STUDENT ACTIVITIES

GEOGRAPHY
Sonja Christensen took first place in a statewide undergraduate competition at the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium conference, winning a $1,000 scholarship. Yong-Seuk Park placed second in the graduate paper competition. The competition included MnSCU schools, U of M schools, and private colleges. MSU also had several other presentations by students and by faculty members Changjoo Kim and Fei Yuan.

Pam Miller, Dr. Marty Mitchell, and Dr. Jose Lopez’s article, “Climate Change: Length of Growing Season in the US Corn Belt, 1911-2000,” was published in Physical Geography, 26:2, (2005).

James Worm’s map of the Upper Missouri River region was published in an article by History Professor Emeritus, Dr. Bill Lass. The article titled, “Dakota Resources: Trader Edward T. Latta’s ‘List of Wood Sold to Boats,’” was published in South Dakota History, Vol. 35, No. 2, Summer 2005.

SOCIAL WORK
Jessica Blackstad was awarded a 2005 Minnesota Department of Human Services scholarship for $5000 to pursue a social work degree. Jessica also received a MDHS scholarship in 2004.

Lars Youngren is participating in the Department of Social Work’s exchange program with Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Fall 2005.

The Department of Social Work graduated five Minnesota BSW Child Welfare recipients in May and currently have eight students receiving funding through the Social Work BSW Child Welfare Stipend Recipient program, they are Lori Stai, Elizabeth Berg, Melissa Hegdal, Tara Hueper, Amy Lindsay, Anne Wagner, Sarah Landin, and Carrie Anderson.

Social Work Honors Day was held October 28 at MSU. Tara Hueper, Lydia Hayward, Joni Forstner, and Erika Ertz were honored as Social Welfare Scholars. Julie Caraway Jensen was honored as Social Work Alumna of the Year.

ECONOMICS
Saleheen Khan’s paper, “Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in ASEAN-4 Countries: Estimation of Panel Data,” will appear as a chapter in a book entitled "Globalization and Balance of Payments Experience of Asia,” to be published by ICFAI University in India. The paper is co authored with Drs. Syed Ahmed and Abdulhamid Sukar.

ETHNIC STUDIES
Donald Friend has been invited to serve as North American Editor and join an editorial board for the journal, *Geographische Rundschau-International Edition*, published by Westermann, Germany.

Donald Friend has been invited to serve as an Editorial Board Member for the *Journal of Mountain Science*, published by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chengdu.


Changjoo Kim received a MSU Faculty Improvement Grant for December 2005 through August 2006.

Rebecca Shumway was selected as one of Minnesota State University, Mankato’s two nominees for a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend. Dr. Shumway’s next step is to submit her final proposal to NEH.


Doran Hunter presented a paper entitled "Civil Society and Valued Government: The Caux Round Table Principles for Establishing Moral Government," at the Conference of the Employers Confederation of the Mexican Republic (COPARMEX). The conference was the 2005 Business Summit of COPARMEX, involved business and political leaders from the Estados Unidos Mexicanos, City of Puebla, Mexico, Oct. 12 - 14.

Joseph Kunkel presented, "Sabbatical Ramblings," an informal talk and some of his best photos from Boulder, Colorado; Istanbul, Turkey; Italy; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Edinburgh and Borders, Scotland; and St. Louis, Missouri, October 19 at MSU.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 20 by Martiga Loan, *Associated Press* on state legislative races in Minnesota.


The *Department of Political Science/ Law Enforcement* presented the Annual Kessel Lectureship, October 4, at MSU. Mehr Jay Shahidi (’74 Political Science and Economics alum) presented, "Unilateralism or Multilateralism: The Future of the U.N. and its Implications for Peace and Refugee Relief."
PSYCHOLOGY
Kevin Filter passed the national certification exam for school psychologists. Once he submits required paperwork he will be a nationally certified school psychologist (which is in addition to his state of Minnesota licensure).

Daniel Houlihan received a MSU Faculty Improvement Grant for January 2006.


Sara Sifers received a MSU Faculty Improvement Grant for January 2006.

The Industrial-Organizational Psychology Program 2005-2006 Speaker Series included a October 6 presentation, "Promoting Large-Scale Organizational Change at Best Buy," by Kevin Freeland, former President of Best Buy's Musicland Division. Best Buy worked with psychologists and other consultants to turnaround the organization and create a customer-centric approach to retail management.

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Christine Black-Hughes presented, "Attachment as a Protective Factor," at the Minnesota Social Services Supervisors Conference, Breezy Point.


Nancy Fizsimons was asked to speak at the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities about the "Shadow Victims: Crimes Against People with Disabilities," a training package for law enforcement officers.


Debra Gohagan (Peterson, V., and Gohagan, D.) presented, “Efolios, LTA’s, Open Source, RSSs, Weblogs, Wikis & SwikisAKA: Who put the

College Of Social and Behavioral Sciences Good News
Technology in my Alphabet Soup?” Minn. Library Association Conference, Minneapolis, Sept. 23.

Debra Gohagan was appointed to the Council on Social Work Education Commission on the Role and Status of Women for 2005-2006.

Debra Gohagan was elected Chair of the Baccalaureate Program Director's Information Technologies and Distance Education Committee, 2005-2006.

Annelies Hagemeister received a MSU Faculty Improvement Grant for February 2006.


The Department of Social Work co-sponsored, ‘None of Our Business, A Training on the Impact of Domestic Violence in the Workplace,” Oct. 10. Mankato community members were invited to the training.

SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES
The League of MN Cities recognized the marketing brochure to promote city tourism and growth that Janesville’s City Administrator Clinton Rogers and Professor Janet Cherrington collaborated on in the “City News,” section of their Minnesota Cities publication.

WOMEN’S STUDIES
Goddess religion expert Starhawk was the keynote speaker for MSU’s annual Women and Spirituality Conference, October 22-23. The 24th annual conference also featured dozens of exhibits and workshops. The conference is co-sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Office of Institutional Diversity and Women's Center.

COLLEGE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

SBS ADVISORY BOARD LUNCHEON
The SBS Advisory Board Awards Luncheon and Reception was held October 13 in the MSU Johnson Alumni Room. The board honored as Distinguished Professor Dr. H. Roger Smith, URSI Faculty Emeritus; SBS Student Leader, Jeet Sausen; Social Studies and Political Science, and Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Aaron Doering, Geography. Dr. Doering will receive his award in the spring.

KESSEL PEACE INSTITUTE
The Kessel Peace Institute sponsored a lecture by Kathy Kelly, "For Whom the Bells Tolls," at MSU, October 20. Twice nominated for Nobel Peace Prizes, Kathy Kelly, helped initiate Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end the UN/US sanctions against Iraq.

SBS ADVISING “U”
Clark Johnson presented “2006 Advising University,” October 17-21. Advising University included courses in General Education, Pre-major Advising, Advising 101 and 102, and Data, Data, Data. Participants discussed the nuts and bolts of advising, advising processes, role of advisors, helping students to be successful, the rules students need to follow and a few that they may manipulate.

SBS Advising “U” participated in the 2005 MSU Homecoming Office Decorating contest.