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GERONTOLOGY

Kristeen Giese was presented with the 2006 SBS Advisory Board Student Leader Award on October 12.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Noelle Biesterfeld (Alumnus) is attending the Nonprofit Management Program of the New School for Social Research in New York City. Currently she is working with former Women’s World Banking president, Nancy Barry as her assistant.

Bayarma Tserendavaa (Alumnus) completed her Master’s degree in International Development at the University of Pittsburgh, with a specialization in Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability and a Certificate for Global Studies.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology students in the I-O Program attended a meeting of the Minnesota Professionals for Psychology Applied to Work to hear a talk by Dr. Kevin Nilan on, "Driving Higher Performance within your Consulting Practice,” October 19.

SOCIOLOGY/CORRECTIONS

Jenna Covey participated in a panel discussion on, "Sociology Clubs: What to Do and How to Do It Better," at the joint meeting of the Sociologists of Minnesota and the Wisconsin Sociological Association, in River Falls, WI, October 6.

Sociology and Corrections graduate and undergraduate students attended the joint meeting of the Sociologists of Minnesota and the Wisconsin Sociological Association, in River Falls, WI, October 5-6.
Faculty and Department Activities

ANTHROPOLOGY
Ronald Schirmer was named Research Archeologist for the City of Red Wing, MN, October 3.

Ronald Schirmer gave a lecture on the history of archeological research and preservation at the Preserve Minnesota conference, Red Wing, MN, September 28.

Ronald Schirmer co-presented with Leanne Knott (City of Red Wing Planner’s office) on building partnerships between archeologists and planners using GIS technology, at the GIS/LIS Consortium meetings, St. Cloud, MN, October 6.


ECONOMICS
Michael Spencer presented a coauthored paper titled, “On Relaxing the Endowment Constraint in Contributing to a Threshold Public Good,” at the Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting, October 26-28, Minneapolis, MN.

Michael Spencer served as a paper discussant in a session on International Economics the Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting, October 26 – 28, Minneapolis, MN. The paper discussed was, “Foreign Direct Investment Inflows and Economic Growth: Panel Cointegration Tests and Panel FMOLS Estimators.”

ETHNIC STUDIES


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HISTORY

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT
Jim Bailey attended the Minnesota Division of International Association for Identification, Fergus Falls, MN, September 28-29.

Jim Bailey attended the Indiana Division of International Association for Identification, Indianapolis, IN, October 9-11.

Jim Bailey attended the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientist meeting, Indianapolis, IN, October 12-13.

Colleen Clarke chaired a panel on Gender and Culture at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Meeting, September 28-30, Chicago, IL.


Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 7 by Bob Von Sternberg, Minneapolis Star Tribune, about potential impact of the DM & E Railroad Issue on the 1st District Congressional Race.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 17 by Marie Horrigan, Congressional Quarterly, for an article on Congressional races in 6th and 1st districts of Minnesota.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 17 by Nicole Winters, KEYC TV Mankato, about negative campaign commercials in the final weeks of the campaign.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 3 by Sea Stachura, Minnesota Public Radio -Rochester Bureau, for a story on First Congressional District race between Gil Gutknecht and Tim Walz.

Joseph Kunkel was quoted October 2 in story about occu-
pational backgrounds of Minnesota Legislative candidates in an article by Conrad Defiebre, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

**Joseph Kunkel** was quoted October 2 in story about Congressman Mark Kennedy’s campaign for the U.S. Senate in an article by Kevin Diaz, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed October 25 by Mark Zdechlik, *Minnesota Public Radio*, about 1st Congressional district race between Gutknecht and Walz.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed October 18 by Amy Forliti, *AP-Minneapolis*, for a story about Peter Hutchinson the Independence Party candidate for governor.


**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed October 18 by Dan Linehan, *Mankato Free Press*, about the write in Candidates for Mankato City Council.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed October 24 by Garret Felder, *MSU Reporter*, about his “How to Vote” presentation.

**Joseph Kunkel** spoke on October 24 to the Adult Faith Discussion group at St. Peter and Paul’s church on the topic of, "Faithful Citizenship: Catholic Moral Teaching on Political Participation."

**Joseph Kunkel** prepared a presentation on October 25 for a Sociology Department discussion group, "A Basic Introduction on How to Vote."

The 2006 Kessel Memorial Lecture entitled *Starving Gaza: Disengagement, Democracy and U.S. Foreign Policy*, was presented by Mrs. Laila El Haddad, October 18. During the past three years, El Haddad has been reporting for, *Aljazeera International*, on the situation of Palestinians in Gaza since the Israeli disengagement from that territory.

**Doran Hunter** was presented with the 2006 SBS Advisory Board, Distinguished Professor Award on October 12.

**Doran Hunter and Dean Alessio**

Glen Taylor spoke at the *Truman and Reta Wood Community Leadership Scholarship Dinner*, September 30. The talk was about the importance of community involvement.

**Truman and Rita Wood with the Wood Scholarship Advisory Board** (Jodi Langhorst, Sandy Hultgren, Lisa Bessler, Curtis Loewe, Bill Barnhardt, Heather Diersen, Jack Ryan, Steve Potts, Nicole Meyer, Betty Anders, Sherry Haley, and Reverend Tim Berg)

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Lisa Perez and Andi Lassiter** were invited to the National Pork Board’s, 2006 Pork Production Worker Safety Roundtable Meeting, October 3-4, Memphis, TN.

**Lisa Perez** has been named to the Executive Board of the Minnesota Professionals for Psychology Applied to work for the 2006-2007 term.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

The Social Studies Program announced new scholarships to assist students to study abroad. Social Studies students who participate in a study tour or program of up to 2 weeks in duration are eligible for a $200 scholarship. Those who study abroad for a full semester or participate in a study tour of longer than two weeks are eligible for a $500 scholarship.

**SOCIOLOGY/CORRECTIONS**

**Steve Buechler** presented a paper titled, "What's Critical about Sociology," at the joint meeting of the Sociologists of Minnesota and the Wisconsin Sociological Association in River Falls, WI, October 5.

**The Corrections Department** has been recognized by the
The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences participated in MSU’s Family Weekend on Oct. 14. SBS students and family members socialized with SBS faculty and Dean Alessio; toured the EMuseum, WALTER Weather Lab, Force Science Research Center, watched GIS/GPS demonstrations; and listened to a faculty panel that discussed the kind of teaching and learning that we prize in the college.

Sociology Department Students initiated the Family Violence Conference hosted by the Women’s Center’s Sexual Violence Education Program. The conference with keynote speaker Shawn McRae took place Monday, October 30, in the CSU Ballroom.


John Alessio attended the MnSCU Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officers – College and University Deans meeting, Brainerd, MN, October 25-27.

Julie Anderson was presented with the SBS Advisory Board Distinguished Alumni Award on October 12.