STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ANTHROPOLOGY

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

SOCIAL WORK

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT


FACULTY AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

ANTHROPOLOGY

Susan Schalge co-organized a session for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association which met in Washington DC, November 30-December 5, 2005 entitled "Connections, Accessibility and Relevance: Transforming Pedagogy in Anthropology."

Paul Brown presented a paper entitled "Getting our Message to the Masses: Teaching Evolution to General
Education Students" at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington DC November 30- December 5, 2005.


Susan Schalge presented a paper entitled “Something good in itself": Education for private benefit or public good? at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington DC November 30- December 5, 2005.

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

Also, the Economics Department presented its Jason Kesler Senior Scholar Prize to Jeremy Mohr on December 8th. The prize honors the contributions of Professor Jason Kesler for his abiding passion and efforts in fostering student learning. It is awarded to the outstanding senior student in fall semester. I have enclosed a couple of photos if you want to use them in the newsletter.

ETHNIC STUDIES

GEOGRAPHY


Yuan, F., Faculty Research Grant, MNSU, $4115

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 annual meeting of The Society of the History of Technology in Minneapolis, Nov. 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). She co-edited the first two volumes of the Papers.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT


Doran Hunter presented a paper entitled "Justice, Values and Civil Society: Is Moral Government Possible?" at the International Conference on Social Science Research, sponsored by the Centre for Policy and Practice, held in Orlando Altamonte Springs, Florida, December 5, 2005.

Joe Kunkel was interviewed by Mark Fiscchenich of the Mankato Free Press about anonymous charges posted in on-line forum at Free Press website. The story appeared above fold on page 1 on January 20, 2006.

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

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 students study in conjunction with the trip are Comparative Criminal Justice Systems and/or International Response to Terrorism. While students were able to visit a number of tourist attractions, a highlight of the trip was a day trip to Haarlem, a city just west of Amsterdam. Students were able to spend the entire day with Haarlem police officers. The day's
itinerary included two lectures from prominent community and police administrators, a very nice lunch courtesy of the Haarlem Police Department, and a trip to the regional crime laboratory known as CSI. All participants had a great time and made life-long memories and friendships. Next year's trip in early-January will include visits to Edinburgh, Scotland, London, England, and Reykjavik, Iceland.

Fred Slocum, Political Science/Law Enforcement, 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, Political Science/Law Enforcement, attended the Southern Political Science Association conference, Jan. 5-7, 2006, in Atlanta, GA. 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" (in Southern politics).

Fred Slocum, Political Science/Law Enforcement, has accepted an invitation to write a review of William Chafe's book *Private Lives/Public Consequences: Personality and Politics in Modern America* (2005). The review is expected to be published in a future issue of the journal *White House Studies*.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

Clark Johnson presented a workshop entitled "Helping Students on Academic Probation: What Works for our Students," at MSU's Professional Development Day, January 11, 2006. He presented along with fellow Student Relations Coordinators Angie Bomier; Mark Schuck; Cheryl Kalakian; William Watts and Sara Granberg-Rademacker.


**SOCIAL WORK**

Marilyn Frank presented a paper "Reality Social Work: Working in task groups to create change" at the 27th Annual International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, Minneapolis, MN.

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