### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### ANTHROPOLOGY

*Nate Meyer* received an Undergraduate Research Conference grant.


#### GEOGRAPHY

*Tonya Rogers* (Geography BS and MA alum), *Martin Mitchell, Changjoo Kim*, and Tim Loesch’s article, “Determining Orthographic Accuracy,” was published in *Geospatial Solutions*, March 2006.

#### HISTORY

*Gina Martin’s* (M.A. student) paper, "'Her eyes are sunk in her head, God bless us from her': The Image of the Old Witch in Early Modern England," won the 2006 Graduate Project of the Year from the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Martins wrote her paper for a class taught by *Chris Corley*.

#### SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS


#### URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES

*URSI students* from the URBS 661, Strategic Planning class presented a statistical profile of the Mankato Area to the Envision 2020 community meeting Feb. 16. The data were developed by 23 students, and presented by *Maggie Elliot, Heather Jergenson, and Julia Spencer*. The PowerPoint of their presentation is available online at [http://www.envision-2020.com/](http://www.envision-2020.com/)

### WOMEN’S STUDIES

Vice President Scott Olson and Dr. Susan Freeman

The Women's Studies Department celebrated Women's History Month and the Coming of Age website, March 23. The Coming of Age website is a student project, directed by *Susan Freeman*. SBS Webmaster, *Sajan Dhakal* helped implement the project.

### FACULTY AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

#### ANTHROPOLOGY

*Kate Blue*, M. McCrossin and B. Benefit, “Terrestriality in a: Middle Miocene Context *Victoriapithecus* from Maboko, Kenya.” To be published by Springer as a chapter in *Human Origins and Environmental Backgrounds,* the symposium proceedings from the International Symposium, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, March 2003. In press.

*Kate Blue* presented a poster, “Sexual dimorphism and indicators of substrate preference: implications for fossil species,” at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists meetings, March 8, Anchorage, AK.

H. Bauer-Clapp and *Kate Blue* presented a poster, “An analysis of health indicators in subadults from select Mimbres populations: Why is there no correlation?” at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists meetings, March 9, Anchorage, AK.

L. Becker, M. Birnbaum and *Kate Blue* presented a poster, “An evaluation of skeletal remains and
Mimbres ceramic typology: The Galaz Ruin,” at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists meetings, March 9, Anchorage, AK.

S. Binkley and Kate Blue presented a poster, “Beyond the letter of the law: Flesihing out identity as a collaborative process,” at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists meetings, March 9, Anchorage, AK.

Kate Blue attended the Cooperative Stewardship Conference, Prairie Island, MN, February 24-25.

Kate Blue presented, “Pre-contact human skeletal remains from the Red Wing area,” at the fall Red Wing Conference, November 19, Red Wing, MN.


Susan Schalge received an Engaged Department Grant from Learn & Serve American and Minnesota Campus Compact.

Ronald Schirmer attended the Cooperative Stewardship Workshop, an effort to build closer working relationships between American Indian communities and archeologists, Feb. 24-25.

Ronald Schirmer’s textbook review for The Human Past, edited by Chris Scarre (published by Thames and Hudson) was quoted in their print catalogue, Feb. 2006.

Ronald Schirmer was a content reviewer for a newly published children's book on archeology titled, Deserted Stone Cities, by Rachel A. Koestler-Grack (published by Newbridge).

Ronald Schirmer was recently elected to membership in the Council for Minnesota Archaeology.

Ronald Schirmer’s field research program in Red Wing was one of five projects featured in the 2005 Annual Report of the Science Museum of Minnesota, where he is a research associate.

ECONOMICS


College Of Social and Behavioral Sciences Good News

Phillip Miller is an assistant editor to the Journal of Economics and serves as a board member for the Minnesota Economic Association.

Phillip Miller’s blog, Market Power, was discussed in a Mankato Free Press article, January 23.

GEOGRAPHY

The Geography Department presented a colloquium, “The African Welfare State and the HIV/AIDS Crisis,” by Dr. Fred Kruger and Dr. Cyrus, Samimi, Institut Fur Geographie, Universitat Erlangen, Germany, March 3, Mankato, MN.

GERONTOLOGY

Minnesota State Mankato’s Center on Aging & the Summit Center presented the Chesley Lecture on Aging, “The Ageless Community: Get Ready for the Age Wave,” March 30. Speakers were Connie Goldman, author of Seeking Your Ageless Spirit; Robert McNulty, Partners for Livable Communities; and Jody Kretzmann, Asset Based Community Development Institute, Northwestern University. Leah Rogne, Gerontology Program Director and Kristen Giese, graduate assistant, organized this event.

HISTORY

Lori Ann Lahlum received the Herbert S. Schell Award for the best article published in South Dakota History in 2005 for, "Everything was changed and
looked strange’: Norwegian Women in South Dakota,”  
vol. 35, no. 3 (Fall 2005): 189-216.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT**


Jim Bailey’s paper (co-authored with Carlo Campabasso and F. Vinci, Department of Legal Medicine, University of Bari, Italy), “Morphological Study of Class and Individual Characteristics Produced by Firing 2500 Cartridges in a .45 Caliber Semi-Automatic Pistol,” was published in the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiner’s Journal, Fall 2005.

Jim Bailey presented a paper, “Preservation of Latent Impressions on Curved, Conical, and Asymmetrical Surfaces,” at the International Association of Forensic Sciences Meeting, Hong Kong, China, August 21-26.

Colleen Clarke was elected president of the Information & Public Policy Section at the Academy of Criminal Justice conference in Baltimore, MD in March.

Doran Hunter’s paper, “Is There a Scientific Basis for Moral Government? A Western Perspective,” was published in electronic form by Caux Round Table Publications (www.cauxroundtable.org), St. Paul, Minnesota, March 14. The paper, along with others, will be read and discussed by members of the Board of the Caux Round Table at the annual conference, March 31, at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Joseph A. Kunkel was interviewed March 3 by the Mankato Free Press about precinct caucuses.


College Of Social and Behavioral Sciences Good News

Bill Lewinski presented, “Critical Incident Policing.”  


Bill Lewinski presented, “Research from the Force Science Research Center,” High Liability Trainers’ Conference, Orlando, FL, Sept. 2005

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Dawn Albertson’s paper, “Distinctive Profiles of Gene Expression in the Human Nucleus Accumbens Associated with Cocaine and Heroin Abuse,” has been accepted to the journal Neuropsychopharmacology and the rough manuscript version is now available in the rapid publication section of their website. This is the first ever publication on gene expression in the brains of human heroin abusers. In addition, the findings completely invalidate the paradigm drug abuse researchers have been working under for 30 years.


The I-O Psychology Master's Program hosted a talk on *Honesty in the Workplace* by Dr. Kevin Murphy, Head of the Psychology Department at Penn State University and a former President of the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology, Feb. 15.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**


**SOCIAL WORK**

*Christine Black Hughes* and the Department of Social Work are conducting Interdisciplinary Ethics workshops in Brown County, Jordon, SPRTC, Sibley County, Kandiyohi County, Crow Wing, and here at MSU. As a requirement of the Minn. Board of Social Work all Licensed Social Workers are required to have continuing education in the area of ethics.

On March 22-24, faculty members from the Department of Social Work accompanied 63 students to the Minnesota Social Services Association annual training conference in Bloomington. Students attended workshops, served as volunteers for the conference organizers, and hosted a social event for alumnae and others. Faculty staffed a display booth about the proposed new MSW program that drew a steady stream of interested potential students and others.

**SOCIOLGY & CORRECTIONS**

*Leah Rogne* presented a paper, “A Social Movements Approach to Mobilizing Support for Gerontology Programs,” as a part a Presidential Symposium, “What to Do When the Wolf Is At the Door,” at the the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education meeting, Indianapolis, IN, February 18.

*Leah Rogne* was co-facilitator for a roundtable discussion on, “Teaching on Social Security,” at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education meeting, Indianapolis, IN, February 18. She also participated in the meeting as a member of the AGHE Academic Programs Committee.


**URSI**

*Tony Filipovitch* was elected vice-chair of the Mankato Planning Commission at their January meeting.

*Tony Filipovitch* was selected to chair the Development Committee of the Mankato Area Foundation at their October meeting.

*Miriam Porter, Perry Wood, and Tony Filipovitch* were chosen by Scott County to lead four townships in a strategic planning process from October, 2005, through January, 2006. Their report to the community is available through Scott County’s Administrator Office.


*Tony Filipovitch* was a delegate for the InterCity Leadership Visit to Bellingham, Washington, Oct. 2-4, 2005. The visit was sponsored by the Greater Mankato Economic Development Corporation.

*Tony Filipovitch* was appointed to the steering committee for the Mankato/North Mankato Region’s “Envision 2020” process. The community visioning process extends from January through August, 2006. He is also the chair of the subcommittee for research.

**URSI** and the Region IX Development Commission were selected by the MN Department of Administration to receive the MN State Planning Agency’s “Local Planning Assistance” library and to take over the functions of the Local Planning Assistance Center.

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**KESSEL PEACE INSTITUTE**

Interim Dean Wagner and the Kessel Peace Institute announced that *Dr. Jacqueline Vieceli* will be the new Director of the Kessel Peace Institute. Jackie has been a member of this group since it was started and has a long history of promoting peace education on our campus. Thanks to Jackie for agreeing to take this leadership role, we are confident she will do a great job! Thank you to *Dr. Barbara Carson* for the outstanding job she had done during the years she served as director of the Kessel Peace Institute.

*The Kessel Peace Institute organized and presented U.S. and Iran "Great Decisions" film, March 30 (co-sponsored by the United Nations-International Relations student club), American Civil Liberties Union documentary on the right to protest, March 28, WALL, a cinematic meditation on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, March 9 (co-sponsored by the United Nations/International Relations Club), and Eyewitness Report from Iraq, presented by Mr. Sami Rasouli, an Iraqi American, who spent six months working in Iraq, March 2 (co-sponsored by the Student Resistance)*