Student Activities

ANTHROPOLOGY

Paulina Camacho Martinez received a Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award. Paulina has helped on many ISO events and helped Disability Services by serving as a note taker for a number of classes. Paulina plans to pursue a Masters in Gerontology at MSU.

ETHNIC STUDIES

Alison Cameron received a Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award. Alison will make a significant professional contribution to any career she undertakes, and will promote cultural diversity in a global society.

GEOGRAPHY

Chad Otto presented, "A Floristic Resurvey of Bass Lake Minnesota: A successional study eighty-one years after catastrophic drainage," at the West Lakes and Rocky Mountains divisions of the AAG annual meeting, Lincoln, NB, October 7.

Rebecca Madison-Pollack received a $1,355 grant from the Undergraduate Research Council to complete her study, “Population of Northern Leopard Frogs Migrating between the Ney Frog Pond and the Minnesota River Valley for Spring Breeding.”

HISTORY

Dustin Abraham received a Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award. Dustin has published in MSU’s Student Literary Arts Magazine and plans to continue his studies at the graduate level. Dustin’s fascination with the past is evident in both his class discussions and his writing.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Melissa Andersen, Andrew Ansel, Takehito Kamata, Mary O’Connor and Dave Sanchez traveled to Washington D.C., October 19-22, in a trip organized by Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter Advisor Fred Slocum, accompanied the students.

Political Science students Takehito Kamata and Justin Newman, and faculty Fred Slocum, attended the Minnesota Political Science Association Conference, St. Paul, MN, November 11.

PSYCHOLOGY

Student’s from Andrea Lassiter’s class, “History of Psychology,” presented posters of their advisor family trees showing their decent from early psychologies, November 13.

Psychology Poster Presentation

Mark Bertelson received a Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award. Mark is involved in a number of extra-curricular activities as an athlete and a community volunteer.

Katie Fairchild received an Undergraduate Research Conference grant of $500 for her project, “Training and Learning Preferences of Older Workers.”

Mary Pyka was awarded an undergraduate Research Conference grant of $2000.

Jaime Scott received a Undergraduate Research Conference grant of $250 for her project, "The Impact of Weather Conditions on Mood Variability in Geographically Relocated Versus Non-Relocated Individuals."
**Amanda Woller** received an undergraduate Research Conference grant for her project, “Trust Formation Across Multiple Levels of Team Virtuality.”

**Khou Yang** received an Undergraduate Research Conference grant of $500 for her research, “Cultural Constructions of Emotional Experience.”

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Jared Dagget** received a Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award. Jared works with middle school students through the Public Achievement program, listening and leading them to consider the broader community issues that influence them.

**SOCIAL WORK**

**Mindy Hawkins Thielges** was named Social Work Alumna of the Year.

**Jessica Eicholz** received a Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges Award. Jessica works at Phoenix Group Homes in New Richland, MN as a House Manager and Assistant Manager. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, and a member of the Social Work Club.

**Kim Vehrencamp** was awarded first place for her SOWK-190 paper titled, “Women & Domestic violence: Problems & Solutions.”

**Kaitlin Degner** was awarded second place for her SOWK-190 paper titled, “Social Services for Somali Refugees in Minnesota.”

**Jenny Watson** was awarded third place for her SOWK-190 paper titled, “The Effects of Poverty on our Youth.”

**URBAN STUDIES**

Twelve graduate students are participating in a service learning project assisting Minnesota communities with urban planning issues. The student enrolled in the Planning Studio course are; **Frank Boafo, Lerslie Chmielewski, John Considine, Dalton Crayton Aaron DuBois, Dennis Fields, Heather Jergenson, Angelique Pate, Stanley Smiley, Julia Spencer, Michael Stalberger, and Jessica Thesing**.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Susan Schalge** presented, “They Eat the Money: Analyzing the Impact of Aid in Tanzania,” at the Teaching Scholar Series, November 9.

**ECONOMICS**

**Saleheen Khan** and **Ken Park** were awarded a Faculty Research grant for their project, “Contagion in the Stock Markets: The Asian Financial Crisis.”

**Phillip Miller** was interviewed November 10 & 14 by Jonah Freedman, *Sports Illustrated*, about private funding for sports stadiums.

**Ken Park** received a Faculty Improvement Grant to attend a five day workshop to enhance Quantitative and Econometrics analysis ability, El Segundo, CA.

**Richard Schiming** will participate in 2007-2008 Learning Communities, “Introduction to Business and Economics I and II.”
GEORGE

Changjoo Kim received a Faculty Improvement grant to attend GIS Training programs (ESRI), San Antonio, TX.

HISTORY

Lori Ann Lahlum presented, “There Are No Trees Here: Norwegian Immigrant Women, Landscape, and Agriculture on the Northern Prairies and Plains,” at the Colloquia Series hosted by the Geography Department on November 17.

Larry Witherell was awarded a Faculty Research grant for his project, “Supermac and Dief the Chief: British-Canadian Relations; The age of Harold MacMillan and John Diefenbaker, 1957-1967.”

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT


Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 1 by Kevin Diaz, Washington Bureau, Minneapolis Star Tribune, about last minute negative campaign ads.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 2 by Jordan Ojampa, KEYC TV, about last minute charges, campaign gaffes such as Judi Dutcher's lack of familiarity with E85 and last minute campaign ads.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 2 by Mark Albert, CH. 5 KSTP Twin Cities TV, about the Judi Dutcher E85 story.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 6 by Sarah (Esch) Colbert, KEYC TV, about undecided voters.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 8 by Jon Swedin, MSU Reporter for story about election results and divided government.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 8 by Ben Marti, MSU Reporter, about student voting turnout.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 8 by Mark Fischenich, Mankato Free Press, about election returns.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 8 by Lorna Benson, MPR, about outcome in governor's race.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 8 by Jim Gullickson, KMSU Radio, about post election analysis.

Joseph Kunkel served November 7 as election night commentator on KTOE Radio.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 9 by Janet Kubat, Agri News, about election results and impact on Minnesota farmers.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 10 by Tim Krohn, Free Press Mankato, about Tim Walz's victory and other election returns and future prospects.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed November 17 by Tom Scheck, Minnesota Public Radio, about competitiveness of 2008 U.S. Senate race against Norm Coleman and why Democrats such as Dean Johnson are announcing their interest at this early date.

Fred Slocum wrote a series of questions measuring authoritarianism that will be included in the American National Election Study’s 2006 Pilot Study.


Fred Slocum was interviewed November 4 by the Albert Lea Tribune, about negative advertising in political campaigns.

Fred Slocum was interviewed November 9 by KEYC-TV, Channel 12, about voter turnout in Minnesota in the 2006 elections.

Fred Slocum was awarded a Faculty Research grant for his project, “Explaining Republican Realignment among White Southerners: The Role of Race, Religion, Militarism, Authoritarianism and Southern Culture.”

PSYCHOLOGY

Dawn Albertson was awarded a Faculty Research grant for her project, “Physiological Correlates of Pain: Investigation into the Viability of Substance P and Prostaglandin E2 as Objective Measures for the Subjective Experience of Pain.”


Andrea Lassiter received a Faculty Improvement grant to attend the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg Beach, FL.
Vinai Norasakkunkit was awarded a Faculty Research grant for his project, “The Cultural Constructions of Emotional Experience and Subjective Well-Being: The Role of Social Situations in Japan and the United States.”

Jonathan Page gave a presentation titled, “Policing the mind: Initial findings of how training and stress impact an officer’s attentional system.” The presentation took place at New Scotland Yard to the Command Staff for the Metropolitan Police Service.


SOCIAL WORK

Christine Black-Hughes received a Faculty Improvement grant for expanded knowledge base in the area of childhood attachment with children who are orphans due to AIDS and children with Developmental disorders within South African culture, East London, South Africa.


Nancy Fitzsimons received a Faculty Improvement grant to participate in a faculty exchange with the School of Social Welfare, Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Helsinki, Finland.

Debra Gohagan received a Faculty Improvement grant to participate in a two week study program, “International Social Welfare and Public Policy,” at the University of Bristol, Bristol, England.


Robin Wingo was invited to sit on the Field Education Committee, representing rural social work programs, at the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc., Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 26.

Robin Wingo was elected chairperson of the Board of Director’s Community Services Committee, Minnesota Valley Action Council, October 16.

SOCIOLOGY/CORRECTION

Barbara Carson received a Faculty Improvement grant to attend an Intensive Language school in Chile, tour multiple criminal justice programs, and develop contacts for future research and student exchange programs. Vina del Mar & Santiago, Chile.

Kim Greer was awarded a Faculty Research grant for her project, “When Women Hold the Keys: Impact of Gender on Leadership and Policy Decisions in Corrections.”

Barbara Keating received a Faculty Improvement grant to participate in the pre-conference course, “Knowledge on Teaching and Learning: A Course for Senior Faculty” in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dennis Waskul organized the Red Road Gathering, "Healing through Feeling," a cognitive and experiential workshop on the Lakota/Dakota thought and philosophy. The event with keynote speaker Phillip Standing Crow took place on November 8-9.

Dennis Waskul and Phillip Standing Crow

URBAN STUDIES

Janet Cherrington’s abstract has been accepted for presentation at the University of Massachusetts Lowell 2007 conference, "Community-University Partnerships: How Do We Achieve the Promise."


WOMEN’S STUDIES

Susan Freeman was awarded a Faculty Research grant for her project, “Degrees of Inclusion: Gay and Lesbian Studies in the U.S. Academy, 1970-2005.”
College Activities

*The Kessel Peace Institute* organized the lecture, “Establishing peace and justice in our lives: From the personal to the global.” The lecture was presented by Professor Julie Andrzejewski (St. Cloud State University) on November 15.

*The Kessel Peace Institute* sponsored a lecture by Michael Greger, M.D. entitled “Surviving the Next Pandemic: Bird flu and other emerging infectious diseases.” The event took place on November 7.

*Advising “U”* presented the Advisor Recognition Awards on November 6. The faculty members honored were:

- *Vinai Norasakkunkit*, Psychology
- *Nancy Fitzsimons*, Social Work
- *Abdalla Battah*, Political Science
- *Colleen Clarke*, Law Enforcement

*Recipients of the Advisor Recognition Award*