

Student Achievement**GEOGRAPHY**

Bryan Byholm and **Anna Brand** presented with *Drs. Cynthia Miller and Fei Yuan*, winning second place in the members' favorite competition with their poster, titled, "Object-based Feature Analysis of High-Resolution Multi-temporal and Multi-source Data for Locating World War II Era Unexploded Bombs," at the Annual Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 4-6, 2017, Bemidji, MN.

Jonathan Graves won second place in the Graduate Student Presentation Competition with his presentation, titled, "Semiautomated Delineation of Drainage System Landforms Using Combined Hillshade Analysis," Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 4-6, 2017, Bemidji, MN.

GOVERNMENT

AbdulRahmane Abdul-Aziz, was appointed to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees. The board is responsible for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admission requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations for the University.

PSYCHOLOGY

Samantha Steinman, a school psychology doctoral candidate, successfully passed her dissertations defense and

will be awarded her doctoral degree this winter. Her dissertation is titled, "*Investigating the Effects of Performance Feedback and Choice as a Writing Fluency Intervention.*"

The School Psychology Doctoral Program will have 21 doctoral students and their faculty members presenting 16 research projects at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention this February in Chicago.

SOCIAL WORK

Laura Johnson and **Nou Yang**, Alumni BSSW students, presented research, titled, "Sexual Exploitation of a Youth Prevention Program," at the ISPCAN Regional conference with *Drs. Smalley and Black-Hughes*.

URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES

Scott Leonard, Jaclyn Essandoh, Maame Yorke, Marvin Conner, Ameen Hassan, Jacob, Dada, Maryam Moeinian, Situ Chitrakar, Angela Piltaver, Namuun Bayasgalan, Ahmed Shiiraar, and Kate Taylor were participants at the MN APA Conference in Mankato and were recognized for their professionalism and promoting visibility of URSI.

Faculty and Department Highlights**ANTHROPOLOGY AND GEOGRAPY**

Phillip Larson (Geography) and **Ron Schirmer** (Anthropology) were awarded a Faculty Research Grant for their project, "*Physical and Cultural Landscape Evolution of the Minnesota River Valley: A Poorly Understood Post-Glacial History Preserved in Stream Terraces.*"

HISTORY

Matt Loayza published a book review of Matthew Masur, Ed., titled, "Understanding and Teaching the Cold War," in the September issue of *Passport: The Society for Historians of Foreign Relations Review*.

PSYCHOLOGY

Emily Stark was awarded a Faculty Research Grant for her project, titled, "*Public Perception of Policing Survey.*"

SOCIAL WORK

Paul Mackie presented "Veteran Rural Behavioral Health Workforce: Rural Responses" at the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Rural Veteran Rural Health Webinar Series on Rural Workforce Talent Retention on October 19, 2017.

SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

Christine Mollenkopf-Pigsley (AOS) was awarded a Faculty Research Grant for her project, titled, "*Social Entrepreneurship and the Direct Sales Channel: A case study of organization formation.*"