

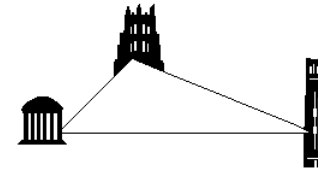
Michelle Robinson will be graduating from Duke University this May with a double major in Political Science and Economics and a minor in Women's Studies. Her honors thesis examines *"The Effect of Intervention on the Duration of Civil Wars."* Ms. Robinson is originally from Laurel, MD. She is also a Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholar and will be attending Stanford University in the fall pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science with a focus on International Relations.

Matthew A. Runnalls is a Political Science and Economics Major at Duke University. Mr. Runnalls was born in Washington DC but raised in Ottawa, Canada. He is especially interested in the rise of the modern nation-state, how states adapt to threats, and the effects of transnational contacts on state security. The title of his honors thesis is *"Emulation and Competition: Evidence from Early Modern Europe."* After graduating Mr. Runnalls plans to find work in the private sector and/or a think tank and then go on to graduate school in International Relations.

Erin Scharling is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she is double-majoring in International Studies and Political Science. She grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and is a Morehead Scholar. She became interested in *"Piracy and Maritime Terrorism"* last summer while working on the issues of nonproliferation, arms control, and border security at the U.S. Department of State. She has earned her degree with Highest Honors and with Distinction, and, upon graduation, will intern at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia.

Other Participants

- *Alex Roland is The Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies and Professor of History at Duke University*
- *Carolyn Pumphrey is TISS Coordinator and Teaching Assistant Professor of History at North Carolina State University*
- *Christopher Barnes is a PWAD major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a TISS Wickersham Scholar*



The Triangle Institute for Security Studies

Honor Student Dinner Presentations

*Maggianno's
Durham, North Carolina
April 26, 2006*

Program

- 6:00 PM** **Alex Roland**
(TISS Director)
Welcome
- 6:05 PM** **Hilary Roxanne Godette
Cooper**
(UNC-History)
- 6:30 PM** **Michelle Robinson**
(Duke-Political Science/
Economics)
- 6:55 PM** **Trenton Cole Jones**
(Duke-History)
- 7:20 PM** **Matthew A. Runnalls**
(Duke-Political Science/
Economics)
- 7: 45 PM** **John Andrew Beard**
(UNC-PWAD/ Eastern European
Studies)
- 8:10 PM** **Erin Scharling**
(UNC- International Studies)
- 8:35 PM** **Erin Kimsey** (UNC-PWAD)
- 9:00 PM** **Alex Roland** (TISS)

Biographies of Speakers

John Andrew Beard (Drew) is a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, majoring in Peace, War & Defense and Russian & Eastern European Studies. The title of his honors thesis is *"To Serve the Devil: American Perceptions of the Soviet Gulag 1929-1936."* After graduation, Mr. Beard will be managing one of Duke University's summer youth programs. He has been offered a job in the fall with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

Hilary Roxanne Godette Cooper is a History Major at UNC-Chapel Hill. A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, Ms. Cooper received a full scholarship to attend UNC, and is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa. The title of her honors thesis (which has been awarded highest honors) is *"Cross-Dressing Confederates and Unsexed Unionists: Women Soldiers who Fought in Disguise as Men in the American Civil War."* After graduation, she will attend law school at UNC where she has been awarded a merit scholarship.

Trenton Cole Jones (Cole) is a senior at Duke University majoring in History. The title of his honors thesis is *"King George and Broadwords: The Highland Scots of North Carolina in the Era of the American Revolution."* Next year Mr. Jones will be working at an independent film production company. Thereafter he plans to study British History at the graduate level.

Erin Kimsey is majoring in Peace, War, and Defense and Asian Studies (Chinese Concentration) at UNC-Chapel Hill. She received highest honors for her thesis, *"Democratic Activism in Hong Kong: The Rule of Law and the Origins of the Civic Party."* Ms. Kimsey is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a Carolina Scholar. A native of Cary, North Carolina, she plans to work on graduation for a faith-based NGO - SIL International - which serves minority language communities worldwide through translation, literacy promotion, and community development.