STUDENT ACTIVITIES

GEOGRAPHY


Sonja A. Christensen presented, “Redrawing Permit Area Boundaries Based on Habitat Type Using GIS,” at the GIS/LIS Conference, St. Cloud, Minn., Oct. 3-5

Piush Dahal and Changjoo Kim presented, “Spatial decision support integration to current Geographic Information System (GIS) for Location Analysis and Strategic Planning in Minneapolis-St. Paul Metro Area,” at the GIS/LIS Conference, St. Cloud, Minn., Oct. 3-5

Woo Jang and Changjoo Kim presented, “The study of the balance between jobs and housing in GIS framework: In case of the seven county metropolitan area in Minnesota,” at the GIS/LIS Conference, St. Cloud, Minn., Oct. 3-5

Michelle Imes and Changjoo Kim presented, "GIS Approach in Determining Factors of Ring-necked Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus) Populations,” at the GIS/LIS Conference, St. Cloud, Minn., Oct. 3-5


FACULTY AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Ron Schirmer was an invited exhibitor at the Minnesota Children's Book Festival at the Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Red Wing, Minn., Sept. 10. Schirmer showcased an upcoming conference he is co-organizing and exhibited their comprehensive publication on 150 years of Red Wing archeology.

Ron Schirmer (a Research Associate and Principal Investigator for the Science Museum's Red Wing Initiative) was an invited participant at the Science Museum of Minnesota's exhibit at the Gathering at the Waters, a celebration of Minnesota Native American life and history, St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 11. He loaned artifacts for display, helped draft the text, and discussed how archeology has grown to embrace Native American participation and oral tradition.

ECONOMICS

New Economics Faculty

Dr. Kyu Sang Lee received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. Lee’s dissertation, “Rationality, Minds, and Machines in the Laboratory: A Thematic History of Vernon Smith’s Experimental Economics,” earned him the 2005 Joseph Dorfman Best Dissertation in History of Economics national award. Dr. Lee’s research interests include History and Philosophy of Economics; Experimental Economics; Neuroeconomics; and Behavioral Economics. Dr. Lee will be teaching Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Survey of Economic Ideas.

ETHNIC STUDIES


Wayne Allen presented, “Disturbances in the Dreamtime: Evidence for prehistoric violence in Subarctic Dene traditional oral narratives,” at the Napoleon A. Chagnon Festschrift, Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, June 1-5, Austin, TX.


Kebba Darboe is back as a probationary faculty member, after a year in a fixed term position. Darboe received his Ph.D. in Sociology from South Dakota
State University, an MA in Educational Administration and Multicultural Studies from California State University, Bakersfield, an MA in Economics from MSU, Mankato, and a BA in French Language and Sociology from the University of Paris, France. From 2000 to 2004, Dr. Darboe taught at St. Cloud State University. His research focuses on immigration, globalization and ethnic and multicultural relations.

Maricela DeMirlyn received her Ph.D. in Education from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her dissertation title was, “DeColonizing the Discourse: Educational Narratives of Chicana/Latina Undergraduates Surviving the System.” DeMirlyn’s research interests are in gender socialization and the narrative construction of Chicana identity, and in pedagogical approaches to promoting the recruitment/retention of ethnic groups within higher education, specifically women of Mexican descent.

GEOGRAPY

Changjoo Kim presented, “Travel Demand Forecasting in a GIS-T Context,” at the GIS/LIS Conference, St. Cloud, Minn., Oct. 3-5


New Geography Faculty

Dr. Fei Yuan is an expert in Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Monitoring, and Ecosystem Modeling. Yuan received her Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Minnesota. Yuan has experience as the GIS Coordinator at Miami University (Ohio), and the remote Sensing and GIS specialist at Chinese National Satellite Meteorological Center; and has assisted other Chinese agencies with mapping and monitoring issues.

Dr. CJ Kim, began his probationary position in January 2005. Kim is an expert in: GIS and Remote Sensing, Kim received his Ph.D. at Ohio State University and has extensive RA experience: Urban and Regional Issues at the Byrd Polar Research Center. He teaches GIS, GPS Field Mapping, and Transportation Geography.

HISTORY

New History Faculty

Lori Lahlum received her Ph.D. in History with an Anthropology minor from the University of Idaho and she is an expert in the American West. She was awarded a Fulbright–Hays fellowship to Olso, Norway, in 2000-2001 to work on her dissertation titled, “There are No Trees Here: Norwegian Women Encounter the Northern Prairies and Plains.” Lahlum taught U.S. History, the American West, American

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Women’s History, and Native American Studies at Valley City State University in North Dakota.

Rebecca Shumway received her Ph.D. in History from Emory University and she specializes in West African History. She used her Fulbright–Hays fellowship to travel to Ghana in 2000-2001 to do research on her dissertation titled, “Between the Castle and the Golden Stool: Transformations in Fante Society, 1700-1807.” In it, she discusses the African slave trade in the eighteenth century. She taught African History and World History at Appalachian State University.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Doran Hunter has been appointed Senior Fellow of the International Caux Round Table, an international network of principled business and government leaders working to promote moral capitalism. He will present lectures and training sessions to business and government leaders around the world. The first session will be in October.

Joe Kunkel was interviewed Sept. 21 by Gabrielle Komorowski of KEYC TV, regarding the announcement by Democrat Kelly Doran that he is switching from the U.S. Senate race to the Governor’s race in the 2006 election.

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Fred Slocum completed a five-week National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar, “Faulkner and Southern History,” at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, June 13-July 15.

Fred Slocum accepted an invitation to submit an article on “Southern strategy” (used by Republicans to win presidential elections since 1968) in the forthcoming eight-volume International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, published in 2007.

Fred Slocum has been invited to submit a chapter for a forthcoming edited book, tentatively titled How the South Became Republican, to be published in 2006 or 2007. Slocum’s chapter will focus on the nexus between religion, particularly evangelical Christianity, and the rise of Republicanism among white Southerners.

Fred Slocum is a member of the Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Institute of Greater Mankato for 2005-2006. Slocum was awarded a University scholarship from the MSU President’s Office to complete the institute.
**New Law Enforcement Faculty**

**James Bailey** received his PhD in American studies from the University of Wales. His dissertation centered on high profile cases during the days of J. Edgar Hoover. Jim comes to MSU from a long career at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC., where he was department chair. Jim is an expert in the field of forensic science, has published widely in the field and has presented at scores of training seminars and scholarly conferences. He recently presented in Hong Kong at the International Association of Forensic Science.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Jeff Buchanan** spoke Sept. 15, on KEYC’s Community update, about a fall prevention conference where he has been invited to speak.

**New Psychology Faculty**

**Dawn Albertson** successfully defended her dissertation this summer, completing her Ph.D. in Cellular and Clinical Neurobiology at Wayne State University. Dawn’s research interests include examination of the neurological and cellular effects of chronic drug use. Dawn will be teaching biopsychology and psychopharmacology classes as well as introductory psychology.

**Kevin Filter** is back as a probationary faculty member, after a year in a fixed term position. Kevin’s Ph.D. is in school psychology from the University of Oregon. Kevin’s research focuses on function-based positive behavior support to improve student behavior in the classroom. Kevin has also been working on a proposal for a graduate program in school psychology.

**SOCIAL WORK**

**Nancy Fitzsimons** appeared on KEYC Community Update, Sept. 21, as a member of Mankato Area Healthy Youth, to promote National Family Day, sponsored by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

**Nancy Fitzsimons** appeared on KEYC news Sept. 26 to talk about Mankato’s selection as one of the 100 best communities in the United States for young people.

**Tami Wilkins** (Law Enforcement) and **Nancy Fitzsimons’** curriculum and on-line course, “The Shadow Victims: Crime Against People with Disabilities,” funded through a $150,000 grant by the federal Office of Violence Against Women, was approved by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board for 10 CEUs.

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**SOCIOTOLOGY & CORRECTIONS**

September 9 the Department of Sociology & Corrections held a Corrections Day event for advising and information.

**New Sociology Faculty**

**Dr. Vicki Hunter** is joining the Department of Sociology and Corrections after completing her doctorate at Kent State University. Hunter’s dissertation title was, “Transition in Mothering: The Social Construction of Motherhood and It’s Implications for Recently Released Mothers.” Her areas of specialization include Family, Social Policy, Stratification, Deviance and Crime, as well as Qualitative Methods.

**URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES**

**Janet Cherrington-Cucore’s** article, “Preserving the Past, Building for the Future,” was published in the Minnesota Women in City Government 2005 newsletter.

**WOMEN’S STUDIES**

**New Women’s Studies Faculty**

**Jocelyn Stitt** is joining the Women’s Studies department as a fixed term faculty member. Jocelyn received her Ph.D. in English Literature and Women’s Studies from the University of Michigan. Her dissertation title was, “Gender in the Contact Zone: Writing the Colonial Family in Romantic-era and Caribbean Literature.” Jocelyn received the 2003 University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award, along with numerous other awards and grants.
**FAMILY WEEKEND**

SBS participated in MSU’s Family Weekend on Sept. 24. SBS students and family members socialized with SBS faculty and Dean Wagner; toured the EMuseum, WALTER Weather Lab, Force Science Research Center; watched GIS/GPS demonstrations; and listened to a faculty panel that discussed the kind of teaching and learning that we prize in the college.

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**CONSTITUTION DAY**