

# Interior

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## The 17th Annual All-University Awards Banquet

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • CURTISS HALL BANQUET ROOMS

RECEPTION 6 P.M. • DINNER 6:45 P.M. • AWARDS 7:45 P.M. • DRAWING 9 P.M.

This year's grand prize is a trip for two to Savannah, Georgia, with two nights stay at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa. (Airfare sponsored by Grande Voyages in Saginaw. Accommodations are sponsored by Four Points Sheridan in Saginaw.)



Overlooking the Savannah River, The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa is located on exclusive Hutchinson Island, Georgia. It is only 90 seconds by water ferry from the heart of Savannah's landmark historic district.

The resort welcomes guests with old-world charm and marvelous modern technology. Adjacent to the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, recreational facilities include an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Bob Cupp and Sam Snead.

Another onsite indulgence is the world-renowned Greenbrier Spa. Enjoy certified steaks and fresh local seafood in our signature restaurant, Aqua Star.

The resort also boasts a riverside Jacuzzi, poolside cabanas, a heated pool open year-round, four lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, and a 400-foot deepwater dock suitable for charter fishing excursions.

## DOOR PRIZE SPONSORS

- Jade's Garden
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- Riverside Family Restaurant
- Texan - Saginaw
- Damons of Midland
- Wanigan Eatery
- Intermission Deli
- Forbidden City
- Panda House
- Zehnders
- Old Country Buffet
- Ya Ya's Flame Broiled Chicken - Midland
- Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn
- ...AND MORE!

# Nameeta Mathur

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

In India, there are no hamburgers at McDonald's, because restaurants do not serve beef. That's nothing new to assistant professor of history Nameeta Mathur, a native, but it surprised some of the SVSU students who traveled there over spring break.

"What is ordinary for me is extraordinary to them," Mathur observed.

Traffic laws take on an entirely different meaning, as well.

"Delhi roads are truly democratic," she said of her hometown. "You can do whatever you want there."

Such experiences are only a small piece of learning about another country's culture and economy. The trip was part of a cross-listed history and business course taught by Mathur and George Puia, Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, and it made quite an impression.

"I think some of the students expected to see the exoticness of India; what they saw was a hard reality," Mathur said.

As India experiences the growing pains of modernization, Mathur says much of the world is watching.

"The developing world needs models, and in the contemporary world, there are really only two countries to look at, China and India," she said. "China's development is a

forced one, which makes it rapid, but there is a question about its long-term success; whereas India's is more gradual and may be more sustainable."

Despite the U.S. flags flying over Delhi's roads due to President Bush's visit just days before, SVSU students had a firsthand encounter with a country much different than their own.

"We want to get our students to understand the varied meanings of poverty, democracy and democratic pressures, and to ask a fundamental question," Mathur said, "whether a country can strive to be a great power and a great democracy at the same time."

The traveling party spent eight days abroad visiting Delhi and Agra in northern India, and Bangalore and Mysore in the south. Mathur remarked that the students "certainly did a lot of shopping," but as time passes and the experience sinks in, she is confident they will also realize how much they learned.

In this era of increasing globalization, Mathur says SVSU's many efforts to provide international experiences are commendable, because the world of tomorrow will be shaped by the decisions of the next generation of leaders.

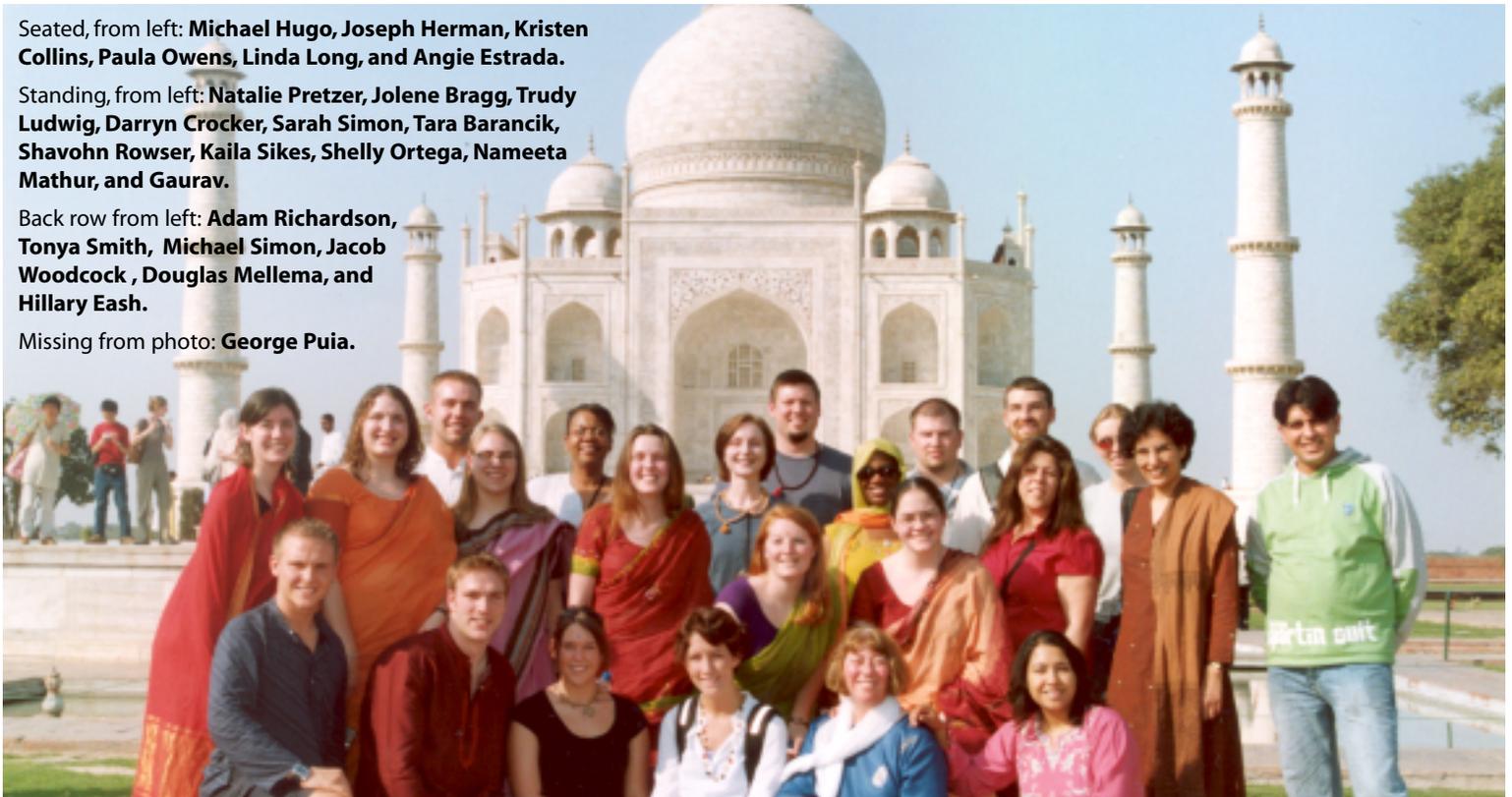
"India is a place that can profoundly change you," she said.

Seated, from left: **Michael Hugo, Joseph Herman, Kristen Collins, Paula Owens, Linda Long, and Angie Estrada.**

Standing, from left: **Natalie Pretzer, Jolene Bragg, Trudy Ludwig, Darryn Crocker, Sarah Simon, Tara Barancik, Shavohn Rowser, Kaila Sikes, Shelly Ortega, Nameeta Mathur, and Gaurav.**

Back row from left: **Adam Richardson, Tonya Smith, Michael Simon, Jacob Woodcock, Douglas Mellema, and Hillary Eash.**

Missing from photo: **George Puia.**



# Debbie K. Marsh

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT • APRIL 2006

A color-coded calendar. That's how Debbie Marsh stays on top of the numerous events she organizes. From Board of Control and Board of Fellows meetings to the monthly Fourth Friday affairs and many special events, she assigns each its own hue.

"If my calendar is lost, I'll be lost," she said.

Previously employed in Financial Aid and the Controller's Office, Marsh enjoys her current assignment.

"My job is working with every aspect of SVSU – students, employees and the outside community," she said. "I come from a large family and I love to entertain at home, and I enjoy doing it here."

"There are two things that satisfy me on a job, accounting and planning events."

While her calendar management may be old-fashioned, Marsh has adapted to technology, too, learning a lot about PowerPoint presentations during the three years she has been in her present position.

"I love doing them now," she said, "though it's kind of weird seeing the State of the University address, for example, and thinking, 'That's my work up there.'"

Marsh is grateful to have a job that requires problem-solving skills.

"My word that I always use is 'challenge,'" she said. "I don't mean that in a negative way, but it's a challenge to get an event off the ground, to plan it and make it succeed."

Marsh is quick to express appreciation for the support she receives from everyone in the President's Office and all corners of campus.

"On any given day, I could get help from several different departments," she said. "So many people go that extra mile."

Marsh has pedaled more than a few miles with her husband, Wayne, and their children, Allison, 14, and Shane, 11.

"We took up biking as a family last year," she explained.

The family also enjoys horseback riding, and Marsh recently purchased an art table for her children, though she may consider herself the true beneficiary.

"I love seeing them be creative," she said. "I can't throw any of their artwork away."

Marsh is also active in community service activities, including Habitat for Humanity and the Reading is Bay County's Business program. She also coordinates the "Wickes Walkers" team for SVSU's Relay for Life.

"I have to keep busy," she said.

Above all, Marsh says there is one thing that makes it a joy to come to SVSU each day: "I work with great people."



## Professional Profile

• **Jerry R. Baker**, professor of educational leadership, has co-authored a book for school administrators with Madeline S. Doran, an associate professor at Barry University, Fla. *Human Resource Management: A Problem-Solving Approach Linked to ISLLC Standards* will be published this summer by Rowan & Littlefield. The text provides practical exercises in a variety of areas related to human resources.

• English faculty **Ruth Copp**, **Lynne Graft** and **Ruth Sawyers** presented at the 18th annual Teaching Academic Survival Strategies Conference at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla., March 4-8. The TASS conference was designed to bring developmental college faculty together to share best practices in teaching reading, writing, and math.

• **Gladys A. Hernández**, professor of modern foreign languages, presented a paper titled "Ethnicity from Different Latino Women Perspectives" at Central States Conference in Chicago, March 9-11.

• **Judith Kerman**, professor of English, has a poem titled "Persephone" that was published in the Spring 2006 issue of *Third Coast*. Her poems "Radiance" and "Shabbat" have been published online in the e-magazine *Cezanne's Carrot*.

• **Gretchen Mooningham**, professor of mathematical sciences and sponsor of the Michigan Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, was elected to a two-year term as president of Region V of Alpha Chi.

## Briefly Speaking

• Faculty and staff may present the Alumni Scroll to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m., May 6. Call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 to make arrangements.

• Faculty and staff regalia orders are due April 6 in the Bookstore, and order forms are being distributed on campus. For a copy of the order form, contact Suzette at ext. 4384.

• There are two corrections on the March/April arts & cultural events calendar. The Bach St. Matthew Passion scheduled for Sunday, April 9 at St. Mary's Church in Bay City starts at **4 p.m.** The Jazz Ensemble Concert will take place **Thursday, April 20**.

• Two SVSU Operations Manual policies have been revised and can be found on SVSU's Web site: 2.3-1 Travel Policy and Regulations: The new mileage reimbursement rate, as of March 1, is \$.445 per mile. And, 5.3-3 Personal Use of Campus Postal Systems and Fax Machines: The second paragraph reads: "The pick-up of personal packages by University Mailroom staff is prohibited. The Mailroom offers window service for purchasing stamps and postal supplies as well as for sending personal packages. Individuals are responsible for taking personal packages to the Mailroom, and payment is expected at the time of service."

**John Jeziarski, professor of history, will retire from teaching after winter 2006 semester. Jeziarski began his career at SVSU in 1970. A campus reception is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room.**

## New Cardinals

• **James MacDonald**, police officer, and his wife Rebecca had a baby boy, Remmi James MacDonald (9 lbs., 2oz., 21 in.) Monday, March 13.

• **Dawn Iseler**, assistant director of university housing operations, and her husband Mark had a baby boy, William Edward Iseler (9 lbs., 4 oz., 20 in.), Friday, Jan. 6.

• **Jennifer Neitzel**, ECS specialist, and her husband Chris had a baby boy, Bryce Christopher Neitzel (8 lbs., 13 oz., 20.5 in.), Friday, March 17.

• **Jennifer Ordway**, assistant director of student counseling, and her husband Todd had a baby boy, Lukas Michael (7 lbs., 14 oz., 19 in.), Monday, March 6, at 5:41 p.m.

## Condolences

• To the family of **Erica Sue Burtch**, an SVSU student who passed away Saturday, March 18.

• To **Lance Edwards**, coordinator of construction projects & CADD, whose mother, Judith Edwards, passed away Thursday, Feb. 23.

• To **Judith Kerman**, professor of English, whose father, Harry Kerman, passed away Tuesday, March 7.

## Calendar

• **University Wide Employment & Networking Fair** – 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 7 in Ryder Center. For a list of registered employers, as well as to take advantage of advance online registration before March 24, visit [www.svsu.edu/careers](http://www.svsu.edu/careers).

• **SVSU Theatre Production of *Oliver*** – Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts. Performances are: Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m.; Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. For ticket information contact the Box Office at ext. 4261.

• **Executive Speaker Series: Ken Kousky, CEO of IP3, "Inside the Dream-from Garage to IPO"** – Wednesday, March 29, Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Two open presentations for faculty, staff and students to attend: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Faculty are welcome to bring classes to one of the open sessions. Please contact the College of Business & Management at ext. 7085. Student sign up sheets will be provided at the door.

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