WHO’S WHO

This year SBS faculty nominated 35 students to *Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities*, based on their academic excellence and potential for future achievements.

This month’s excerpts from the faculty nominations statements are below:

**Kimberly Berg-Asche** (Anthropology) completed an ethnographic field school in Wales past summer where she learned informant interviewing, research design and ethnographic writing. Kim has also worked on a service-learning project in Mankato.

**Brett Fleck** (Economics), a recipient of the Minnesota State Student Association’s Leadership Scholarship is an accomplished presidential scholar. Brett has also worked with the local “Walk for Diabetes” and other service projects in the Mankato area.

**Jacqueline Karsten** (Geography) is enthusiastic in the classroom and she is always eager to learn. Her excitement for learning spreads readily to her classmates and she enjoys working with others on a variety of projects.

**Paul Bobich** (History) has maintained an impressive GPA while taking a variety of demanding courses, including the service in the university’s ROTC program.

**Casey Carmody** (Political Science) is in the top 1% who writes well, contributes to class discussion, and has demonstrated the ability to play the role of a Congressperson dealing with difficult policy issues. He is currently serving as a Vice President of MSSA.

**Amanda Penning** (Social Work) is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society. She spent a semester abroad in 2006 studying international child and family welfare and the Finish model of social work, developing a comparative analysis of child welfare policies for children in poverty at Finland.

**Derek Kumm** (Urban and Regional Studies) participates and demonstrates the quality of leadership in academic activities. His passion for helping cities to preserve and restore their downtown districts will substantially serve him well in city planning pursuits. Derek has the remarkable capacity to carry a project to its end.

**Kathryn Kamerud** (Women’s Studies) double majoring in Women’s Studies and Pre-Med, has worked with the developmentally disabled and the mentally ill people for the past three years in groups’ homes and in families’ homes. She is also a member of Iota Iota Iota (Triota) national Women’s Studies Honor Society at MSU.
Faculty and Department Activities

ECONOMICS


Richard Schiming presented a workshop on computer assisted learning in economics at University of Central Florida, October 12, 2007.

Richard Schiming presented a workshop on computer assisted learning in economics at Allied Social Sciences Association annual meeting, New Orleans, January 5.

Richard Schiming was interviewed January 7 by KEYC-TV on economic forecast for 2008.

Richard Schiming was interviewed January 16 by KEYC-TV on possibility of stagflation.

Richard Schiming was interviewed January 22 by KEYC-TV on the Fed’s monetary policy.

Richard Schiming was interviewed February 26 by KEYC-TV on consumer credit problems.

GEOGRAPHY


Fei Yuan received a 2008-2009 SBS Research Reassignment for her proposal, “Monitoring the Blue Earth River Using Remote Sensing and Field Study.”

HISTORY

The Department of History hosted a reception celebrating the creation of the William E. Lass Student Research and Writing Endowment, February 1. This endowment honors a man who worked tirelessly to improve student research and writing skills. Professor Lass was instrumental in developing the History Graduate Program.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed January 31 by Pete Steiner KTOE Radio about presidential candidates support in Blue Earth County in upcoming precinct caucuses.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed January 31 by Marie Horrigan, Congressional Quarterly about upcoming precinct caucuses, presidential contest and first Congressional District Republicans.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed February 1 by Libby Jacobson KMSU Radio about student participation in party precinct caucuses.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed February 6 by Jeff Cagle, Owatonna People’s Press about Feb. 5 precinct caucuses and national Super Tuesday results.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed February 6 by Mark Fiscenich, Mankato Free Press about the Feb. 5 precinct caucuses and national Super Tuesday results.

Mark Robbins was interviewed February 25 by Fox 9 for an investigative report in the Twin Cities.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed January 31 by Erin Connolly KEYC-TV about precinct caucuses.

Eiji Kawabata received a 2008-2009 SBS Research Reassignment for his proposal, “Ideology and Institutions: Contemporary Neoliberal Reform in Japan.”

Tomasz Inglot received a 2008-2009 SBS Research Reassignment for his proposal, “Social Policy Institutions and Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe.”

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT


Mark Robbins was interviewed February 25 by Fox 9 for an investigative report in the Twin Cities.

Tamara Wilkins accepting donation from Dr. Bill Lewinski

Tamara Wilkins is 2007-2009 National Advisor for Alpha Phi
Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. As "person in charge of fund-raising," she was able to acquire a $5000 donation from Dr. Bill Lewinski, Director of Force Science, LLC.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Dawn Albertson edited annual editions book “Biological Psychology” was just released by McGraw Hill publishing.

Emily Stark’s article, “Effects of including a graphic warning label in advertisements for tobacco products: Implications for persuasion,” has been published in *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 38(2) 281-293, 2008.


**SOCIAL STUDIES**


**SOCIAL WORK**

Paul F.E. Mackie received a 2008-2009 SBS Research Reassignment for his proposal, “Is there really a problem with hiring rural social workers? An exploratory investigation among rural social work supervisors and hiring officials in Minnesota.”

Paul F.E. Mackie’s paper, “Grassroots community practice: Applying Alinsky's rules in the 21st Century,” was accepted for publication in *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*.

**SOCIOLOGY**

Afroza Anwary received a 2008 SBS Research Grant for her proposal, “Post-Modernist Feminist Legal Theory and the Transformation of Rape law in Pakistan.”

Afroza Anwary received a 2008-2009 SBS Research Reassignment for her proposal, “Social Construction of Gender and Rape law in Pakistan.”


Kimberly Greer received a 2008-2009 SBS Research Reassignment for her proposal, “Identity Work in Women's Re-Entry Experiences.”

Vicki Hunter received a 2008 SBS Research Grant for her proposal, “Identity Work in Women's Re-Entry Experiences.”

**URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES**

Tony Filipovitch has been appointed to the Research Committee of the Center for Rural Policy and Development beginning in 2008.

Tony Filipovitch testified February 7 before the Minn. House K-12 Education Finance Division, School Construction Work Group, on the issue of removing State minimum acreage requirements for school construction.