GEOGRAPHY

Brandon Whitehead (‘07, MS Geography, ’01, BS Earth Science) received a prestigious fellowship, the "New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarship." While at MSU, he was advised by Dr. Donald Friend, Professor of Geography and Director of the Earth Science Program and by Dr. Bryce Hoppie, Professor of Geology.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Molly Mallone (International Relations major and 2007 graduate, advisor Tom Inglot) is living in Santiago, Chile. She is teaching English with “Programa Inglis Abre Puertas,” which is run jointly by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Chilean government.

PSYCHOLOGY

Graduate students Ashley Johnson and Joshua Wittrock and Dr. Dan Sachau presented on September 8 to the leadership of the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations at Andrews Air Force Base in Bethesda MD, who approved their proposed study examining factors affecting retention of OSI personnel. They also approved a study by Dr. Andrea Lassiter and graduate students Bill Gerber and Nick Zarns examining the effectiveness of “refresher” training for OSI personnel being re-deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The I-O Psychology Fall Conference was held September 12-14. Students heard presentations by alumni Pari Becker, a human resources specialist at Cargill, and Michael Durando, a consultant at Questar Data Systems.

I-O graduate students attended a talk, “Top 10 Things I Learned in Transitioning from Graduate Student to Professional,” presented by Dr. Brian Buford of Target Corp. at a meeting of the Minnesota Professionals for Psychology Applied to Work, October 16.

Graduate students Ann Beacom and Marquita Oleson along with Dr. Jeff Buchanan (Clinical Psychology) and Dr. Lisa Perez (I-O Psychology) visited the University of Minnesota-Duluth on September 29 to discuss MSU’s graduate programs in psychology and to present research. Dr. Buchanan presented, "An overview of assessment and treatment research in behavioral gerontology." Ann Beacom presented, “Job embeddedness, career stages, and turnover intentions.” Dr. Perez presented, “Recovery from work: Effects on individual and occupational outcomes.”

Mahlia Matsch’s (I-O graduate) thesis, “Antecedents of spousal support for special investigation agents in the United States Air Force,” was selected as the SBS nominee for the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Distinguished Thesis Competition. Her thesis advisor was Dr. Dan Sachau.

Dr. Marilyn Fox (Management), Alexis Tange (‘08 I-O alum), and Dr. Lisa Perez presented a paper, "Conflict, Workload and Health: The Moderating Effect of Recovery Experience," at the Midwest Academy of Management Conference, October 4.

Kelly Coumbe (‘01, BS) presented, “I-O Psychology and Six Sigma,” as part of the Industrial-Organizational Psychology Speaker Series, October 10. Kelly is a Six Sigma Black Belt for ING Employee Benefits in Minneapolis.

I-O graduate students attended a talk by Dr. Elise Amel of the University of St. Thomas entitled “Industrial-Organizational Psychology and Conservation Psychology: A Natural Partnership for Sustainability,” at a meeting of the Minnesota Professionals for Psychology Applied to Work, October 21.
ANTHROPOLOGY


ECONOMICS


Phillip Miller was interviewed by the Suburban Business Journal (St. Louis) about public funding for an MLS stadium in the Illinois suburbs of the St. Louis Metro area.


Richard Schiming made a presentation, chaired a session, and served as a panelist at the National Center for Academic Transformation's Course Redesign Workshop, Tucson, Arizona, October 17-18.

Michael Spencer’s article, “Loyalty, Protocol, Bargainer Characteristics, and Rationality in an Experimental Investigation of Bilateral Bargaining in Dyads,” has been accepted for publication in Applied Economics Letters.

Michael Spencer presented his article, “Loyalty, Protocol, Bargainer Characteristics, and Rationality in an Experimental Investigation of Bilateral Bargaining in Dyads,” at the 45th annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Economic Association held October 23 – 25, 2008 in St. Louis, MO.

Michael Spencer served as a paper discussant in a session on Nonprofits at the 45th annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Economic Association held October 23 – 25, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. The title of the paper discussed was “Online Philanthropy: Some Hypotheses About Its Nature.”

ETHNIC STUDIES

The Department of Ethnic Studies and the Division of Institutional Diversity sponsored “Beauty of Cultures” held on October 15. A variety of dances and songs were performed.

The Ethnic Studies Department and the College of Education, with support from the Office of Institutional Diversity, sponsored Dr. Laara Fitznor’s presentation, on October 27, which focused on understanding Native American cultures.

GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography Colloquia has held seminars on Fridays in October that have included, ‘Torn from the Headlines: The River that Wouldn’t Stay Put – A Story of Intrigue and Fluvial Geomorphology” by Chad Wittkop, “The National Weather Service and The Floods of 2008: We Aren’t Just About Tornados” by Mr. Steve Buan – Hydrologist, National Weather Service, and “National Security and Natural Resources” by Mr. Thomas R. Maertens – National Security Council, US Department of State (Retired) Instructor, Department of Geography, MSU.

HISTORY

Lori Lahlum presented, “‘Came to Minneapolis from the wild west yesterday’: Mina Westbye, New (Norwegian Immigrant) Womanhood, and the Homestead Frontier,” at the Northern Great Plains History Conference.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed September 29 by the Minneapolis Star-Tribune about the First Congressional District contest between Walz and Davis.

Joseph Kunkel has been invited by Dr. Andreas Falke of Friedrich-Alexander University Nurnberg Erlangen to do analysis of the U.S. Election in Germany the week of November 3-7.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 2 by the Minneapolis Star-Tribune about First Congressional District Republican candidate Dr. Brian Davis late payment of real estate taxes.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 9 by KEYC TV about effectiveness of TV campaign ads, particularly in the Coleman-Franken U.S. Senate race.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 9 by Minnesota Public Radio about First Congressional District candidates Tim Walz and Brian Davis and issues that might come up in their Rochester debate.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 9 by KEYC TV about TV campaign ads that ask voters to call the opponent and send them a message.
Fred Slocum was interviewed by KEYC-TV, Ch. 12 for a story on presidential-election polling, August 4.

Fred Slocum was interviewed by KEYC-TV, Ch. 12 for a story on push polls and other persuasion-oriented telephone calls by parties and campaigns during election season, October 17.

Fred Slocum was interviewed by KEYC-TV, Ch. 12 for a story on online surveys and informational websites to help voters choose candidates, October 18, 2008.

**Psychology**


Lisa Perez presented, "Secondary traumatic stress, burnout, and turnover intentions among law enforcement agents exposed to violent and disturbing media images" at the Conference of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, October 17. Co-authors were Jeremy Jones (’08 I-O alum, MA), Dr. Dan Sachau, and USAF Major David Englert, Ph.D. (alum, BS).

Dan Sachau served on a panel discussing “Strategies for Internationalizing Psychology Education” at the American Psychological Association Education Leadership Conference, September 7.

**Social Work**

Michelle Alvarez was presented the 2008 Friend of School Social Work award from the Minnesota School Social Workers Association, October 1, for her efforts to promote the field of school social work in Minnesota and nationally, and her work to support the MSSWA School Social Work Institute.


**Sociology and Corrections**


James E. Robertson was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal*, about the challenges facing prison authorities in California in their quest to integrate prison cells. The subsequent article, “California to Desegregate Prison Cells, After Long Legal Battle,” appeared on July 2, 2008.

**Urban and Regional Studies**

Janet Cherrington has been invited to join the Alliance for Innovation network sponsored by the International City/County Management Assn. She will participate in an academic network that shares their research with local government practitioners and develops research agendas for local government innovation.

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**College and Related Activities**

**Advising “U”**

Twenty one *SBS faculty* received advisor training by completing “classes” in Advising University this fall. The academic advisors developed their skills and understanding related to academic advising for undergraduate students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

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**SBS Family Weekend Event**

Dean Alessio, an MSU student and her family at the SBS Family Weekend Event.
**ADVISORY BOARD AWARDS**

Congratulations to the 2008 *SBS Advisory Board Award* winners who were honored at a luncheon in October.

**SBS Distinguished Professor – Dr. Daniel Sachau, Psychology**

![Dr. Perez, Dr. Lassiter, Dr. Sachau and Dean Alessio at the Advisory Board Luncheon](image1)

**SBS Distinguished Alumnus – State Representative Patrick Garofalo, Political Science/Law Enforcement**

![Representative Patrick Garofalo and Dr. Kunkel at Awards Luncheon](image2)

**SBS Student Leader – Sang Yang, Public Administration**

![Sang Yang and Dr. Kunkel at Awards Luncheon](image3)

**SBS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board met October 10.

**KESSEL PEACE INSTITUTE**

The *Kessel Peace Institute* sponsored Ms. Carmencita Abad’s, “Wearing our Sisters’ Tears: Sweat Shops and the U.S. Clothing Industry,” on October 15.

The *Kessel Peace Institute* hosted a discussion, “Morality and the Iraq War: The Winter Soldier Project,” on October 29. A selection of web clips was shown of Iraq veterans coming together for hearings in March 2008, and attendees’ views on Iraq were shared.