ETHNIC STUDIES

Luai Bashir presented, “What Middle Easterners think about Americans,” to North Mankato community members and members of the Mankato Peace Coalition, North Mankato, MN, June 19.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Allison Murray and Alycia Westphal ('03 Law Enforcement graduates) were 2 of the 23 students accepted at the University of New Haven Master of Forensic Science Program (out of 480 applicants). Both students were also awarded graduate assistantships.

URSI

The Center for Rural Policy and Development unveiled its most recent research project at a conference in St Cloud in August. The joint project between the Center and the League of Minnesota Cities identified communities that are experiencing significant growth in their non-white and immigrant populations. The Center published a companion document to the conference that highlights what communities are doing and describes the programs. This document serves as a "tool kit" that encourages peer mentorship and learning across the state. URSI graduate student, Erica Crone dedicated a year of her studies to work on this project.

WALTER (WEATHER LAB)

Graduate students Katie Ferrier and Mike Koolen, were awarded Minn. Department of Health assistantships. Both students passed University of Minnesota’s Radon Measurement and Proficiency course and exam and are now certified by the EPA and MURC to measure and test Radon in homes as part of MSU’s radon project.

ECONOMICS


ETHNIC STUDIES

A portion of Wayne Allen’s book review of Applied Anthropology: A Career-Oriented Approach, by Margaret A. Gwynne (2003), Boston: Allyn & Bacon, was printed on the back flap of this new textbook.


Wayne Allen presented at the ChYLI Latino Youth Conference on Native Americans and Tradition vs. Modern Community Values, Sept. 18.


Yueh-Ting Lee was invited to give lectures on identity and global ethnic relations at Southwest University of China, July 2003.

GEOGRAPHY
Donald A. Friend is the US Representative on Diversity in Mountain Systems, International Geographical Union Commission.
Donald A. Friend is serving on the Advisory Board for the Association of American Geographers Mountain Geography Specialty Group.

GERONTOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS
Jay Elliott and Leah Rogne conducted applied research this summer on the social model of dementia care at the Alzheimer’s Cottages of Pioneer Retirement Community, Fergus Falls, MN.

HISTORY
Derek Catsam was invited to be keynote speaker at Anniston (Alabama) Freedom Rides Commemoration Event, September 2003.
Derek Catsam’s was a guest on KMSU, Mankato, “Minnesota Morning,” Re: The Freedom Rides and the South, August 4.
Derek Catsam’s was a guest on KTOE, Mankato, “Talk of the Town,” Re: Israel, terrorism, August 11.
Derek Catsam’s opinion piece, “Call it a Road Map Now, It’s Really the Same Old Conflict,” was published in the St. Paul Pioneer Press August 12.
Derek Catsam’s opinion piece, “Red Sox Blues,” was published in History News Network, August 2003.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT
Tom Inglot was invited to serve on the selection committee for the 2003-2004 American Marshall Memorial Fellows from Minnesota. The Marshall Memorial Fellowship, established by The German Marshall Fund of the United States enables young American policy and opinion leaders to gain an in-depth knowledge and understanding of societies, institutions, and peoples in Europe.
Fred Slocum was interviewed by Mike Madden of Gannett News Service, on political candidates’ food choices while on the campaign trail. An article with Slocum’s comments ran on the Gannett news wire nationwide, and appeared in newspapers such as the Arizona Republic (Scottsdale, AZ) and the Clarion-Ledger (Jackson, MS).

PSYCHOLOGY
The Psychology Department sponsored a talk by Kevin O’Farrell titled, “Designing Learning Environments,” September 19 at MSU.

SOCIAL STUDIES
The Social Studies program announces new scholarships to be offered to students who have achieved exemplary global, multicultural, civic and community service experience. Students will be considered for the scholarships as part of the process of applying for admission to the program. Donations from program alumni will fund the scholarships.

SOCIAL WORK
Minnesota Senate Majority Leader and Senator from District 23, John Hottinger spoke in Nancy Fitzsimons-Cova’s Social Welfare Issues and Policy class, Sept. 16.

SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS
James Robertson was selected to write the entry under “prisoners’ rights” for Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties, to be published in four volumes by Routledge in 2006.

URSI
Janet Cherrington-Cucore presented public awareness materials from her graduate city management studio for Saint Peter at the International City/County Management Association in a session, “Making the Most of ICMA’s Public Awareness Campaign Tool Kit,” Sept. 22, Charlotte, NC.
Janet Cherrington-Cucore spoke to ICMA’s State Officers’ Roundtable, September 20, about her public awareness project involving the city of Saint Peter. This is a special meeting involving ICMA’s leadership and the officers of the state associations in the U.S.
Tony Filipovitch led the Leadership Institute of Mankato class in a day-long simulation game, SimSoc, September 25, 2003.
Perry Wood and H. Roger Smith were appointed to the Campus Master Plan Committee. Dr. Wood was appointed a co-chair of the committee.

WOMEN’S STUDIES
Maria Bevacqua was interviewed by Clare Murphy of BBC Online for an August 7 article on the sexual
assault allegations against Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant.

**Kim Surkan** gave a presentation on transgender rhetoric and representation as part of a panel titled “Do the Right Thing: A Trans Coverage Primer,” at the National Lesbian Gay Journalists Association convention, Los Angeles, September 12-14.


### COLLEGE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### SBS NEW FACULTY RECEPTION

A Teaching & Learning New Faculty reception was held prior to the September 17 College Conversation.

#### SEPTEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE

The Kessel Peace Institute, directed by Barb Carson, organized a time for remembrance for victims of Sept. 11 next to the MSU fountain. Dr. Jackie Vieceli opened and closed the remembrance with a song.

#### SBS TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOM

SBS classes are utilizing the latest technology in the new SBS technology classroom. On September 10 SBS held an Open House to introduce faculty to the new technology and to thank ACC for collaborating on this project. Wayne Sharp provided a “how to” session for the group.