

*Student Achievement*

**GEOGRAPHY/ EARTH SCIENCES**

*Emma Edelen* was chosen to present the student address at the fall 2017 Commencement Ceremony, December 9, 2017, in the Taylor Center Bresnan Arena.



*Emma Edelen speaking at the Fall 2017 Commencement.*

**GOVERNMENT**

*Rachael Grooms* was chosen to present the student address at the fall 2017 SBS Graduation Celebration and Awards Ceremony, December 9, 2017, in the CSU Ballroom.



*Rachel Grooms speaking at the Graduation Celebration Ceremony.*

**HISTORY**

*Abigail Hoy Nissen, Emma Schlei, and Mara Soupir* participated on a roundtable, “The Woman of Distinction Oral History Project: Educating Students, Empowering Women, and Engaging Community,” with professors *Chris Corley* and *Jill Cooley*, at the Oral History Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, October 7, 2017. Participation was funded by a Heritage grant from the state of Minnesota.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

*Samantha Kalsow, Bailey Dixon, Haley Solem, and Hannah Lee* traveled to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Quantico, VA, with professors, December 2017. They met regarding multiple organizational development projects with OERG, and attended a Personnel Testing Council of Metropolitan Washington DC celebration.



From Left to Right: Col. Scott Kieffer, Samantha Kalsow, Bailey Dixon, Haley Solem, Hannah Lee, Andi Lassiter, and Dave McVay.

**SOCIAL WORK**

*Lauren Almquist (Johnson)* completed a program evaluation of the implementation of FASD Screen Questions during the intake/screening process for the Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health with faculty member *Dr. Christine Black-Hughes*, January 2018.

*Loreli Tinaglia* and *Dr. Ross Aalgaard* will present their poster, “Helping Couples with Relationship Satisfaction through Forgiveness,” at the International Association of Marriage & Family Counselors, February 2018.

## Faculty and Department Highlights

### ANTHROPOLOGY

**Ronald Schirmer** collaborated with Minnesota State University, Mankato students and Sisseton Wahpeton College to author a brochure article called, “Dakota Studies,” published Fall 2017.

### GEOGRAPHY/ SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

**Jose Lopez, Rama Mohapatra, and Paul Prew** (Sociology & Corrections) published, “Regional Patterns of Giving in the United States during the Great Recession,” in the *International Journal of Culture and History*.

### HISTORY

**Jill Cooley** presented a guest lecture at the University of North Texas, Denton, titled, “The Hunger Belt: Food Justice and Black Farmers in the Twentieth-Century South,” November 9, 2017.

**Jill Cooley** was a guest on, “Human Race Radio,” on *KMSU*. Host, James Gullickson interviewed Dr. Cooley about the history of structural racism, January 8, 2018.

**Lori Lahlum** spoke about Norwegian American Women at the Blue Earth County Historical Society's November 2017, “Bits and Bites.” Professor emeritus **Chuck Piel** attended the presentation.

### NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

**The Nonprofit Leadership program** will be hosting a career panel on February 13, 2018, which includes Erin

Kragh, manager, YWCA women’s leadership program; Evan Curtin, executive director of Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery; Sheri Sander-Silva, executive director of Feeding Our Communities Partners; Bradley Wolfe, regional coordinator of Minn. Council of Nonprofits’ South Central/Southwest Minn. Regional Chapter; Lynn Braveheart and Melissa Olson, Guardians ad Litem for the Indian Child Welfare Act in Hennepin County; and Ameen Hassan, current NPL student, intern with the American Red Cross.

### PSYCHOLOGY

**Emily Stark** and **Karla Lassonde** received a grant from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology for their project, titled, “Engaging Psychology Instructors with the Science of Psychology: Developing an Annual Workshop for Minnesota State University Psychology Faculty and Secondary Teachers of Psychology in the State of Minnesota.” The project is to support work with concurrent enrollment teachers.

### SOCIAL WORK

**Ross Aalgaard** presented a Clinical Ethics Training for Fernbrook Family Center in Owatonna, MN, Nov 26, 2017.

**Ross Aalgaard** presented two trainings, titled, “Understanding & Serving LGBTQ+ Patients,” at the New Ulm Medical Center, Nov 30, 2017.

## College Highlights

**The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences** held their recognition ceremony for students graduating in Fall 2017, along with a hooding ceremony for masters graduates Vinson Williams and Zorian Sasyk, and doctoral graduate Samantha Steinman.



*Dr. Paul Prew hooding Zorian Sasyk*