

# DALKEITH REMEMBERED

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## IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL...

*It's a small world indeed, and with over 4,000 student, staff, and faculty alumni, it's no wonder the paths of program alums often cross in the most unlikely of ways, and the most unlikely of places. We hope you enjoy these stories that have been shared with the Experience Scotland Administrative Office of chance encounters with other program alumni. Have a story of your own? Share it with us on our [facebook page!](#)*

### Karla and David Presendofer



*Karla and David Presendofer bonded over shared study abroad experiences in Scotland.*

Karla Presendofer (Harmon) attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (1999-2003). While a student at UW-La Crosse, Karla studied in Scotland in the fall of 2001. Having never been overseas before, Karla says “the experience shifted my vision tremendously. I fell in love with traveling and more deeply, with Scotland specifically.” After her experience with Wisconsin in Scotland, Karla traveled back to Edinburgh after graduation and participated in a work abroad program (BUNAC), living and working in Scotland for six months. Of her return to Scotland, Karla remarks it “only cemented Scotland's place in my heart.” She returned to Scotland one more time, in summer of 2005, for a week long visit on her way to Italy, but has not been back since.

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## MORE THAN WISCONSINITES EXPERIENCING SCOTLAND!

When the alumni and friends newsletter was first launched in 2009, we shared that the Wisconsin in Scotland program was undergoing a slow migration to a new name of Experience Scotland. Nearly six years later, the program has exciting new partnerships, with a much broader reach than western Wisconsin, so the Experience Scotland name change is here to stay. While the Experience Scotland program remains open to degree-seeking students at any U.S. institution, its participants continue to come primarily from partner, and affiliate schools. These partner and affiliates now include:

- UW-River Falls
- UW-Superior
- UW-Stout

- UW-Whitewater
- UW-Parkside
- UW-Colleges

- Normandale Community College (Bloomington, MN)
  - Murray State University (Murray, KY)
- Texas A & M—Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi, TX)
- Lake Superior State University (Sault Ste. Marie, MI)

As we approach the 30th anniversary of the first semester in Dalkeith, it is exciting to reflect on the way the program has grown and evolved through the years. We are delighted by the addition of new partners, and look forward to seeing where the next 30 years will take us!

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Five years later, in 2010, Karla was living in her hometown in southern Wisconsin, and working and attending church in a small town in northern Illinois. Through mutual acquaintances at church, Karla was introduced to David Presendofer. In the process of conversation one evening David casually mentioned he had studied overseas when he was in college. Karla asked where David had studied, to which he replied "Scotland". Surprised at meeting someone else who had studied in Scotland, Karla inquired further to which David replied, "Oh, yea, it was this little study program, everyone lived in this big house...Wisconsin in Scotland I think it was called."

Excited to have met someone who could relate to her stories when she shared about the WIS



*Karla and David jump for joy over their love for Scotland!*

program, Karla was further surprised to learn David had studied there just one semester after her in the spring of 2002, meaning all the staff in the house were the same and their experiences were even more relatable than initially thought. As Karla relates it: "this was incredible to me because no one ever knew what I meant when I talked about the "palace" let

alone to meet someone 10 years later in a different state and find out they were in the program the term after I was."

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Karla and David's relationship grew beyond just a shared experience in Scotland, and today they have been married for nearly four years. According to Karla: "for me this was such an amazing experience for us to have had in common and we are anticipating the day that we can return to Scotland together and see the house again and wander the streets of Edinburgh."

In relating her "small world" story, Karla closed by reflecting: "WIS played a huge part in my life in my early twenties and then God rolled it back around to bless my socks off again 10 years later so that my husband and I can share this love of Scotland together."

### Haily Schmitz

Haily Schmitz, a participant in the fall 2014 program, had been back from her Scottish adventure for less than six months when her "small world" encounter happened. She was at work, waiting on a table of three couples who were out to eat. A few

of the individuals at the table ordered fish and chips. As Haily delivered the meals to the table, one of the customers asked if they had brown sauce at the restaurant. Haily laughed—this was the first American customer who had asked about brown sauce since she began working there. Another individual at the table asked what brown sauce was so the requester began explaining how he used to eat



*Haily Schmitz while abroad with Experience Scotland, fall 2014*

brown sauce when he was in Scotland. Excited, Haily jumped in and said "wait, you've been to Scotland? I was just studying in Edinburgh!", to which the individual replied that himself and three of the others at the table had been in Dalkeith. Knowing Dalkeith is off the well-known tourist path, this naturally piqued Haily's interest even further. Come to find out, her table of customers that evening had studied in the WIS program in 1995, and one of the couples (now married) had met while participating in the program. The group was going out for a reunion that evening—little did they know just how much they would have in common with their server that night!

## SCOTTISH SUMMER HAPPENINGS

### MINNESOTA SCOTTISH FAIR AND HIGHLAND GAMES



The Experience Scotland program was recently represented at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games in Eagan, MN on Saturday, July 18. It was a fun-filled day that included a highland dance competition, sheep-herding demonstrations, and a heavy games competition. Mark your calendars for the event next



year, to be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016. More information about the fair can be found on the event website:

<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

Dr. Rellen Hardtke (UWRF), and Dr. Todd Coleman (Century College) snap a picture with our replica Duke of Wellington statue while visiting the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games with children, Anika and Kaia. The Hardtke Coleman family spent the fall 2014 semester teaching and living in Dalkeith House.

### STATELY DINNER

Students in the summer 2015 Experience Scotland program had the unique experience of being in



*Students, faculty, and staff meet the Duke of Buccleuch (center) on the tartan stairs*

residence while the Duke of Buccleuch hosted a dinner for the Royal Company of Archers, the Queen's bodyguard in Scotland, in Dalkeith House. This was a historically significant event as it was the first event

(aside from Duke Richard's own wedding) hosted by a Duke in Dalkeith House in over 100 years. While the Dining Room received a makeover worthy of the Duke's esteemed guests, students were able to meet the Duke, and were treated to a dinner from the Cavaliere. Surely, this will be an experience students will not soon forget!



*The dining room may have looked a bit different from traditional mealtimes at Dalkeith House, but the evening meal for the Royal Company of Archers still happened beneath the group photos of WIS participants.*

### MALARKEY!

The Experience Scotland program was featured during the Monday, August 10 broadcast of the Malarkey radio program on the Twin Cities community radio station KFAI. Program Coordinator, Kelsey McLean, was joined by fall 2014 Experience Scotland participants, Jordan Preston and Kaitlyn MacKinnon to speak about the program, and its opportunities for students.



*(From left to right) Kaitlyn MacKinnon, Jordan Preston, and Kelsey McLean with Malarkey host David O'Sullivan, after wrapping up a successful broadcast.*

Interested in listening to future broadcasts of Malarkey? Tune in Mondays at 7:30pm CST on 90.3 FM (Minneapolis), 106.7 FM (St. Paul), or streaming from [KFAI](#) online. Visit the [Malarkey website](#) to learn more.

*In the KFAI studio—getting ready to hit the airwaves!*



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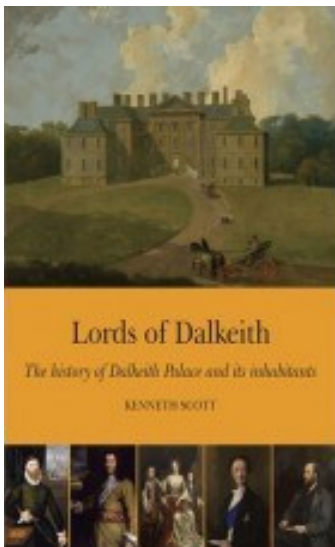
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### Book on the history of Dalkeith House available!

Interested in learning more about the rich history of the place you called home? A new book on the history of Dalkeith House, as carefully researched by Sir Kenneth Scott, is available to help you do just that! A description of the book, provided from its website, follows:



*Dominating the park, on a high ridge above the North Esk, stands Dalkeith House, perhaps the grandest of all early classical mansions in Scotland known throughout much of its history as Dalkeith Palace.*

*It was built in its present form in the first decade of the eighteenth century by James Smith for Anna, Duchess of Buccleuch, and was until the first World War a ducal seat of great magnificence, filled with fine furniture and works of art.*

*All that has gone, and the house though still owned by the Duke of Buccleuch is now a student residence and study centre for the University of Wisconsin; but the house itself, and the earlier castle and palace which stood on this site, have a long and colourful history dating back to at least the twelfth century.*

*This book traces the history of the palace and portrays the lives of its inhabitants.*

The book is available for purchase from the website:

[www.capercailliebooks.co.uk](http://www.capercailliebooks.co.uk)

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## SCOTTISH RECIPE: PORRIDGE OAT PASTRY

*Porridge oats add a lovely texture to pastry.*

**Ingredients:**

4 oz. flour  
4 oz. porridge oats  
4 oz. butter or margarine  
Pinch of salt  
1 egg, beaten

**Directions:**

Set oven to 375° F. Grease an 8 inch flan tin. In a bowl, mix together the flour, oats and salt. Rub in the butter or margarine, then mix in the egg and knead with floured hands. Press the pastry into the flan tin, fill with baking beans and bake blind for 10 to 12 minutes. The pastry case is now ready for a filling as required. This pastry can also be used as a topping on meat and fish pies.