**Student Activities**

**ECONOMICS**

**Eric Hanson** is the recipient of the Paul Thompson Senior Scholar Prize in Economics.

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Margarette Elliot** won an "Outstanding Presentation" Award for her work, “Land Use Practices of the Blue Earth River Riparian Corridor and its Affect on Soil Loss using GIS and Remote Sensing" (advisor: Donald Friend), at the MSU Graduate Research Conference, April, 7.

**Sushant Paudel** has been awarded an ESRI Student Assistantship for the ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, CA.

**Jared Rahn** and **Maggie Elliot** took 1st and 3rd places respectively at the South Dakota Geography Conference in April 2009.

The Department of Geography presented at the **Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, held in March, 2009 in Las Vegas:

- **Katie Lynn Gerber** and **Kelsey Lynn Erickson** presented, “Monitoring Invasive Species in Minneopa State Park, Minnesota, Using Remote Sensing and GIS.”
- **Margarette Elliot** and **Martin Mitchell** and **Fei Yuan** presented, “Land Use Practices of the Blue Earth River Riparian Corridor and their Affect on Soil Loss using GIS and Remote Sensing.”

- **Janelle Grochowski** presented, “Winter Severity for the Ring-Necked Pheasant in Minnesota.”
- **Michael Merlini** and **Bryce Hoppie** presented, “River Flow Modeling Using a Kinematic Wave Model for the Blue Earth River Watershed.”
- **Jared J Rahn** presented, “New Madrid, Missouri Historical Earthquake-Driven Flooding.”
- **Nicole Rietz** and **Cynthia Miller** presented, “Historical Landscape Reconstruction of the Georgia Nuclear Aircraft Laboratory Using the IMAGINE AutoSync Module.”
- **Jennifer Snyders** and Richard O. Kimmel (MnDNR) presented, “Evidence of Wild Turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) in Minnesota Prior to European Settlement.”

**SOCIAL WORK**

**Nancy Fitzsimons** and **David Beimers** accompanied 33 BSSW students and 6 MSW students to the Annual Social Work Day at the Capitol on March 30, 2009. Faculty and students met with 14 senators and 26 representatives to lobby on behalf of low-income children and families in Minnesota.

**Social Work Students at Social Work Day at the Capitol, March 30, 2009.**
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SOCIOLOGY

Kris Warner presented, "Women Prisoners’ Perspectives of Sociology and Deviance: In their own words," at the Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, April 2009.

URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES

Basit Hameed, Tim Ibisch, Zach Nelson, Kayia Rossiter, Ryan Streff, and Shayla Syverson presented the findings of their research on, “Strategies for Creating a Bicycle-Friendly Campus at Minnesota State University, Mankato,” at the Graduate College Research Conference at Minnesota State University, Mankato, April 2009.

Kyle Knutson, Thomas Olson, Todd Walesak and Sam Woods presented the findings of their community based research on downtown revitalization at a community meeting in Waterville, MN, November 2008.

Alan Robbins-Fenger, Thomas Terrio and Toua Vang presented the findings of their community based research on the economic impacts of community arts fair at a community meeting in Mankato, MN, November 2008.

Sam Woods was elected as Student Director serving on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association, 2008.

2009 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE, 2009, MSU, MANKATO

SESSIONS

- “Do They Hear You Now? Effectiveness of a Social Norm Mass Media Campaign on a Rural Campus,” Jessica Appel (Psychology).
- “Comfort Women, Intersectionality and the Importance of Women’s Voices,” Miho Chisaki (Women’s Studies).
- “The Virginal Archetype: Female Representation in the Slasher Film,” Shannon Claybaugh (Women’s Studies).
- “Doubly Disadvantaged?: The Presidential Candidacy of Shirley Chisholm,” Andrea Diekman (Women’s Studies).
- “Online Anti-choice Rhetoric: A New Generation, the Same Old Deception,” Emily Dolentz (Women’s Studies).
- “Elderly Attitudes Toward Exercise,” Kari Ek (Psychology).
- “Transition Services for Youth: Are the Services Working?” Ilhan Duale (Social Work).
- “What is the Purpose of a Street Outreach Program and How Will it Benefit Lutheran Social Service of Mankato, Minnesota?” Rachel Johnston (Social Work).
- “The Relationship Between Women of Third World Countries and the Environment, the Overlap of Oppression and the Role Ecofeminism is Playing,” Melissa Kjolsing (Women’s Studies).
- “An Exploratory Study of Hiring Difficulties Among Rural Social Service Staff in Minnesota.” Renee A. Lips (Social Work).
- “Griots: Transformations in Young Woman of Color,” Donna McGhee-Weaver (Women’s Studies).
- “Sexual Violence Education Programs Presented in Public Schools,” Teresa Parker (Psychology and Women’s Studies).
- “Gender Differences in Symptoms of Anxiety, Depression, Hyperactivity and Conduct Problems among Children Ages Eight to Fourteen,” Jenna M. Schley (Psychology).
- “The Representation of Women in American Western Film and Literature,” Jessica Sebold (Women’s Studies).
- “Soheignty and National Identity In Regards To The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” Mohamed R. Seck (Anthropology and International Relations).
- “Relationship Violence: Risk Factors for Adolescents,” Antoinette Wall (Women’s Studies).
- “Peer Pressure & Need for Approval in Social Situations Involving Alcohol,” Ashley M. Weaver
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(Psychology). *Recipient of Undergraduate Research Conference Small Grant.

- “Assessment of College Students’ Perceptions and Knowledge of Alcohol Before and After Risk-Reducing Drinking Presentation,” Katie Woloszyk (Psychology).
- “Technology and the Changing Role of Therapy Managers in Africa,” Christopher Wright (History).

POSTERS

- “Intake Reports: Who is Reporting Possible Child Abuse and Neglect?” Julia Bauer (Social Work).
- “School Connectedness and Drug Use,” Sarah Burnham (Social Work).
- “Command Types in the Coach-Athlete Relationship,” Kari Ek, Kendra Homan, B.A. (Social Work).
- “Youth Aging out of Foster Care: Utilizing College Funding Programs among a Rural Community in Minnesota,” Shanelle Garbutt (Social Work).
- “Consequences for Smoking in a State Treatment Facility,” Meredith Hegeman (Social Work).
- “The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant: Nuclear Racism or Business as Usual?” Melissa Lorentz (Anthropology and International Relations).
- “Where are they now?” Caretakers Affect on Children Who Have Been Placed in Foster Care, Relative Care, or in Adoptive Homes,” Crysta Lynch (Social Work).
- “Reflections on the Conduct of Research with Human Subjects Across Two Cultures,” Kimberly M. Maas (Sociology and Corrections).
- “Attributions of Team Performance in a Dispersed Environment,” Jennifer Mans, Daniel Regnier (Psychology).
- “Adolescents in Drug and Alcohol Treatment: Do They Gain Knowledge on Addiction?” Sara Martin (Social Work).
- “Will the Olympics Impact an Individual’s Sense of Nationalism as Well as Attitudes Towards the Host Country?” Hassan Mohamed, Samatha Madhavarapu, and Cory Vaske (Psychology).
- “Gender Responses to Advertising Content in Male vs. Female Magazines,” Jessica M. Morales, Heidi C. Doerr (Psychology).
- “Completing the Triangle: Alcohol Attitudes and Risk-Taking Behavior,” Christina Murphy, Danielle Polzin (Psychology).
- “Family Councils,” Amanda Reed (Social Work).
- “Role of the Special Review Board, Supreme Court Appeal Panel, and Hospital Review Board in Mentally Ill and Dangerous Court Committed Cases,” Jessica Regan (Social Work).
- “Risk Factors for Students Attending a Sober School in Mankato, Minnesota Prior to Discharge from School: What Are They?” Shannon Riley (Social Work).
- “Are Stereotypes Inherently Negative?” Assessing Activation in Memory for Positive and Negative Stereotypes,” Amber Scheierl (Psychology).
- “Satisfaction of the Referral of Students to an Offsite Special Education Program,” Samantha Smith (Social Work).
- “College Students’ Study Habits and Attitudes,” Kaleyn VanDenBerg (Psychology).
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- “Brain Gym Exercises: How do they help adolescents throughout their school day?” Samantha Wersal (Social Work).
- “Safe Streets Restored Program: Is this Sentencing Alternative for Offenders Comparison and Contraction of Long-Term Treatment Program between Past and Present Residents in Juveniles Service Center,” Sheng Xiong (Social Work).

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SESSIONS
- “Queering the Lines: Women Writing Male Same-sex Couples in Fiction,” Katie Aase (Women’s Studies).
- “Discrepancies in the Frequency and Motivation for Body Appearance Comparisons in Clinical and Nonclinical populations of Women,” Erika George (Psychology).

POSTER SESSIONS
- Winter Severity for the Ring-Necked Pheasant in Minnesota, Janelle Grochowski (Geography).
- “Increased Rates of Psychiatric Illness in Mothers of Children with ADHD: A Population- Based Cohort,” Kendra J. Homan (Psychology).
- “Teacher Support as a Moderator of Behavioral Outcomes for Youth Exposed to Stressful Life Events,” Rebekah S. Huber (Psychology).
- “The Relationships between Identification, Embeddedness, and Turnover Intentions at the Organizational and Occupational Levels,” Ashley Johnson (Psychology).
- “River Flow Modeling Using a Kinematic Wave Model for the Blue Earth River Watershed,” Michael Merlini (Geography).
- “Landscape Metrics Analysis in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Area,” Sushant Paudel (Geography).
- “Evidence of Wild Turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) in Minnesota Prior to European Settlement,” Jennifer R. Snyders (Geography).

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kathleen Blue presented, “Childhood health in Anglo-Saxon Britain: evidence from the Christian cemetery population of Church End, Cherry Hinton, Cambridgeshire,” at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists meeting, Chicago, IL, April, 2009.

Rhonda Dass was invited to be the keynote speaker for the McNair Scholars Banquet at the University of Wisconsin, Superior, WI, April 2009.

ECONOMICS


Atrayee Ghosh Roy served as the discussant for a session titled, “Regulation and Public Policy Issues,” at the ASSA meetings, January 2009.


Atrayee Ghosh Roy was invited by Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, to teach a course titled, “Analysis of the Global Economy,” in Wright State’s China MBA program at Beijing Capital University of Economics and Business, October 2008.

Dick Schiming presented, "The Economy: Past, Present, and Future," at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union, April 28, 2009, Mankato.


ETHNIC STUDIES

Hahn-Huy Phan was awarded the Minnesota State Student Association Dr. Duane Orr Excellence in Teaching Award, April 22.

GEOGRAPHY

Students and faculty from the Department of Geography presented at the Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 2009, Las Vegas.

● Donald A. Friend was a discussant on the panel, “Preparing Masters Students for Careers Outside the University.”


● Fei Yuan, Bryce W. Hoppie, Donald A. Friend and Margarette M. Elliot presented, "River Quality Mapping Using Hyperspectral Sensing and Field Methods, Blue Earth River, Minnesota, USA."

● Fei Yuan, Bryce W. Hoppie, Donald A. Friend and graduate student Margarette M. Elliot presented, “River Quality Mapping Using Hyperspectral Sensing and Field Methods, Blue Earth River, Minnesota, USA.”

Donald A. Friend was awarded 'Exceptional Service and Dedication” honors by the Association of American Geographers in 2009.

Donald A. Friend was awarded the 'Global Citizen Award' for making a "…major contribution to globalization efforts at…” Minnesota State University in 2008.

Donald A. Friend was given the 'Super Advisor' Award "in Honor of Being Repeatedly Nominated for Advisor Recognition for Ten Years," by the College of Social & Behavioral Science, Minnesota State University.

HISTORY


**POLITICAL SCIENCE / LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Jeffrey B. Bumgarner was a discussant on a panel entitled “The Academic and Pracademic in Criminal Justice Education,” at the Academy for Criminal Justice Sciences meeting, Boston, MA, 2009.

Tomasz Inglot’s review of the book by Stanisława Golinowska, Peter Hegstenberg and Maciej Zukowski, eds. Diversity and Commonality in European Social Politics: The Forging of a European Social Model, was published in 2008 by the leading German social science journal *Internationale Politik und Gesellschaft.*

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed April 1 by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* about possible scenarios in the Coleman election challenge after an unfavorable court ruling.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed April 8 by KEYC TV about the latest developments in the Coleman election challenge.

Fred Slocum and student Ryan Wiesen attended the Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA, March 2009.

Fred Slocum attended the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, IL, April 2009.

Fred Slocum was interviewed by KEYC-TV for a story on Election Day exit polling in Blue Earth County, November 5, 2008.

Fred Slocum was interviewed by KEYC-TV for a story on a socially conservative groups’ efforts to push the Minnesota Legislature to enact a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, March 17.


Fred Slocum served as consulting faculty for a College in the Schools U.S. Government course taught at Belle Plaine High School, fall semester 2008.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Dawn N. Albertson (with E.N. Stark) presented the poster, “Examining attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use: How experience with a drug influences attitude base and attitude content,” at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Tampa Bay, FL.

Dawn N. Albertson presented the poster, “Brain Awareness Week: MacGuyver Style,” at the Society for Neuroscience conference, Washington, DC.

Dawn N. Albertson (with L. Grubbs) has her article, “Subjective Effects of Salvia Divinorum: LSD- or Marijuana-like?” accepted for publication by the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs.*

Kevin J. Filter has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal, *Psychology in the Schools.*


Vinai Norasakkunkit received a $12,000 grant from Kokoro Research Center at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan to conduct research in Japan. The research will investigate the psychological consequences of Globalization in Japan.

Vinai Norasakkunkit presented, “Is Holistic Cognition Associated with Social Anxiety? It Depends on the Culture” (with Yukiko Uchida, Kyoto University and Shinobu Kitayama, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor), at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, February 2009.

Sarah Sifers (with R.S. Huber) presented, “Teacher support as a moderator of behavioral outcome for youth exposed to stressful life events,” at the Midwestern Conference on Professional Psychology, Owatonna, MN, March 2009


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**SOCIAL STUDIES**

Clark Johnson was awarded the Minnesota State Student Association Vic Swenson Student-Friendly Award, April 22.


Clark Johnson presented, “Becoming a Social Activist,” at the Kessel Peace Institute Teach-in on Global Peace and Justice, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Feb. 18.

**SOCIAL WORK**

Michelle Alvarez and MSW Student Kari Velzke submitted a $6 million, Safe Schools Healthy Students, grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education on behalf of 16 rural school districts in southern Minnesota.


Michelle Alvarez (with Bye, L.), presented, “The role of school social workers in response to intervention,” at the South Carolina School Social Work Association Conference, November 12-14, 2008, Myrtle Beach, SC.


Michelle Alvarez received a Friend of School Social Work Award from the Minnesota School Social Work Association, October 1, 2008, St. Cloud, MN.


Nancy Fitzsimons was a panel presenter on a workshop titled, “Getting an MSW: Why, When and How, at the Minnesota Social Services Annual Conference and Expo, Bloomington, MN, March 26, 2009.


Nancy Fitzsimons presented on violence and abuse of people with disabilities at a 1-day workshop titled, “Stop It Before It Starts: Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence,” April 28, 2009, Mankato, MN. The workshop was presented by the Minnesota Men’s Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence and co-sponsored by the Department of Social Work.

Nancy Fitzsimons’ proposal to conduct a 2-part workshop titled, “Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities:
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Your Role in Busting Myths and Breaking Down Barriers,” was accepted for presentation on May 28, 2009, by the Office of Justice Program’s 22nd Annual Minnesota Conference on Crime Victims.

Nancy Fitzsimons’ proposal titled, “Preventing Sexual Violence of People with Developmental Disabilities,” was accepted for presentation at the National Sexual Assault Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, September 9 - 11, 2009.

Nancy Fitzsimons was invited to serve on the Minnesota Department of Public Health, Policy and Legislative Action Team to develop and implement a five-year plan to prevent sexual violence and exploitation in Minnesota.


Paul Mackie received a 2008 Minnesota State University, Mankato Faculty Research Grant (FRG) to support an investigation of difficulties with hiring social workers in rural areas.


SOCIOLOGY / CORRECTIONS


Steve Buechler’s new book, Critical Sociology, was featured at an, “Author Meets Teachers,” session at the Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, Des Moines, IA, April 2009.

Steve Buechler organized a paper session on “Social Movements” at the annual Midwest Sociological Society meetings in Des Moines, IA, April 2009.


Barbara Carson’s proposal, “Effectiveness of International Sentencing Practices on Reducing Prison Overcrowding,” received a MSU Faculty research Grant, September 2008.


**Sherrise Truesdale** presented, “Working with the Whole Student: Mentoring, Counseling the First Year Student, Teaching with Tools from Youth Culture,” at the Faculty Resource Network National Symposium, San Francisco, CA, November 21, 2008.


**URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES**

**Janet Cherrington**’s article, “Competitive Communities through Partnerships,” was published in the spring 2009 *MN Women in City Government* newsletter.

**Janet Cherrington** invited city administrators to join her Urban Finance class for a demonstration of the Small Cities Financial Analysis software, April 1, 2009. Nick Dragisich and Doug Green of Springsted, Inc. (public sector advisors) presented. The software model was developed jointly by the League of MN Cities and Springsted. The League of MN Cities’ publicized the event and over 20 practitioners attended.

**Janet Cherrington** was 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 research with local government practitioners.

**Janet Cherrington** has been named Associate Editor for the *Journal of World Universities Forum*.

**Janet Cherrington** has been included in the First Edition of *Who’s Who in America*.

**Janet Cherrington** attended the Minn. City/County Managers Association conference in May 2008.

**Janet Cherrington** attended the League of Minnesota Cities conference in June 2008.

**Janet Cherrington** attended the International Making Cities Livable conference in May of 2008.

**Anthony Filipovitch** received $2100 from the Mankato Area Foundation to fund student projects for the Public Achievement Program for the 2009-10 school year.


**Anthony Filipovitch** testified before the House Education Policy Committee on minimum site standards for schools for HF 898 on March 27.


**David Laverny-Rafter** presented, “Planning Ethics and the Public Interest,” at the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference, Duluth, MN, November 2008.

**David Laverny-Rafter** presented, “Using Universities to Meet Planning Needs,” at the National Conference of the
American Planning Association, Minneapolis, MN, April 2009.

David Laverny-Rafter was presented with an “Excellence Award,” in recognition of success in obtaining external support for research, Minnesota State University, Mankato, April, 2008.

Perry Wood and David Laverny-Rafter received external grants from the City of Waterville, MN and the Twin Cities Center for the Arts, Mankato, Minn., to support expenses related to research conducted by students enrolled in the graduate Urban Studies Studio course during Fall semester, 2008.

WOMEN’S STUDIES
Susan Freeman was interviewed on March 17, 2009, by KEYC TV, for a story about same-sex marriage in the state of Minnesota.

Susan Freeman moderated the Women’s History Month forum by History Department faculty members on March 24, 2009.


Susan Freeman and Jocelyn Stitt presented, “Is Feminist Pedagogy Possible in an Online Course?” at the Women’s and Gender Studies discipline workshop at Metropolitan State University, March 6, 2009.


Susan Freeman was interviewed on April 8, 2009, by KMSU for a story on the “Celebration of Diversity Research” event.

Susan Freeman presented at the "Celebration of Diversity Research" event, Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

SBS FRONTIER FORUM
Richard Schiming, Department of Economics, presented the 30th Annual SBS Frontier Forum lectureship, “Lessons from the Great Depression: The Fed and Financial Crisis,” to a packed Ostrander Auditorium, April 6, 2009. A dinner was held prior to the lecture.

MSU FACULTY AUTHORS
The MSU Library honored the MSU Faculty Authors who have authored and/or edited books from March 2008-March 2009. Books by the honorees are included in the MSU Authors Collection housed in the University Archives.

The following faculty members from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences were honored.

- Jeff Bumgarner, Political Science and Law Enforcement
- Steven Buechler, Sociology and Corrections
- Nancy Fitzsimmons, Social Work
- Susan Freeman, Women’s Studies
- Tomasz Inglot, Political Science and Law Enforcement
- William Lass, History (emeriti)
- Paul Mackie, Social Work
- Jocelyn Stitt, Women’s Studies

College and Related Activities
SBS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER
The SBS Scholarship Dinner was held April 30 to recognize students for their hard work and to thank scholarship donors for their support, April 30, 2009.