
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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SBS Good News

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ECONOMICS

The *Economics Department* presented its Jason Kesler Senior Scholar Prize to **Jeremy Mohr** on December 8. The annual prize honors the contributions of *Professor Jason Kesler* for his abiding passion and efforts in fostering student learning.



Jeremy Mohr and Dr. Richard Schiming

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Bethany Rein received an internship at the Minnesota International Center (MIC), a nonprofit organization for international exchanges and international education. Bethany will work as an events coordinator for the MIC during the 2006 spring semester.

SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

The Sociology Club changed its name and logo. Officers for the new "Students for Social Action" are President **Jenna Covey**, Vice President **Kristeen Giese**, Secretary **Jessica Friton** and treasurer **Dylan Whitney**. Fall semester the group attended the Sociologist of Minnesota's conference in Minneapolis, created the Students for Social Action Website, participated in campus events, and initiated a Brown Bag Series. At the Sociology of Minnesota Conference, two graduate students, **Nik Proehl** and **Ryan Chukuske** presented and two MSU groups competed in the Student Problem Solving Competition.

FACULTY AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kathleen Blue presented a paper, "Anthropology and Forensic Science in the Age of C.S.I.," American Anthropological Association meeting, Washington DC, November 30- December 5.

Paul Brown presented a paper, "Getting our Message to the Masses: Teaching Evolution to General Education Students," American Anthropological Association meeting, Washington DC, November 30-December 5.

Susan Schalge presented a paper, "Something good in itself: Education for private benefit or public good?" American Anthropological Association meeting, Washington DC, November 30- December 5, 2005.

Susan Schalge co-organized a session, "Connections, Accessibility and Relevance: Transforming Pedagogy in Anthropology," American Anthropological Association meeting, Washington DC, November 30-December 5, 2005.

Susan Schalge was awarded a Minnesota State University, Mankato Teaching Scholar Fellowship for Summer 2006.

Ronald Schirmer co-organized a volume on Red Wing, MN archeology.

Ronald Schirmer co-organized a conference that was held November 18-20 in Red Wing, MN

ECONOMICS

Richard Schiming presented a paper, "Patterns of Homework Initiation for Web-based Activities in Economics: A Study in Procrastination," Midwest Conference in Student Learning in Economics, October 28, Akron, Ohio.

Richard Schiming had a paper he co-authored, "Banks in Our World," presented at the Economic Science Association meetings, October 2, 2005, Tucson, AZ.

GEOGRAPHY

Fei Yuan, Sawaya, K.E., Loeffelholz, B.C., and Bauer, M.E. (2005). Land cover mapping and change analysis in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area with Landsat

remote sensing. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 98(2-3): 317-328.

HISTORY

Melodie Andrews published "They Asked to Go: The Untold Story of Early Blue Earth Country Women Veterans," in *The Blue Earth County Historian*, Fall 2005.

Melodie Andrews attended the Society of the History of Technology meeting, Minneapolis, November 10-12, where she was a co-recipient of the Society's Ferguson Prize "for outstanding and original reference works that will support future scholarship in the history of technology," for *The Papers of Thomas A. Edison* (5 volumes to date). Andrews co-edited the first two volumes of the Papers.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Doran Hunter's paper, "Civil Society and Valued Government: Is Moral Government Possible," was published in electronic form by Caux Round Table Publications (www.cauxroundtable.org), St. Paul, Minnesota, January 10.

Doran Hunter presented a paper, "Justice, Values and Civil Society: Is Moral Government Possible?" International Conference on Social Science Research, Orlando Altamonte Springs, Florida, December 5.

Joe Kunkel was interviewed by Mark Fiscchenich, for a January 20 *Mankato Free Press* story about anonymous charges posted in an on-line forum on the *Free Press* website.

Joe Kunkel was interviewed by Dan Linehan, *Mankato Free Press* about strategy and tactics of special mayoral election on January 24.

Joe Kunkel was interviewed by Martiga Lohn, *Associated Press* about a story on Governor Pawlenty and immigration issue in Minnesota.

Bill Lewinski was featured in *Police – The Voice of the Service*, November 2005. Dr. Lewinski was an expert witness in an officer involved shooting in London, England. The article discussed his work with officer reactions in critical incidents and the Force Science Research Center.

Fred Slocum presented a paper, "Connecting the Past and the Present: Historical Realities and Current Political Trends in the South," and was chair for the panel, "Some Lessons from the Past," Southern Political Science Association conference, January 5-7, Atlanta, GA.

Fred Slocum participated in a faculty panel for MSU's Constitution Day activities, September 16, 2005. Slocum's presentation was on disputes over prayer in the public schools and religion in public places.

Fred Slocum has been invited to write a review of William Chafe's book *Private Lives/Public Consequences: Personality and Politics in Modern America* (2005). The review will be published in a future issue of the journal *White House Studies*.

Tamara Tucker Wilkins and Colleen Clarke led a group of 39 students on a study tour from January 2 - 12, 2006, to London and Amsterdam. The courses that students study in conjunction with the trip are Comparative Criminal Justice Systems and/ or International Response to Terrorism. A trip highlight was a day in Haarlem, a city west of Amsterdam, where students spent the day with city police officers and toured the regional crime laboratory known as CSI. Next year's trip will include visits to Edinburgh, Scotland, London, England, and Reykjavik, Iceland.

PSYCHOLOGY

Kimberly O'Farrell and Andie Seligman (MSU Alumna) attended the Society for Personality and Social Psychologists (SPSP) Meeting in Palm Springs, CA. **Kimberly O'Farrell & Paul Merlini** (MSU Alumnus) presented a poster session, "Satisfaction from the Looking Glass Self: Relationship Satisfaction Mediates the Effect of Relational Self-Esteem on Romantic Intentions," Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, CA, January 2006.

Kimberly O'Farrell has been appointed to serve as the associate organizer for the Relationship Researchers Interest Group of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2007 Close Relationships Pre-conference.

I/O Psychology faculty and graduate students attended a presentation on, "Employment with a Human Face," by labor economist Dr. John Budd from the Carlson School of Management, at the Minnesota Professional Psychologists Applied to Work meeting.

Marcia Sytsma, of Sytsma Stats, spoke on campus on January 27 as part of the **I/O Psychology Speaker Series**. Sytsma spoke about working as an I/O psychologist in a variety of different employment settings and about starting an I/O consulting firm.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Clark Johnson co-authored with former Advising "U" graduate assistants, *Dana Deming-Hodapp and Lynae Johnsen*, "Mentor Connection: Building Success for Students on Academic Probation." It is published on the internet in *Academic Advising Today* from the National Academic Advising Association. http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/AAT/NW28_4.htm.

Clark Johnson presented a paper, "Expecting Global Experience in Teacher Candidates and Helping Them

Achieve It,” American Assoc. of Colleges of Teacher Education meeting, San Diego, CA, January 31, 2006.

Clark Johnson presented a workshop, “Helping Students on Academic Probation: What Works for our Students,” MSU’s Professional Development Day, January 11. He presented along with fellow Student Relations Coordinators Angie Bomier; Mark Schuck; Cheryl Kalakian; William Watts and Sara Granberg-Rademacker.

Clark Johnson presented, “Differentiated Learning in Social Studies,” workshop for secondary social studies teachers in New Ulm middle and senior high schools, January 16.

SOCIAL WORK

Nancy Fitzsimons was awarded a Minnesota State University, Mankato Teaching Scholar Fellowship for Summer 2006.

Marilyn Frank presented, "Reality Social Work: Working in task groups to create change," International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, September 29-October 2, Minneapolis, MN.

SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

Barbara Carson, Kim Greer, and Justine Phillips presented a paper, “JOLT into Action,” American

Probation and Parole Association meeting, Austin, TX, January 10.

Dennis Waskul has finished his forthcoming book *Body/Embodiment: Symbolic Interaction and the Sociology of the Body* (co-edited with Phillip Vannini. Ashgate, 2006). He co-authored “Symbolic Interaction as Music: The Esthetic Constitution of Meaning, Self, and Society,” (forthcoming in *Symbolic Interaction*). Dennis authored “Internet Sex: The Seductive ‘Freedom To’,” which will appear in, *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies: Original Essays and Interviews* (edited by Steven Seidman, Nancy Fischer, and Chet Meeks. Routledge, 2006

URSI

Janet Cherrington received a Teaching & Learning Mini-Grant from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Spring 2006.

David Laverny-Rafter presented, "Evaluating Urban Sustainability Plans," American Evaluation Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 2005.

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Maria Bevacqua was interviewed by Dan Linehan of the *Mankato Free Press* regarding the absence of women in the candidate pool for mayor of Mankato, January 26.

COLLEGE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

SBS COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

The fall SBS Commencement Reception and Recognition Ceremony was held December 17. **Dr. Maria Bevacqua** presented the faculty address.



SBS RESEARCH WORKSHOP

William Wagner and Susan Kuyper facilitated the SBS workshop, “Aid & Comfort for your Research Agenda,” January 12, 2006, at MSU. SBS faculty members who presented on panels are **Cheryl Radeloff, Robin Wingo, Avra Johnson, Larry Witherell, Dawn Albertson, Kate Blue, and Andi Lassiter.**

SBS DIVERSITY POTLUCK

The SBS Diversity Committee and the college hosted a 1st annual “Celebrating our Diversity” SBS Food, family, friends and fun pot-luck, January 12 in the CSU Ballroom. Everyone enjoyed good food fun!

