

Student Activities

PSYCHOLOGY

Clinical Psychology graduate students, **Katie Fairchild** and **Carolina Surla**, presented their research poster, “Elderspeak: An Analysis of Command Use and Compliance,” at the Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis (MABA) Conference, Davenport, IA, October 10. **Britta Fiksdal** and **Dr. Jeff Buchanan** were co-authors of this poster.

SOCIOLOGY

Gloria Caballero, a Sociology alumna, gave a talk at MSU on October 29. Ms. Caballero is an author and the founder of Scooter’s Place, a non-profit rescue shelter. All proceeds from the sale of her book, *Phantom*, go towards the work at Scooter’s Place.



Katie Fairchild with her poster at MABA

Faculty and Department Activities

ANTHROPOLOGY

Ronald Schirmer presented, “Anthropology on the Rez,” MSU, October 30. The lecture was on the implications of Native American interactions with Europeans and European Americans.

ECONOMICS

Michael Spencer presented a paper (coauthored with S.K. Swallow and J.F. Shogren), “Contributing to an Environmental Threshold Public Good under Alternative Rebate Rules: A Contingent Valuation Experiment Involving Hypothetical and Real Payments,” Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting, October 22 – 24, Kansas City, MO.

Michael Spencer served as a discussant on Public Economics for the paper “Framing Effects and Gender Differences in Voluntary Public Goods Provision Experiments,” Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting, October 22 – 24, Kansas City, MO.

ETHNIC STUDIES

The Ethnic Studies Department and the Division of Institutional Diversity sponsored, “The Beauty of Cultures,” MSU, October 14. The purpose of this event was to promote and celebrate multiculturalism on campus.

GOOD NEWS



GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Gender and Women's Studies Department hosted the 28th Annual Women and Spirituality Conference, MSU, October 31. The keynote speaker was Dr. Vandana Shiva and her talk was titled, "Women and the Gendered Politics of Food."

GEOGRAPHY

Donald Friend and *Fei Yuan* presented, "Improved River Water Quality Monitoring Using Hyperspectral Remote Sensing," October 15. This lecture, a part of the "EnviroThursday" Lecture Series, was sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program, Department of Geography and Mellon Curricular Pathways at Macalester College.

HISTORY

Lori Lahlum presented, "It's America's Fault!: Adjusting to Life in Norwegian-American Communities," MSU, October 12. The talk was about life in 19th century Norwegian-American immigrant communities, with a focus on conflict between the genders caused by changes between the old country and the new.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed on October 6 by *St. Paul Capitol Report and Politics in Minnesota* about the staffing of campaigns of the many candidates for governor.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed October 6 by *KEYC TV* about health care reform, public option and filibuster rules in the U.S. Senate.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed on October 20 by *KEYC-TV* about Tim Walz's fundraising and his top ranking among the Minnesota congressional delegation for having a high percentage of funds coming from his own district.

Tamara Wilkins was selected to be an executive council member for Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society until April 2013. This National Council is the governing body and serves as the Board of Directors for the Honor Society.

PSYCHOLOGY

Kevin Filter published an article titled, "Surveying Professionals' Views of Positive Behavior Support and Behavior Analysis," in the *Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions*.

The Industrial-Organizational Psychology Program hosted a presentation by Dr. Tammy Allen from the University of South Florida entitled "What Do We

Really Know about Effective Mentoring Relationships?" on October 19.

SOCIAL WORK

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "Taking Charge to Prevent Abuse: Your Safety, Your Rights Part I (Safety Skills) and Part II (Assertiveness)," 2009 Minnesota Self-Advocacy Conference, April 18, St. Paul, MN.

Nancy Fitzsimons was interviewed by *Disability Scoop*, an online source for developmental disabilities news. The interview can be read at:

<http://www.disabilityscoop.com/2009/07/07/preventing-abuse/4004/>

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "The Power of Language and People with Disabilities," VINE Faith in Action, July 13, Mankato, MN.

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "Understanding Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities: Busting Myths and Breaking Down Barriers," Arc Great Twin Cities, July 22, St. Paul, MN.

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "Understanding Abuse of People with Disabilities: Implications for Rural Practice," National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, July 27, Duluth, MN.

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "Preventing Sexual Violence of People with Developmental Disabilities," North American Victim Assistance Conference, August 24, Scottsdale, AZ.

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities: Your Role in Busting Myths and Breaking Down Barriers," North American Victim Assistance Conference, August 23, Scottsdale, AZ.

Nancy Fitzsimons presented, "Preventing Sexual Violence of People with Developmental Disabilities," National Sexual Assault Conference, September 11, Alexandria, VA.

Nancy Fitzsimons wrote a book review for the *World Institute on Disability*. Dr. Fitzsimons reviewed *Disabled People's Stories of Abuse, Defiance and Resilience* by Marsha Saxton. An excerpt of the review appears on the back cover of the book.

Nancy Fitzsimons was invited to serve on the Board of Directors for the Harry Meyering Center, a non-profit agency that provides residential support and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Nancy Fitzsimons was requested by Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co. to review a book proposal titled, *High-Risk Challenging Behaviors in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Assessment and Intervention*.



Nancy Fitzsimons' book, *Combating Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities: A Call to Action*, was reviewed by the *Midwest Book Review*, and selected as a Reviewer's Choice.

Nancy Fitzsimons was selected by Mankato Area Healthy Youth (MAHY) as recipient of the Spirit of Youth Award; her "dedication to MAHY through difficult times was both courageous and influential...[and her] research skills yielded the kind of data that will continue the important work of positive youth asset building."

Nancy Fitzsimons was invited to present on the result of a research project on *the Well-Being of Youth and Youth Serving Organizations in the Great Mankato Area* to the Greater Mankato Area Envision 20/20 Implementation Team, October 27.

Nancy Fitzsimons and *Paul Mackie* completed their research study and report entitled "A Report on the Well-being of Youth and Youth Serving Organizations in the

Mankato Area: Are We Living Up to Our Designation as One of the 100 Best Communities for Young People?" This study was done in conjunction with Mankato Area Healthy Youth and the Mankato YWCA.

URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES

Anthony Filipovitch published a review of "Greater New Jersey: Living the Shadow of Gotham by Dennis Gale," in the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 2009, 31(4), 514-516.

Anthony Filipovitch and *Kwaku Kessey* (Economics/Urban Studies) were awarded a contract with Greater Mankato Growth, Inc., to develop an economic profile of the City Center area.

Miriam Porter presented, "A Path to Coming Together," Carver County L.I.V.E.I.T. Youth Summit, October 10, Chanhassen, MN. The purpose of the summit was to bring youth and policy makers together to have a dialogue on issues impacting youth today.

College and Related Activities

ADVISING "U"

Advising "U" hosted a discussion about academic advising for faculty advisors, October 23. Updates were about policy changes, and advising concerns.

Advising "U" hosted the annual SBS Family Weekend Open House, October 17. Some of the *SBS Faculty* and *Advising "U"* mentors were there to greet families.

ADVISORY BOARD AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2009 *SBS Advisory Board Award* winners who were honored at a luncheon on October 15.

SBS Distinguished Professor – Dr. Kim Greer, Sociology and Corrections



Dr. Hunter, Dean Alessio, and Dr. Greer

SBS Distinguished Alumnus – Dr. Ray Oldenberg, '54 Social Studies and English



Dean Alessio and Dr. Oldenberg

SBS Student Leader – Scott Fillingane, Political Science/Law Enforcement



Dean Alessio, Scott Fillingane, and Tim Benesch