications at Stetson University College of Law in Tampa Bay, Fla. fpk44@aol.com

Alan Christenson '78 BS of Chino Valley, Ariz., retired after 23 years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He now works as a case manager for substance abuse treatment at Decision Point Outpatient Counseling in Prescott,



 **Scott L. Holman '65 BS** of Bay City, Mich., (center, with NMU Board Chair Karl Weber and NMU President Les Wong) was granted Trustee Emeritus status by the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees at its May 5 meeting.

Holman served on the board from his gubernatorial appointment on March 3, 1997 to the end of his scheduled term on Dec. 31, 2004. He sat on every board committee at some point during his tenure, and also served as both vice chair and chair.

A 1965 graduate of NMU, Holman has supported his alma mater through numerous gifts to the NMU Foundation, including the Scott L. Holman Case Room and the renovation of the Alumni Suite. He has served as a member and past chair of the College of Business Advisory Council, and as a member and past president of the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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Peter Dallman '78 BFA of Irvine, Calif., was honored by the Society for Technical Communications in the 2006 Spotlight Awards Competition. He is completing his training at the OC Wellness Center/LL Institute in "energy and medicine" with Dr. Ronald Jones. His handmade fly rods and reels have won three blue ribbons and he continues his studies in Wu style tai chi after beginning his martial arts training 30 years ago at NMU. He writes, "I live in California and I have always wanted to visit the campus again, but with kids, work, and travel problems, it has to wait. [*Horizons*] is like a mini-homecoming!"

'80s

 **John Van Slambrouck '81 BS** of Hudsonville has been promoted to national sales manager for Century Sun Metal Treating in Traverse City. His responsibilities include sales and marketing of thermal services to North American-based manufacturing concerns. John is married with two children. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and collecting antique ice fishing decoys.

Kim Schieldknecht '82 BS of Milford,

Ohio, owns a growing RE/MAX Elite real estate office based in Milford.

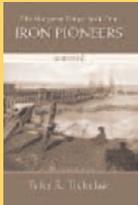
 **Joe Huss '76 BA, '83 MBA** of Marquette is vice president and relationship manager for Wells Fargo Institutional Trust Services. He is responsible for customers in Marquette, Escanaba, Houghton and Ironwood. He is married with three children.

 **John Martek '84 BS** of Cadillac was elected vice president of the board of trustees of the Cadillac Footlites Theatre. John has been involved with the group for 10 years as an actor, director and set designer, but the highlight of his association with the group was meeting his wife, Lisa, whom he loves even more than theatre!

Paul McKenzie '85 BS of Climax is a litigation specialist at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. He and his wife have been married for 20 years and have two children. They met at Northern while Paul was a Spooner Hall resident in his final semester. He writes, "NMU was a place of growth for both of us. I keep up with developments at NMU and with my fellow alumni through *Horizons*." PaulMcKenzie@msn.com

Gene Perry '85 BS of St. Ignace is a systems administrator for the State of Michigan, overseeing information net-

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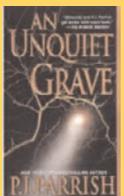


Marquette Fiction, 2006
Tyler Tichelaar '93 BS, '95 MA of Marquette presents the first in a trilogy about the history of

Marquette and its people. This novel follows the mid-1800s experiences of Boston entrepreneur Gerald Henning and his beautiful socialite wife, Clara, as they help establish the new town and fight for the Union cause in the Civil War. www.marquettfiction.com



Dutton, 2006
Jonathon King was on the NMU basketball team. His first book, *Blue Edge of Midnight*, won the Edgar Allan Poe Award for best first novel. In *Eye of Vengeance*, King draws from his own experience as a veteran journalist to follow a crime reporter fighting his own quest for revenge of the drunk driver who killed his wife and daughter, and a sniper getting even with the subjects of the reporter's crime columns. www.jonathonking.com



Pinnacle Books, 2006
New York Times bestselling author P.J. Parrish is actually two sisters: Kristy Montee and **Kelly Nichols**.

Nichols attended NMU and her love of the Upper Peninsula inspired the lead character in many of their novels and often the setting. In *An Unquiet Grave*, the protagonist's father's former girlfriend is missing from her coffin, unearthed in the demolition of a Michigan mental institution. www.pjparrish.com

works and vehicle toll systems for the Mackinac Bridge, the International Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie, and the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron. He and his wife, **Deb (Diephuis) '85 BS**, have two daughters. Gene is also a solo entertainer who sings, plays acoustic guitar, and writes songs, playing professionally in tourist venues in the Straits area, including Mackinac Island. www.gene-perry.net

Tom McLain '86 BS of Marquette was promoted to senior sales representative with PriCara, a unit of ORTHO-McNEIL, Inc. He has worked in the health-care industry for 16 years.

Robert Saunders '86 BS of Gibraltar does office furniture installations for Midwest Installations, Inc. bob.saunders@inetsolution.com



Ray Bowerson '88 BS of Standish was promoted to resident unit manager at Standish Maximum Security Correctional Facility in February, after 16 years with the Department of Corrections. He resides with his wife, **Christine '90 BS**, and their seven children. rrb@sch-net.com



Fred Bratumil '88 BS of Mt. Pleasant was presented with an Eagle Award for outstanding volunteerism on Feb. 25 by the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. Fred owns B & F Enterprises and serves on many boards in the Mt. Pleasant area.

Lisa (Stull) Ramsey '88 BSN of Greenwood, Miss., received her certification in infection control in August 2005. She is the infection control practitioner at Greenwood Leflore Hospital. She and her husband, Mike, have two children. ramseymbjr@netscape.net



Sheila Szalai '88 BSN of Indianapolis, Ind., is an adult nurse practitioner at Advanced Healthcare Associates, working primarily with the geriatric population. She also works full-time at Eli Lilly & Company. She writes, "My heart will always be in nursing, no matter where life leads me.

I am and will always be, first and foremost, a nurse." anp2005@comcast.net

Leonard Parker '89 BA of Marquette has been named district manager-environmental affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs, the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America. His responsibilities include environmental leadership and technical support for all of Cliffs' Michigan operations. He also assumes responsibility for the company's inactive and legacy properties. He will advise Michigan operating and technical personnel regarding environmental regulations and compliance requirements and will manage planning and permitting of new projects, including interacting with regulating agencies.

'90s

Sharon (Selle) Abel '90 BS of Sheboygan, Wis., received the 2006 Wisconsin Correctional Teacher of the Year award from the executive board of the Correctional Education Association of Wisconsin. Sharon is employed by Lakeshore Technical College and has been providing adult basic education to the incarcerated population in Sheboygan County since 1991.



Brian Bentzen '90 BS of Arlington, Va., is a sales executive with Computer Associates.

Kimberly (Keiper) Eddy '90 AS of Fostoria is a self-employed Web developer. www.kimberlyeddydesign.net

Shelly (Pope) Metikosh '91 BS of Highland has been a 911 operator for the Waterford Police Department for more than 14 years. She is married to a police officer and has two children. shellypoo30@yahoo.com

Ralph Sackett '91 BS of Baraga is resident unit manager at Baraga Maximum Security Correction Facility. He's been employed by the Michigan Department of Corrections since 1994.

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He and his wife have two children.

Kevin Brown '93 AS of Swartz Creek owns his own business, Kevin's Karpentry.



Linda (Pittsley) VandeVoort '93 BS, '99 MAE of Rochester Hills and her husband, Jeff, are the proud parents of identical twin sons born November 2005: Isaac and Calvin. Linda works in the learning resource center for Clarkston Community Schools - Pine Knob Elementary. vvfamily@sbcglobal.net

Terry Tincknell '94 BS of Marquette is the athletic director at Marquette Branch Prison.



Kevin Coleman '95 BS of Raleigh, N.C., was promoted to supervisor/educator for Wake Medical Hospital's adult/trauma emergency department after graduating from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's nursing program with a BSN in

2002. He is studying to become an adult nurse practitioner at UNC-CH. ktcoleman@hotmail.com

Lori Lundberg '95 BA of Tuscon, Ariz., received her Juris Doctor degree from Michigan State University in May 2005 and now clerks for a Pima County Superior Court judge and plans to practice as a civil litigator.



Angela Thompson '97 BS of Cedar Springs works as a credit assistant at the corporate headquarters of S. Abraham & Sons, a wholesale distributor specializing in the food industry, serving retail stores throughout the Midwest. taz@darkfiber.org

Michael Krausman '98 BS of New Prague, Minn., and his wife welcomed their son Maxwell James to the family on March 8. mkrausman@msn.com

Kara Pahl '98 BS of Beaverton is an access manager with Community

Mental Health for Central Michigan. Kara and her husband, Jason, have two children. She loves to bowl, golf, camp and vacation with family.

Hannah Upham '98 BS of Boulder, Colo., is completing a three-year master's program at Naropa University. She will be a licensed counselor in art therapy and horticulture therapy. She continues to teach art, sell her art pieces, sing and perform. www.hannahupham.com

'00s

Katie (Darmogray) Cartwright '01 BSN of Green Bay, Wis., gave birth to a baby girl in December. Sophia joins her sister, Emma.

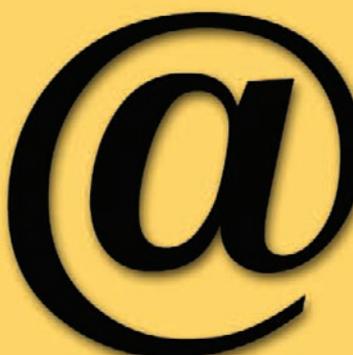
James Hagerl '01 BS of Graniteville, Vt., teaches third grade at Barre Town Elementary School. jagerl@alumni.nmu.edu

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Alicia (Lindholm) Rouse '01 AAS, '03 BS, Phelps, Wis., is a medical technologist/microbiologist. She and her family recently celebrated the birth of a baby girl, Ayva Johanna. Alindholm405@hotmail.com

Jessica Winkels '02 BS of Graniteville, Vt., has been accepted into Southern New Hampshire University's master's degree program in community mental health. jwinkels@alumni.nmu.edu

Patience Zivnoska '02 BS of Monroe and her husband, **Michael '02 BS** welcomed their son, Easton, to the world in February. They report that he is a happy and healthy baby and they are doing great as new parents. patience11@hotmail.com

Dan Welling '03 BS of Ann Arbor was part of the Space Weather Forecasting Technologies Team at the University of Michigan that won three Michigan Business Challenge Awards and the honor of competing in the largest business plan competition in the U.S., at Rice University.

Melissa O'Farrell '04 BA of KaShoba, Swaziland, is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer. Her main responsibilities include teaching HIV/AIDS and health classes at a primary and high school. She also works with a support group for people living with HIV/AIDS and serves as a community HIV counselor.

Shelly Lynn Ruspakka '04 BS of Superior, Colo., is a marketing and public relations strategist for Celestial Seasonings in Boulder, Colo.

 **Michael Brown '05 BS** of Doylestown, Penn., does motion picture lighting for The Light House, a New Jersey company that specializes in corporate videos.

 **Angela (Kostrzewa) Miller '05 BS** of Okemos works in sales for Velocipede Peddler in East Lansing. Her husband, **John '03 BS**, is now in law school at Michigan State University. angelmiller@alumni.nmu.edu

Donna Tryan '06 BSN of Marquette is an adjunct faculty member in nursing and M-TEC at Bay de Noc Community College. tryand@nmu.edu

Marriages

Lynn Paulsen '72 BS, '82 MAE to David Parker.

David Haynes '72 BS to Martha Van Der Kamp.



Mark Kistner '76 BS to Katherine Horton (pictured above).

Terry (LeVeque) Nettleton '89 Dipl. to Bill Braunschhausen.

Paul Blake '94 BS to Donna Christensen.

James Keegan '95 BS to Rebecca Sharp.

Karl Gust '97 BS to Lesley Couvion.

Dana Schultz '97 AB to Jeffrey Prophet.

Paul Maki '99 AB to Melissa Larson.

Amanda Godfrey '00 to Jeremy Oullette '97.

Henry Grudnoski '00 BS to Jennifer Werden.

Daniel Etelamaki '01 BS to Sarah Stine '02 BFA.

Demian Manceau '01 BS to Carrie Moss '04 BS.

Jamie Verbruggen '01 AS to Benjamin Pate.

Kristi Arlt '02 BA to Eric Stemen.

Scott Bancroft '02 Cert. to Briana Sarvello '03 BS.

Amber Goulette '02 BSN to Benjamin Olsen '05 BS.

Melissa Holmes '02 BS, '04 MAE to Sven Holmquist.

David Kayser '02 BS to Andrea Zahm '02 BS.

Eric Eppensteiner '03 BS to Zofia Skorupka.

Joseph Lasak '03 BS to Nicole Niemi.

Louis Paris '03 Dipl. to Briana Fuller.

Kristie Parnell '03 BS to Joshua Hechtman.

Tony Pool '03 AAS to Erin Bannon.

Julie Schenning '03 BA to Grant Murray '04 BS.

Matthew Baker '04 AA to Briana Stine.

Tammy Craig '04 BS to Justin Burton '05 BS.

Curtis Deason '04 BS to Mandy Hakkarainen '05 BS.

Joseph Ogea '04 to Melanie Bergman.

Beth Danielson '05 BS to Brandon Lawson.

Heath Eliason '05 BS to Patricia Hernandez '05 BS.

Erin Hytinen '05 AS to Mark Wasie '00.

Sarah Larsen '05 BS to Ed McBroom '05 BME.

Patrick O'Brien '05 BS to Jaclyn Dulany.

Leslie Parkkonen '05 Cert. to Jon Sollid.

Deaths

Beatrice Kurth '25 Cert., Dec. 23, 2005, Crystal Falls.

Edward Gleason '37 BS, Dec. 23, 2005, Ishpeming.

Lillian (Erickson) Melvin '38 AS, Dec. 3, 2005, Grand Rapids.

Dorothy (Lindberg) Anderson '39 BS, Jan. 8, 2006, Ishpeming.

Dorothy (Larson) Borema '42 BS, Dec. 26, 2005, Grand Rapids.

Dorrie (Petersen) Anderson '44 BS, Jan. 21, 2006, Gladstone.

Edward Kukuk '48 BS, Jan. 10, 2006, Iron Mountain.

John Rukavina '50 BA, Nov. 29, 2005, Marquette.

Alfred Lund '53 AS, Dec. 26, 2005, Ramsay.

Denham Lord, Jr., '59 BS, Jan. 23, 2006, Escanaba.

Sally Gibson '60 BS, Nov. 17, 2005, Spring Hill, Fla.



Whatever the century, McCarty's Cove in Marquette attracts NMU students, and alums, on a hot summer day.

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John VandeZande '62 BA, published author and longtime NMU English professor, May 25, 2006, Marquette.

Robert Skuggen '64 BS, Jan. 2, 2006, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Kenneth Swan '65 BS, '67 MA, Dec. 6, 2005, Iron Mountain.

Bruce Warren '65 MA, Dec. 4, 2005, Iron Mountain.

Lora Lea (Willemssen) Lunceford '67 BS, Aug. 6, 2005, Mattoon, Ill.

John Isaacson '69 BS, '73 MAE, Jan. 1, 2006, Duluth, Minn.

Albert Kariniemi '69 BS, Dec. 18, 2005, Copper City.

Julie (Magnuson) Robinson '69 BS, Dec. 13, 2005, Florence, Wis.

Elsworth Harger '70 MA, Dec. 28, 2006, Munising.

Carl Seppi '74 BS, Dec. 7, 2005, Iron Mountain.

Frederick Wray '76 BS, Nov. 17, 2005, Winnetka, Ill.

Therese (Duszynski) Peterson '78 MA, Jan. 15, 2006, Okemos.

June (Upton) Nordstrom '84 AB, Jan. 18, Grand Rapids.

Friends

Beatrice (Connor) Johnson, Dec. 20, 2005, Marquette, was employed as a cook at NMU for more than 20 years.

Jaquelyn Nickerson, Jan. 11, 2006, Grand Rapids. She served as Chair of the Board of Control at NMU and was an associate professor in the College of Education at Michigan State University.

George Trentelman, Dec. 22, 2005, Marquette, was a physics professor at Northern beginning in 1972 until his retirement.

Kevin C. Sheard, Jan. 20, 2006, Parma Heights, Ohio. Dr. Sheard was an associate professor of business administration at NMU, and later taught law at Cleveland State University. He helped provide counsel to Ohio National Guardsmen charged in the Kent State University shootings in 1970. He designed the official flag of NMU and wrote the first book published by the Northern Michigan University Press: *Academic Heraldry in America*.

Ed McCracken, Feb. 24, 2006, Bear Lake. As a minister with the United Methodist Church in Marquette, McCracken spent much of his time working with NMU students.

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