GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES

Evangeline Simmons’ thesis, “Theorizing an Indigenous Jurisprudence of Rape,” has been selected by the Graduate Committee as the nominee to the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Distinguished Thesis Competition.

GEOGRAPHY

The following students presented at the MNGIS/LIS Annual Conference, October 21-23, Duluth, MN:

Shane Bridges presented, “Auto Theft Pattern Analysis.”

Mike Mrosla presented, “2009 Red River Valley Flood Analysis and Damage Assessment Using GIS.”

Sushant Paudel presented, “A GIS-based gradient analysis of urban landscape pattern in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area.”

Jared Rahn presented, “GIS Analysis and Simulation of Earthquake-Driven Riverine Tsunami Inundation.”

Nicole Rietz presented, “Periglacial Landform Classification in the White Mountains of California using GPS and GIS.”

David Sieberg presented, “Locating Wind Resources in Minnesota.”

Daniel Winterlin presented, “Minnesota Population Change from 1900-2000.”

SOCIAL WORK

This year’s Social Welfare Scholar winners are: Lacy Weidert (1st place), Julie Wood (2nd place) and Mary Barron (3rd place). These students were honored at the Annual MSU Social Work Honors Day, November 20. The Social Work Department fall graduates displayed their research projects required for capstone courses SOWK 450 and SOWK 455.
Faculty and Department Activities

ANTHROPOLOGY

Rhonda Dass was an invited speaker for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board meeting in Edina, October 15.

Rhonda Dass presented a paper entitled "Homesteading Heritage: Appropriating Authority through Tattoos," at the American Folklore Society meeting, Boise, ID, October 22.

ECONOMICS

Richard Schiming was interviewed about the increase in the minimum wage by KEYC-TV, July 24.

Richard Schiming was interviewed about the current unemployment rate by KEYC-TV, August 7.

Richard Schiming was interviewed about the use of economic indicators by KEYC-TV, August 13.

Richard Schiming was interviewed about campus Move-In Day by KEYC-TV, August 20.

Richard Schiming had the article, "Recession May Have Already Ended," published in the Mankato Free Press, October 11.

GENDER AND WOMEN STUDIES

The Gender and Women's Studies Faculty attended the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Conference, "Difficult Dialogues," November 12-15.

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. Fei Yuan presented, “Analyzing Urban Climate Change Using GIS and Remote,” at the MNGIS/LIS Conference, Oct. 21-23, Duluth, MN.

The Geography Department, in collaboration with the Kearney International Center and the Division of Institutional Diversity hosted the keynote lecture for International Education/Diversity Week, November 20. Speaker Dr. Holly Barcus from the Department of Geography, Macalester College presented, “Modern Nomads: Transnational Migration and the Kazakh Diaspora of Western Mongolia”.

HISTORY

Gretta Handke is one of the sixteen founding members of the Midwest World History Association. It serves and represents high school and university world historians from thirteen states and four Canadian provinces.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tom Inglot worked for two months in Poland, Hungary and Romania on a collaborative research project devoted to the study of family policies in Central and Eastern Europe. This project, conducted together with Hungarian and Romanian scholars is funded in part by a MSU Faculty Research Grant and a National Council of Eurasian and East European Research grant in Washington, DC.

Tom Inglot chaired a conference panel entitled “Recent Trends and Future Family Policy Models in an Enlarged Europe,” at the conference of the Network for European Social Policy Analysis in Urbino, Italy, September 17-19.

Tom Inglot delivered an invited lecture, entitled “In the Shadow of History–The Emergency Welfare States in East Central Europe,” at the ELTE (Etvos Lorentz) University, Faculty of Social Policy, Budapest, Hungary, October 8.

Tom Inglot delivered an invited lecture, entitled “The Historical Study of Social Policies in East Central Europe,” at the Faculty of Sociology, Babes-Bolyai University, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, October 15.

Tom Inglot’s book, Welfare States in East Central Europe, 1919-2004, has been named the winner of this year’s AAASS/Orbis Book Prize for Polish Studies. The prize is awarded annually by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies for the best book in any discipline on any aspect of Polish affairs.

A review of Tom Inglot’s book, Welfare States in East Central Europe, 1919-2004, was written by Prof. Bob Deacon (University of Sheffield, UK) and published in Slavic Review (Fall 2009).

Fred Slocum attended the Minnesota Political Science Association’s Conference, November 7, at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, and organized the conference’s student poster session.

Fred Slocum and students Francisco Castillo, Ben Kelly, April Larson, Claire Lindsay, Lance Renberg, Amber Siemers, Sally Stenzel, Zachary Stock, Minshick Yoo, and Olga Trevino Salguero are completing a telephone survey for the City of Janesville’s Economic Development Authority, concerning vacant and deteriorating buildings in Janesville. The survey is for Dr. Slocum’s course, Public Opinion and Polling Methods.

Fred Slocum and students Abby Hager, Sally Stenzel, Amber Siemers and Lance Renberg traveled to the Twin Cities area for a field trip to a market research firm (Anderson, Niebuhr & Associates) and a focus group facility (Ascendancy Research), October 12.

Dr. Slocum organized the trip as a field experience for his course, Public Opinion and Polling Methods.

The Political Science/Law Enforcement Department and the United Nations-International Relations (UNIR) Club sponsored a talk by Caryn Lindsay, the MSU IPO Director, November 18. Foreign Service and related matters were discussed.

PSYCHOLOGY


Lisa Perez presented the paper, “The role of emotional labor in the relationship between incivility and psychological distress,” at the International Conference on Occupational Stress and Health, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The paper was co-authored by Angela Lins, a MSU I/O masters graduate.

Sarah Sifers was licensed as a psychologist by the Minnesota Board of Psychology.
SOCIAL WORK

Nancy Fitzsimons and Paul Mackie presented their research report that documents cuts to youth services and a subsequent rise in youth at risk in Greater Mankato at a press conference, November 24. The research was covered by KEYC-TV, November 24, and The Mankato Free Press, November 25.

Annelies Hagemeister presented, "Violence against Immigrant Women: Barriers and Solutions in a Rural Midwestern Area," at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, November 8, San Antonio, TX.

Annelies Hagemeister and MSW student Jihan Ali facilitated a full-day training session for Olmsted County Child and Family Services, November 17, Rochester, MN. Their presentation, "Violence against Immigrant Women in Southern Minnesota," was developed to help social service professionals better understand the issues of domestic and sexual assault experienced by immigrant and refugee women in rural communities.

Paul Mackie became an associate editor for the Journal of Rural Mental Health beginning in September 2009.

The Social Work Department celebrated the Annual MSU Social Work Honors Day, November 20. The Social Work Alumna of the Year, Sharon Chader, was honored at this event.

SOCIETY & CORRECTIONS


Barbara Carson presented, "How do you know if it is Restorative Justice?" at the Restorative Justice in Adult Criminal Court Symposium, Columbia, MO, November 13.

URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES

Raymond Asomani-Boateng’s article, “Closing the loop: Community-based organic solid waste recycling, urban gardening, and land use planning in Ghana, West Africa,” (Dec. 2007) was listed as one of the “50 most-frequently read articles in the Journal of Planning Education and Research” (13th most read).

Raymond Asomani-Boateng’s project, “Accessing the market potential for compost use in Ghana’s urban areas,” was awarded a grant from the College of Graduate Studies and Research at MSU.

Janet Cherrington has been selected as a university professor for the Who’s Who in America 2010 (64th Edition).

College and Related Activities

KESSEL PEACE INSTITUTE

The Kessel Peace Institute hosted Robert Greenwald’s documentary, Rethink Afghanistan, MSU, November 11.