ANTHROPOLOGY

Lecia Sims (graduate student) participated in a two-week intensive workshop on osteology and forensic anthropology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The highlight of the workshop, involved work with Dr. William Bass, the leading forensic anthropologist in the country at the famous UT forensic research facility, sometimes referred to as the “body farm.”

GEOGRAPHY

Margarette Elliot and Katherine Brosch are new graduate research assistants from the LCCMR (Legislative-citizen commission on Minnesota resources) grant to assess the water quality and riparian habitat of the Blue Earth River. They took the first field trip August 10 to study site characteristics. Grant faculty that also coordinated or attended the trip were Bryce Hoppie (Geology); Donald Friend; Fei Yuan; Forrest Wilkerson and Ginger Schmid.

Yong-Seuk Park participated at the 2007 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, California. He was also selected as an honorable Student Assistant.

PSYCHOLOGY

Sara Feldbrugge, (Spring 2007 graduate Human Biology and Psychology) was delegate for the Golden Key International Honour Society trip to China through the International Scholar Laureate Program, May 23-June 5, 2007. The group learned about medicine and health care in China including traditional Chinese medicine. Feldbrugge is a past-president and past-vice-president of the Golden Key Chapter on campus.

Psychology 2006-07 graduates were accepted into 23 different graduate school programs in 11 different states. The following lists the graduates and the universities they chose to attend:

Aaron Brownlee - Minnesota State University, Mankato- Masters in Clinical Psychology
Vesna Champagne - St. Cloud State University- Masters in Industrial-Organizational Psychology
Jamie Hanson - Illinois State University- Masters in Clinical Psychology
Jeannie Kornagle - University of Northern Iowa- Masters in Industrial-Organizational Psychology
Kelle Krumwiede - Arizona State University, Tempe- Masters in Counseling Psychology
Brett Miller - Forest Institute of Professional Psychology (MO) - Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology
Megan Neiber - Minnesota State University, Moorhead- Masters in School Psychology
Lisa Pohl - Michigan State University- Masters in Counseling Psychology
Jamie Scott - Northern Illinois University- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
Melissa Scott - California State University, San Bernardino- Masters in Industrial-Organizational Psychology
Amanda Woodstrom - University of St. Thomas - Masters in Social Work
Amanda Woller - Middle Tennessee State University- Masters in Industrial-Organizational Psychology
Jacquelyn Wright - Minnesota State University, Mankato- Masters in Clinical Psychology

SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work recently welcomed fourteen new graduate students to the first year of the new Master of Social Work program that began this fall. The fourteen new MSW students will come to campus for the two-year Friday-Saturday program. Most of the students hail from small communities around southern Minnesota and Wisconsin.
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Good News

College Activities

ADVISING “U”
Advising “U” is pleased to introduce our new graduate assistants for this year. They are *Jacquelyn Wright* (Clinical Psychology), Samuel Hansen (Public Administration), *Aaron Brownlee* (Clinical Psychology) and Kacey White (Counseling and Student Personnel). Please welcome them.

*Advising “U”* participated in the university’s “Choose-a-Palooza” orientation day for new entering students, August 24. Many new students participated in the event.

Faculty and Department Activities

ANTHROPOLOGY
*Kathleen Blue* conducted a successful summer workshop in forensic anthropology for students and law enforcement professionals from all around the state in June and August.

*Kathleen Blue* and two graduate students, *Lecia Sims* and *Sarah Binkley*, completed work on a contract from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. The contract was for furthering the goals of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in the reburial of Native remains from around the state.

*Ronald Schirmer* coordinated a Prairie Island Indian Community donation for $100,000 over a period of ten years to support ongoing and future archaeological research in Goodhue County and the Prairie Island vicinity. The money will help support research by graduate students and faculty in the department. The department will also be helping PIIC with educational programs and activities for community members.

*Ronald Schirmer* continued his research at the Silvernale site near Red Wing this summer, where he continues to uncover the relationship between plant use and ethnicity.

ECONOMICS
*Michael Spencer* presented a seminar titled, “Future Public Good Provision and Valuation in the Taipei Botanical Garden,” at the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute in Taipei, Taiwan, June 12.

ETHNIC STUDIES
*Wayne E. Allen* presented, “Arctic and Subarctic Dreams,” to the Mankato Rotary Club on August 8. The Club donated a book to the Mankato Regional Library in Dr. Allen’s name in recognition of his presentation.

*Wayne E. Allen* was invited to run for an Executive Board position in the International Society for Human Ethology by Dr. Frank Salter, Max Planck Research Group on Human Ethology, Andechs, Germany, the current Secretary of the Society.

New Ethics Studies Faculty
*Dustin Tahmahkera* American Indian Studies specialist and he will be working on finalizing the American Indian Studies major being developed in the department, as well teaching Ethnic Studies general and specialty courses. Dr. Tahmahkera received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Midwestern State University, and his Ph.D. in American Studies from Bowling Green State University. His research interests include decolonization studies and an examination of representations of Native peoples in the media, especially situation comedies. His ongoing research focuses on differences in representations in cinema depending whether the film is made in
Hollywood by non-Native interests versus those made by Native peoples themselves.

GEOGRAPHY

Branko Colakovic has returned to teaching after a productive sabbatical leave. He is close to completion of two research projects related to the former Yugoslavia and he has practiced geography study trips more than ever before. In November of 2006, he took a trip to Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. In May of 2007, he went to Serbia, Bosnia, Romania and Bulgaria, while this August he visited England, Ukraine and Moldova. He will give at least one Geography Colloquium lecture this Fall on one of these trips.

HISTORY

Christopher Corley received a 2007 Teaching Scholar Fellowship for his project, "The Daily Life of Children and Youth in History," a non-fiction manuscript.

Lori Lahlum received a 2007 Teaching Scholar Fellowship for her project, "The Vanishing Milkmaid? Norwegian Women, American Agriculture and Norwegian-American Agricultural Gender Roles on the Northern Prairies and Plains, 1850-1920."

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT


Jim Bailey was invited to speak about Applied Forensics to the Forensic Science Graduate Students at Amsterdam University, Amsterdam, June 11.

Jim Bailey was invited to lecture on Applied Forensics at the Netherlands Forensic Institute, Den Haag, The Netherlands, June 12.

Jim Bailey presented, “Bloodstained Footwear Impressions: Leuco Crystal Violet Development Compared to Infrared Photography,” at the Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 22 – July 27. It was co-authored with D.J. Swart, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Department of Chemistry and Geology.

Jim Bailey served as an evaluator for judging outstanding scientific papers and poster presentations at the Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 22 – July 27.

Abdalla Battah received a 2007 Teaching Scholar Fellowship for his project, "Teaching About the Middle East in Minnesota Secondary Schools."


Joseph Kunkel was interviewed by Mark Fiscenich, Mankato Free Press about legislative session and potential for compromise between Legislature and governor, May 9.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed by Max Jensen, KEYC TV Mankato about early airing of TV ads supportive of Congressman Tim Walz, and early campaigning generally, June 4.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed by Mark Zdechlik, Minnesota Public Radio about DFL candidates entering the field to run against Norm Coleman for U.S. Senate in 2008, and in particular about newly announced candidate Bob Olson and the chances of lesser known candidates, June 7.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed by Erin Connelly, KEYC TV about Minnesota DFL moving precinct caucuses from March 4 to February 5, as Republicans had done earlier, August 28.


Tamara Wilkins has been asked to serve as "National Advisor" for Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honors Society. She will serve from May 1, 2007 till April 30, 2009.

PSYCHOLOGY


Vinai Norasakkunkit was invited to Kyoto University and Kobe College to present talks on his research on culture and cognition, Summer 2007.

Vinai Norasakkunkit was a panel discussant in a seminar at Kansai University about, “Investigating Methods of Cross-Cultural Relations, Summer 2007.”
New Psychology Faculty

**Emily Stark** is joining the department in a tenure track assistant professor position after doing some adjunct teaching. Emily is a graduate of Hamline University and recently completed her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of Minnesota. Emily’s dissertation work examined how people think about uncertainty and how this influences their decision-making. Emily will be teaching research-oriented courses such as Research Methods and Statistics as well as introductory psychology and social psychology.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Minnesota State Mankato’s teacher prep programs were approved by the Minnesota Board of Teaching. This includes the **Secondary Social Studies program**. Thank you goes out to the entire faculty in the College who helped produce the application.

**Robert Ihrig** is an adjunct instructor in the program this year. Ihrig, a veteran teacher and department chairperson of social studies at Mankato West High School will team teach Introduction to Social Studies Teaching with Clark Johnson.

SOCIAL WORK

**Annelies Hagemeister** conducted a two-day training on domestic violence for Olmsted County Community Human Services, Rochester, Minn., Summer 2007.

**Annelies Hagemeister** conducted a half-day training on the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Mankato, Minn., Summer 2007.


**Paul Mackie**’s article, “Your philosophy of social work: developing a personal and professional definition to guide thought and practice,” was published in, *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, Issue 4 (Online).

http://www.socialworker.com/jswve/content/view/48/50/

New Social Work Faculty

**Dr. Michelle Alvarez** is from Indiana where most recently she was the project director for an 8.4 million dollar “Safe Schools/Healthy Students” grant in an Indiana K-12 system. She was previously on the social work faculty at the University of Southern Indiana for 5 years. Prior to that, she served in a variety of social work positions, though her particular passion is school social work, a topic in which she has co-edited a text. Another of Michelle’s passions is distance education and she will be of great assistance as hybrid courses are developed for the MSW program. Michelle has her MSW from the University of Maryland at Baltimore and her doctorate from Nova Southeast.

**Kimberly Zammit** joins us from Mississippi, where she most recently served as clinical social worker and training specialist for Jackson State University. This position included clinical work with individuals, families, and groups, along with supervision of field students and training of professional staff. Prior to that Kim worked as a therapist coordinator at a child and adolescent day treatment program. Kim will be an important addition to the direct practice component of our MSW program, teaching some of the advanced courses in working in micro practice and bringing to us the benefit of her experience in rural social work service delivery. Her MSW is from the University of Southern Mississippi and she is about to finish her PhD from Jackson State University. Ask her about her interesting dissertation methodology on implicit attitudes measurement! Her other research interests are on gay and lesbian parenting and child wellbeing, and critical incident stress management.

New Social Work Administrative Assistant

**Missy Manderfeld** is welcomed as a new staff person, is shared with the Department of Anthropology. Missy comes from the Healthcare Education Industry Partnership program in Allied Health. She has been active in the community with the VINE program and previously worked at the Region IX Area Agency on Aging so she is familiar with client needs and the social work role.

SOCIOLOGY AND CORRECTIONS


Leah Rogne presented a talk on aging to the participants in Leadership Mankato as part of their training on diversity, April 18.

Leah Rogne conducted a training on sociological aspects of aging for Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, Minneapolis, May 7.

Leah Rogne has been named Impact Team Chair for the Greater Mankato United Way, Enriching the Lives of Seniors team.

Sherrise Truesdale article, “Using Hip Hop Culture to Motivate Millennial Students,” was published in the Network: A Journal of Faculty Development Educating the Gangsta. She was an Editorial Consultant for the Handbook of African American Education. Data Collected and Reported for the High School for Recording Arts located in St. Paul, Minnesota. Data collection has been instrumental in launching new charter schools in New York and Los Angeles.

Sherrise Truesdale presented, “Using Hip Hop Culture to Motivate Millennial Students – Faculty Resource Network – Puerto Rico; The Impact of Hip Hop on the Pan African Community – Pan African Conference; The Impact of Spirituals on AA Community and Life – Faculty Emeritus, Minnesota State University; Developing African American Leadership for the 21st Century Charge – Building Bridges Conference, Adolphus Gustavus College; Advancing Women and the Underrepresented in the Academy – Will be presented in November at the Faculty Resource Network.

Sherrise Truesdale successfully completed the third year of Pre-College Summer Program in Corrections.


Raymond Asomani-Boateng participated in the Writing Workshop for New Scholars organized by the Journal of Planning Education and Research at the University of California, Berkeley, August 12-14.


Raymond Asomani-Boateng and Miriam Porter of will lead the first study-travel tour to Ghana in late spring 2008.

Janet Cherrington received a 2007-08 Faculty Research Grant for $5,000.


Beth Wielde presented a poster session, “Wonks and Warriors: Depictions of Public Servants in Popular Culture Film,” at the American Political Science Association’s conference, Chicago, IL, August 31.

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Maria Bevacqua presented a workshop titled, "Ethical Personal and Institutional Practices Across Differences," at the National Women's Studies Association conference June 28-July 1.


Susan Freeman was interviewed by New York Times columnist Diana Jean Schemo for “Lessons on Homosexuality Move into the Classroom,” which appeared August 15.


Cheryl Radeloff presented, “Sex work and HIV PowerPoint Presentation,” at the National Home and Community Based Services Conference. Minneapolis, MN, October 2006.

Cheryl Radeloff and Barbara Bergman (Library Services) were awarded an IPSEL grant for their project,
“Global Perspectives: Advancing Critical Thinking through Increased Media Literacy.”

Cheryl Radeloff received a MSU Faculty Improvement Grant to attend, “Pornography and Popular Culture: Reframing Theory, Re-Thinking Activism, Boston, MA, March 23-25. This conference re-examined and critiqued current issues in pornography.


Cheryl Radeloff began a two year term as a member of the Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching for the Pacific Sociological Association.

Cheryl Radeloff was a participant in New Leadership Tri-state, a 5-day leadership institute serving women from North and South Dakota and Minnesota in Fargo, ND, May 13-17 and she was a Faculty in Residence for New Leadership Nevada, in Las Vegas, NV, June 2-9. Both of these programs are associated with National Education for Women's Leadership a program developed by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Jocelyn Stitt’s essay, “Producing the Colonial Subject: Romantic Pedagogy and Mimicry in Jamaica Kincaid’s Writing,” was published in Ariel: A Review of International English Literature Vol. 37 (2-3).

Jocelyn Stitt received a Faculty Summer Research Grant for work on her co-edited book (with Pallavi Rastogi) Before Windrush: Recovering a Black and Asian Literary History within Britain: 1750-1945.