ANTHROPOLOGY
MSU archaeology students, led by Dr. Ron Schirmer, excavate at the Bartron site on Prairie Island.

GEOGRAPHY
Jenny Snyders, a Geography graduate student has been researching historical records since last summer. She has discovered that the ancestral ranges of wild turkeys are wider than previously thought. Her work was featured in an article in the June 6 edition of Outdoor News.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT
Stephanie Schriock, a Political Science/Public Administration alumni and a former winner of the Truman and Reta Wood Scholarship, is manager for Al Franken's Minnesota Senate campaign. Schriock has experience working as senior advisor and finance director for Gov. Howard Dean's Presidential campaign in Vermont and managing David Walters' Senate campaign in Oklahoma. She also worked at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee from 1999-2002, aiding campaigns across the country.

PSYCHOLOGY
Ann Beacom, I/O graduate student was featured in an online article on the National Pork Board's Web site discussing a new database promoting a safer workplace for pork producers. Ann and the Organizational Effectiveness Research Group are assisting in the development of the database, located at http://pork.org/NewsAndInformation/WebFeaturePage2.aspx?id=394.

SOCIAL WORK
LaTolya Carter received a 2007-08 President's Commission on Diversity grant to tour and study abroad in Ghana and West Africa.

WOMEN'S STUDIES
Donna McGhee spoke with Gregory Husak, KMSU radio on July 7, about issues facing student parents.

ADVISING U
Advising U hosted a Welcome Week open house with popcorn, root beer and gifts for new incoming freshmen.
Faculty and Department Activities

ECONOMICS


*Phil Miller* had a manuscript accepted for publication in *Applied Economics* entitled "Subsidized Monopolists and Product Prices: The Case of Major League Baseball."

*Phil Miller* was interviewed by the *San Diego Union Tribune* in June about the economic impact of mega events, including the US Open held in San Diego this summer.

*Phil Miller* was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* about the economic impact of the Washington Nationals.

*Phil Miller* was interviewed by the *Des Moines Register* about the relationship between the economy (as well as gas prices) and attendance at college football events.

*Phil Miller* was interviewed by the *Dallas Morning News* about the relationship between the economy (and gas prices) and baseball attendance.

*Phil Miller* was interviewed by *Forbes* magazine for a story on Nick Saban, the Alabama football head coach.

New Faculty Members

*Ihsuan Li* received her Ph.D. in Applied Economics from Clemson University in May 2004, with concentrations in Financial Economics and Industrial Organization. Her teaching and research interests include applied micro and macroeconomics, econometrics, women’s education, household debt portfolio, market efficiency, altruism and economic growth.

Dr. Li was Assistant Professor of Business and Economics, from 2004-to 2008 in the Department of Business and Economics at Wesleyan College and she was a visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, in the Department of Economics and Finance, Kennesaw State University. Dr. Li has made numerous conference presentations, has additional work in process and has served as reviewer and referee for organizations and journals.

GEOGRAPHY

MSU Earth Science Program faculty, *Fei Yuan, Donald Friend, Ginger Schmid* and *Forrest Wilkerson* (Geography) and *Bryce Hoppie* (Geology) garnered a $159,000 research grant from the MnDNR – LCCMR (Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources) to improve monitoring on Minnesota rivers using airborne hyper-spectral remote sensing imagery provided by the US Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

![Drs. Yuan and Hoppie (at right) with a CAP flight crew before a recent mission](image)


POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Scott Granberg-Rademacker*’s article, “An Algorithm for Converting Ordinal Scale Measurement Data to Interval/Ratio Scale,” is accepted for publication in *Educational and Psychological Measurement*.

*Joe Kunkel* was interviewed June 25 by the *Mankato Free Press* about immigration issue in state and national campaigns.

*Joe Kunkel* was interviewed June 3 by the *Mankato Free Press* about Barak Obama gaining enough delegates to claim the Democratic Presidential nomination and reflections on the campaign so far.

*Joe Kunkel* was interviewed May 7 by *Minnesota Public Radio* about DFL candidates for U.S. Senate Al Franken and Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, and their prospects for winning endorsement at the DFL State Convention in June.

*Joe Kunkel* was interviewed May 29 by *Minnesota Public Radio* about Congressman Betty McCollum and other's criticism of DFL Senate Candidate Al Franken.
for sexually explicit interview he did with Playboy magazine and how this will impact the Senate race.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 13 by the *Owatonna Peoples’ Press* about the importance of candidates campaigning at county fairs.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 19 by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* about the Republican primary contest between Dr. Brian Davis and Sen. Dick Day in First Congressional District.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 25 by *KEYC TV* Mankato about former Representative Tim Penny’s press conference endorsing John McCain.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 27 by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* about the challenges John McCain faces going into the Republican Convention. How does he hold the GOP conservative base while running as a maverick and someone who can change Washington.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 29 by *KEYC TV* about Tim Pawlenty not getting the GOP VP nod and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin being chosen.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 29 by Karen Wright on *KMSU* radio show *Minnesota Morning*, discussing Obama’s acceptance speech, Democratic Convention, Tim Pawlenty being passed over for VP and the pros and cons of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin.

**Joe Kunkel** was interviewed August 30 by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, about Republican National Convention and John McCain's dilemma regarding President Bush and Vice president Cheney.

**Joe Kunkel** spoke about, “Politics, Democracy and Active Citizenship,” to Minnesota Boys State, June 16 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Each June about 400 16-17 year olds attend Boys State, a week-long simulation of state and local government and elections sponsored by the American Legion. Dr. Kunkel has been speaking to Boys State yearly since 1984.

**New Faculty Members**

**Chris Dobratz** will be teaching in the Law Enforcement Program. He earned a BS in Law Enforcement in 1994 and a MA in Public Administration in 2006, both from Minnesota State Mankato. He has taught as an adjunct in law enforcement and in political science. He brings valuable professional experience; most recently, he was a Police Sergeant in Hutchinson, Minn. since 2000, having previously served as a Patrol Officer. Between 1995 and 1999, he was an Agent and Assistant Task force Coordinator for the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force working through the Carver County Sheriff’s Department. He previously worked as a Deputy Sheriff in the McLeod County Sheriff’s Department.

**Jeff Bumgarner** is teaching in the Law Enforcement Program. Dr. Bumgarner earned his MAPA from Northern Illinois University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Bumgarner brings experience in teaching, research and in public sector employment. He taught at Minnesota State Mankato as an adjunct, in a fixed term position and in a tenure-track position in 2002, eventually earning tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. Dr. Bumgarner taught at Texas Christian University, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Excelsior College in New York, St. Cloud State University and Minot State University. He served as a Special Agent in the U.S. General Services Administration and in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a Deputy Sheriff in Washington County, a Special Agent for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and most recently he was Police Chief for the city of Bird Island, Minn. Dr. Bumgarner is an active researcher, authoring five books, several chapters and refereed journal articles.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Dr. Kevin J. Filter** was elected to serve a three-year term on the executive board of the Minnesota School Psychologists Association.

**New Faculty Members**

**Kristie Campana** joins us from the University of Minnesota where she is completing her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organization Psychology under the mentorship of Dr. Joyce Bono. She is currently completing her dissertation entitled “Leader Incivility and its Influence on Group Dynamics and Performance.” Her professional experiences include working as a consultant for Target, Schwan’s and the 3M Corporation. She has also worked for MDA Leadership Consulting firm in Minneapolis.

**Karla Lassonde** comes to us from the University of New Hampshire with a Ph.D. in psychology as well as a Masters in College Teaching. This fall, she will be teaching Introductory Psychology and a course in Human Memory. Her primary research interests are in reading comprehension and memory. Karla’s current research interests focus on the memory processes involved in the reactivation of prior text as well as general world knowledge. Her dissertation is titled “The Activation of Stereotypical Knowledge: A Memory-based View.” Karla plans to continue this line of research, examining the difference between positive and negative stereotype activation as well as more applied aspects of stereotype activation. She is currently working on a project investigating the influence of reading skill on readers’ ability to make predictive inferences in text.
**Peter Linneroth** joins us this year from the University of Nevada, Reno where he completed his clinical psychology Ph.D. in 2004. His dissertation was entitled “A Comparison of Three Methods of Reducing Infant Potentially Dangerous Behavior: A Means for Preventing Unintentional Child Injury.” Pete completed his psychology residency at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio Texas. From October 2004 to August 2006 he was a 1st infantry division psychologist in Schweinfurt Germany. Pete recently completed his tour as a Brigade Psychologist, Camp Liberty, Iraq, 2nd Brigade combat team, 1st Infantry Division, U.S. Army. Pete will be part of our School Psychology Faculty and will also be teaching Introductory Psychology and a course on Learning.

**SOCIAL WORK**

*Michelle Alvarez*’s Safe Schools Healthy Students grant proposal for 8 rural school districts in Indiana was funded for 5.6 million dollars over 4 years. This grant is a collaborative funding stream provided by the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice.

Michelle Alvarez recently signed a contract with Oxford University Press to co-edit a book on the role of school social work in Response to Intervention (RtI), scheduled to be published in the summer of 2009.

*Missy Manderfeld* completed the YWCA Elizabeth Kearney Women’s Leadership Development Program. This gender specific program takes a cohort of women through nine months of capacity building, mentoring and support. It focuses on the unique challenges women face in becoming leaders in our workplaces and community.

*Kimberly Zammitt* successfully defended her dissertation on June 30. Congratulations!

**SOCIOLOGY AND CORRECTIONS**

*Emily Boyd’s* research (“Extreme Gender Injustice”) was featured in the *MSU Reporter* and the *Mankato Free Press*.


**URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES**


Two professors, a College of Education employee and five students were recently featured in a Ghana newspaper for donating medical equipment and books to the nursing department at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. The delegation was led by *Raymond Asomani-Boateng* and *Miriam Porter* (Urban & Regional Studies), and included Judith Ziemke (College of Education) and students *Latolya Carter* (Social Work), *Monica Orth* (Chemistry), *Jonathan Hammel* (Urban Planning), *Justine Stein* (Social Studies) and Karmon Janssen (Biology). Kwame Nkrumah University's vice chancellor, K. K. Adarkwa, noted that the collaboration with Minnesota State Mankato began through Dr. Asomani-Boateng’s effort as an alumnus of KNUST.

*Minnesota State Mankato donated medical equipment and books to Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (photo courtesy KNUST News)*

**WOMEN’S STUDIES**

*Susan Freeman* and her recently published book, *Sex Goes to School: Girls and Sex Education Before the 1960’s*, were featured in a July *Mankato Free Press* article.

*Susan Freeman* received a 2007-08 President's Commission on Diversity grant for research titled, "Education for Gay Liberation: The Emergence of Gay and Lesbian Studies in the 1070s and 1080s."

*Cheryl Radeloff* completed the YWCA Elizabeth Kearney Women’s Leadership Development Program. This gender specific program takes a cohort of women through nine months of capacity building, mentoring and support. It focuses on the unique challenges women face in becoming leaders in our workplaces and community.