GEOGRAPHY
Graduate student Thomas Morton accepted a position as a “Geographic Specialist” with the US Bureau of the Census. In addition to his MS in Geography, he earned the Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science.

Andrew Moore, Mark Balwanz, Thomas Morton and faculty members Fei Yuan and Changjoo Kim attended the MNGIS/LIS Consortium, Rochester, MN, October 10-12. Students and faculty presented papers and showcased a booth with materials announcing the new GIS Certificate program at MSU.

Mark Balwanz under advisor Changjoo Kim won second place in the undergraduate competition with, "Improving the efficiency of the Twin Cities park-and-ride system using GIS."

Andrew Moore under advisor Changjoo Kim won first place in the graduate competition with, "The integration of retail site location analysis, spatial interaction models and geographic information systems."


Faculty members Fei Yuan and Changjoo Kim also helped set up a booth to introduce the new GIS undergraduate & graduate certificate programs (GISc).

The Walter Weather Lab has a link on WALTER’s webpage: (www.mnsu.edu/weather/skycam.html) to the Live Digital SkyCam. They are also building a library of notable weather events and cloud formations that occur over the MSU area. Visit the online library and click on “Time Lapse Collection.” (The latest version of QuickTime: (http://www.apple.com/quicktime/) is needed to view the SkyCam footage).

Daniel Dix, The Weather Channel reported to Josh Jans that he often monitors the WALTER SkyCam when interesting weather is approaching Mankato from the West.

SOCIOCY
Jessica Friton, Matt Lust, Ray Sin, and Tad Shunkwiler were awarded a prize of $200 for their winning solution in the Student Problem Solving Contest at the Sociologists of Minnesota annual meeting in October. The team won the competition for their paper entitled "New Horizons for Arlington House."
ETHNIC STUDIES


GEOGRAPHY


The new Geographic Information Systems certification (GISc) program is now listed on the GIS Certification Institute website, http://www.gisci.org/. It is also listed among other schools as one that offers certificates and training to become a Certified GIS Professional, (the list: http://www.urisa.org/career/colleges).

Geography Department Faculty publications:


POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Jim Bailey’s article, “The Mysterious Death of America's Richest Woman in 1917, Mary Lil' (RIP),” co-authored with Thomas K. Resk, Forensic Pathologist, Chico, California has been published in electronic format in the *Forensic Science, Medicine, and Pathology Journal*, Humana Press, 2007.


Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 3 by Kevin Diaz, *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* for comments on the latest Minnesota Poll results on opinions about the Iraq war.
Paul Brown and Ron Schirmer accept a $100,000 donation from Prairie Island Indian Community to support ongoing and future archaeological research by students and faculty. Previously published in September Good News.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 12 by Brian Backs, Associated Press about third quarter fundraising reports of U.S. Senate candidates; Ceresi only raised $308,000 to Franken’s $1.89 million and Coleman’s $1.7 million.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 22 by Tim Pugmire, Minnesota Public Radio about Bill Clinton’s visit to the Twin Cities on behalf of Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign.

Bill Lewinski presented the invited address entitled, "Psychological Aspects of Deadly Force Encounters: New Research with Substantial Policy Implications," to the Police Psychological Services Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) at the IACP annual meeting in New Orleans on October 13.

Psychology

Dawn Albertson was asked to permanently join the editorial board for the international peer-reviewed journal PLoS ONE, an open-access multidisciplinary journal from the Public Library of Science featuring primary research from all disciplines within science and medicine.

Sarah Sifers spoke to parents at Little Stars child care facility on Positive Parenting.

Sarah Sifers’ review of the book, Parenting Your Out-of-Control Child, will be in the upcoming issue of PsycCritiques.

Social Work

The Masters of Social Work (MSW) Program was awarded candidacy at the October Commission on Accreditation meeting. This is a significant milestone for the MSW Program that was implemented this fall. The MSW Program is eligible to remain in candidacy until final accreditation is awarded in October of 2010.

Sociology

Leah Rogne gave a presentation entitled “CATCH THE WAVE,” at the Department of Human Services regional summit, September 27. The presentation was about how the Mankato community is preparing for the aging of the population.

Urban and Regional Studies

Janet Cherrington received a Faculty Research Grant for 2007-08.

Anthony Filipovitch delivered a training session for the Professional License Examination of the American Institute of Certified Planners at the annual MN Planning Association Conference, Rochester, September 25.


Miriam Porter attended a conference on, “Powerful People Building Healthy Communities,” at the Center for Democracy and Citizenship, Minneapolis, October 6.

Women’s Studies

Maria Bevacqua participated in a National Women’s Studies Association audio conference on Women’s Studies program assessment, October 24.
College Activities

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board, chaired by alumnus Tom Doering, presented the 2007 SBS Student Leader, Distinguished Alumni, and Distinguished Professor Awards, October 25.

John Alessio, Dean welcomed honorees, board members, and guests to the awards ceremony and luncheon.

Takehito Kamata was awarded Student Leader and nominated by Tomasz Inglot.

Minnesota State Representative Laura Brod was awarded Distinguished Alumni and nominated by Anthony Filipovitch.

William Anderson was awarded Distinguished Professor and nominated by Nancy Fitzsimons.

Takehito Kamata’s parents Shinichi Kamata and Ruriko Kamata along with their host Richiko Oshu traveled to Minnesota State University, Mankato from Japan for the awards ceremony.

Christine Black-Hughes presents Distinguished Professor award to William Anderson on behalf of Nancy Fitzsimons.

Anthony Filipovitch presents Distinguished Alumni award to Laura Brod.