ETHNIC STUDIES

The Ethnic Studies Student Organization (ESSO) organized and implemented several activities during the spring semester 2006. The students who organized activities were: Andrew Schons, Amber Wischer, Trina Bolton and Mirad Farah. All the presentations were well attended and many of them included sharing ethnic foods. Here is a list of the activities:

On April 19, ESSO hosted a guest appearance of Noemi Peregrino Gonzalez who came from Mexico on a speaking tour on, “Roots of Migration.”

On April 17, ESSO hosted the presentation “Immigration Issues” and discussion led by Professor Maricela DeMirjyn.

On March 7, ESSO hosted the forum, “Relevant Issues in a Multicultural Society,” led by Professor Hanh Huy Phan.

On February 21, ESSO hosted a presentation, “Objectives of Ethnic Studies and Its Relevance as a Discipline,” by Professor Wayne Allen.

On February 14, ESSO hosted a presentation, “Opportunities for Professional Growth Outside of the United States,” by Professor Luis Posas.

On February 7, ESSO hosted a presentation, “Mentoring Non-Traditional Students,” by Professor Kebba Darboe.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

SBS students participated in the April 24, Minnesota State University, Mankato Undergraduate Research Conference. SBS presentations and poster sessions were:


Cheryl Kaberle and Virgina Neal (C. Black-Hughes) presented, “Analysis of the Nicollet County Law Enforcement, Court Services and Community Corrections Revenue and Expenditures: A Five Year Review.”


Adam Gish (C. Corley) presented, “Climate Change, Famine And Witches: A New Interpretation Of The European Witch Hunts.”

Bridget Heussler (C. Corley) presented, “The Effect of Single Women and the Early Modern Economy.”

Jessica Friton (D. Waskul) presented, “Gendered Inequalities In Sex Education Curriculum.”


Melanie Garcia (L. Witherell) presented, “The Founding of the Front De Librations Du Quebec And The Evenets That Led to the Crisis Of 1970.”

Stan Wheatman (L. Witherell) presented a poster titled, “The FLQ Manefesto.”

Phil Hintz (F. Yuan) presented a poster titled, “Environmental Changes and their Impacts on China.”

Mohamed Alimici (J. Vieceli) presented a poster titled, “What Causes Poverty in Africa?”

Corey Thibeault (J.W. Page) presented a poster titled, “Embedded Real Time Operating System For Pain Research.”

Angela Isackson, Jonathan Lipinski, Tom Morton, and Chad Otto (F. Wilkerson) presented a poster titled, “The LeSueur River Capture.”

Christine Halling (R. Schirmer) presented a poster titled, “A Faunal Analysis of the Silvernate Site, Goohue, MN; Features 1 And 2.”
Joel Juen (R. Schirmer) presented a poster titled, “Analysis Of Pit Features From The Silvernate Site.”

Lecia Sims (K. Blue) presented a poster titled, “An Investigation Into Human Decomposition In A Cold Climate Region: A Winter Ecosystem Effects On Postmortem Interval Estimates.”

Lindsey Thisius (J. Buchanan) presented a poster titled, “Assessing Value in Individuals with Early Stage Alzheimer’s Disease.”

Daryl Lawrence (L. Witherell) presented a poster titled, “Opposition to Catholic Emancipation within Great Britain, 1820-29.”

Rachel Bozhinova (R. Widner) presented a poster titled, “Contribution of Articulatory Loop and the Visuo-Spatial Sketchpad to Age-Related Differences in the Processing of Rapidly Presented Visual Information.”

Andrew Brown (R. Schirmer) presented, “Pottery Analysis of a Middle Woodlands Archaeological Site in Southern Minnesota.”

Jessica Carlson (S. Schalge) presented, “Immigrants, Refugees and Intercultural Communication and Conflict with Property Owners and Managers in Mankato.”


Nathan Meyer (S. Schalge) presented, “Community Assistance For Refugees and Gender Roles: What Could Make This C.A.R. Run Better?”

Alyssa Bischoff (S. Freeman) presented, “Sexual Violence Education In Elementary Schools.”

Amy Williams and Caroline Kessler (S. Freeman) presented, “High Schoolers And Their Women: An Analysis Of Contemporary Literature Courses At Mankato Schools.”

Christal Lustig (S. Freeman) presented, “Men Teaching Men: Peer to Peer Violence Prevention in University Residence Halls.”

Emily Haas (S. Freeman) presented, “Hold The Discrimination: Effective Strategies For Preventing An Anti-Gay Amendment To The Minnesota Constitution.”


Julie Kent (S. Freeman) presented, “Are Women Getting The Lowest Price? Women's Access to Low Cost Birth Control Pills in Minnesota.”

Kristen Trippe (S. Freeman) presented, “So, What Are You Going to do with that? A Look at Activism In The Lives Of Women's Studies Students.”

Phillip Warren (S. Freeman) presented, “Men Teaching Men: Peer to Peer Violence Prevention in Campus Ministry Organizations.”

Sarah Groh (S. Freeman) presented, “Do Only ‘Sluts’ Talk About Sex? Young Women Discuss Sexuality.”

Shayna Collins (S. Freeman) presented, “Assessment of Daycare Options for MSU Students with Children.”


Je Moua (C. Kim) presented, “Poverty in the Twin Cities Using GIS Studying.”

**FACULTY AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

**ECONOMICS**


Saleheen Khan discussed a paper, “The Effect of Foreign Exchange Risk and Return on Workers' Remittances,” by Carlos Vargas-Silva from Western Michigan University at the Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

**ETHNIC STUDIES**


**Luis Posas** participated in a panel presentation of the Undergraduate Scholars Program, St. Olaf College on April 6.

**GERONTOLOGY**

The Gerontology Program and the Center on Aging hosted a public lecture on entrepreneurship and aging April 20 at MSU. Author Harry (Rick) Moody, Ph.D., presented on, “Silver Industries: The New Aging Enterprise.” Rick Moody is Director of Academic Affairs for AARP in Washington, DC. He also serves as Senior Associate with the International Longevity Center-USA and as Senior Fellow of Civic Ventures.

**HISTORY**

**Gretta Handke** has been appointed by to the CLEP Western Civilization Test Development Committee by the College Board, beginning July 1.


**POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT**


**Jim Bailey** and some of his fingerprint identification students attended the Mid-States Division of the International Association of Identification Conference, Davenport, Iowa, April 13-15. The Mid-States Division includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

**Tomasz Inglot** presented, “25th Anniversary Of The Independent Student Association (Nzs) In Poland: Why We Rebelled And How We Created A Revolution In Higher Education During The Solidarity Years,” at the Kessel Peace Institute’s Annual, Pathways to Peace Conference, Mankato, April 13.

**Jackie Vieceli** was the discussion moderator for the African History Symposium, Mankato, April 7.

**SOCIAL WORK**

**Christine Black Hughes and Nancy Fitzsimons** accompanied social work students’ Jessica Eicholz, Rachel Grosen, Amy Schacht, Katie Olichwier, Cheryl Kaberle, Peggy Sorenson, Cati Johannke, Sarah Landin, Brianna Carroll, Crystal Waas, Ann Fernandez, Christina Heruth and MacKenzie Collin to Social Work Day at the Capitol on April 3. The students met with Senator John Hottinger, Representative John Dorn and Representative Ruth Johnson to lobby on policy issues of importance to social workers.

**Annelies Hagemeister** will be delivering the keynote address for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the
Kami M. Talley Reading and Resource Center at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She will be discussing how her relationship with Ms. Talley, who was murdered in 1996 by her estranged boyfriend, helped to solidify her commitment to teaching and research in the area of domestic violence and social work. The event will be held on May 10, 2006.

The recently released 2006 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Publications Catalog contains about 50 social work education publications for sale. Three current MSU Social Work Faculty have work published in this peer-reviewed compendia. Annelies Hagemeister’s work is found in *Breaking the Silence in Social Work Education: Domestic Violence Modules for Foundation Courses*; Robin Wingo is featured in *Teaching International Content: Curriculum resources for Social Work Education*; and Marilyn Frank’s contribution is found in *Teaching Aging: Materials for the Social Work Curriculum*.

Paul F.E. Mackie was recently notified that his article "Are there differences between rural and urban social workers? Understanding educational and demographic predictors" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work.

**URSI**


Janet Cherrington was elected vice chair of the Janesville Planning Commission at their February meeting.

**COLLEGE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**SBS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**
The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences congratulated Community Service Award recipients at a breakfast May 2. Students and clubs honored were: Tamara Bell, Deborah Dove, Ethnic Hmong Student Association (Mee Yang president), Crystal Craig, Tracy Grundman-Reza, Bethany Rein, Social Work Club (Deidre Farwick and Lauren McNelly presidents), Samuel Hansen, and Sharmarke Issa.

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE**
SBS faculty members participated in the Undergraduate Research Conference by advising students (see names above), moderating sessions, and serving on the planning committee. Session moderators for the April 24 and 25 sessions were

Susan Freeman moderated the Women Studies session.

Eiji Kawabata moderated the History, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, and Humanities session.

Changjoo Kim moderated the Geography and Physics session.

Vinai Norasakkunkit moderated the Psychology, Social Work, and Speech Communication sessions.

Dennis Waskul moderated the History, Anthropology, Sociology, and Philosophy session.

**SBS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**
On April 27, over 160 scholarship recipients, donors, SBS Advisory Board members, faculty, and guests packed the CSU Ballroom to congratulate scholarship recipients and to say thank you to scholarship donors. Cultural entertainment was organized and presented by Takehito Kamata, Chair of the SBS Dean’s Student Advisory Board. Takehito also performed for the event.

Mohamed Askalani Memorial Scholarship
KEESE PEACE INSTITUTE
The Kessel Peace Institute presented the Annual Pathways to Peace Conference, titled, "We Don't Have to Obey," Mankato, April 13. The schedule included speakers from Minnesota School of America's Watch, Women Against Military Madness, and Veterans for Peace.

SBS RECEPTIONS
SBS celebrated the contributions of three colleagues the first week of May.

*May 1 a reception was held to thank Dr. Bill Wagner for his two years of leadership as Interim Dean.*

*May 2 a retirement reception was held for Professor Mac McCormick, Sociology and Corrections.*

*May 3 a retirement reception was held for Bonnie Pautz, Geography.*

Vice President Scott Olson and Interim Dean Bill Wagner

Warren McCormick and Mac McCormick

Bonnie Pautz