ECONOMICS

Nina Tikkinen, an Economics and Scandinavian Studies student, became the first athlete from this university to earn an Olympic medal. She helped Team Finland to the bronze medal in women’s hockey at the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver.

ETHNIC STUDIES


The Ethnic Studies Student Organization attended the Pan African Student Leadership Conference on February 24.

The Ethnic Studies Student Organization hosted the Ethnic Kitchen Fundraiser on March 31.

GENDER & WOMEN STUDIES

Two Gender & Women Studies students were given Project of the Year Awards from the President’s Commission on the Status of Women:

- Graduate student Jessica Martinez, for her project, “Nationalism, gender, and public grief in the aftermath of 9/11: Memoirs and media representations of 9/11 widows.”
- Undergraduate student Emily Dolenz for her project, “Online anti-choice rhetoric: What does it say and why does it matter?”

POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Steven Lowry, a Law Enforcement student, was awarded two national scholarships, The V.A. Leonard Scholarship and the Jose A. Marquez Memorial Scholarship, at the Academy of Criminal Justice and Alpha Phi Sigma National Meeting.

Dr. Colleen Clarke, Steven Lowry, Erika Friesen, Mr. Joseph Wambaugh, Matthew Heytens, and Dr. Tamara Wilkins at the Academy of Criminal Justice and Alpha Phi Sigma National Meeting

PSYCHOLOGY

Graduate students in the Clinical and I/O Psychology programs presented at the Midwestern Conference for Professional Psychology, March 25, Owatonna, MN. The presenters and their presentation topics are listed below.

- Brandy Baczwaski and Dr. Sarah Sifers, “The relationship between self-esteem and attitudes toward physical activity in adolescent girls.”
- Kathleen Fairchild and Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan, “Elderspeak: An investigation into older adult’s views.”
- Britta Fiksdal, Carolina Surla, Kathleen Fairchild, and Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan, “An analysis of command types and emotional distress and aggression during personal care between nursing home staff and residents with cognitive impairment.”
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- **Chelsea Gloth, Susan Drevo, and Dr. Barry Ries**, “Patient needs: Supporting diabetic individuals.”
- **Adam Mills** and **Dr. Barry Ries**, “Differences between core and animal-reminder disgust elicitation on a behavioral task.”
- **Dana Shea** and **Dr. Sarah Sifers**, “Support in relation to depression and violence in children and adolescents.”
- **Carl Sorensen** and **Dr. Sarah Sifers**, “Friends and family: Interactions and effects of social support and social stress on internalizing symptoms.”
- **Whitney Smith** and **Dr. Kristie Campana**, “Developing a situational judgment test to measure applicant integrity.”
- **Carolina Surla, Dr. Karla Lassonde, and Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan**, “Using the contradiction paradigm and self-report questionnaires to measure ageist stereotypes.”
- **Michael Taylor** and **Dr. Daniel Sachau**, “Creation of a measure of organizational culture.”

**URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES**

**Urban and Regional Studies** students in Dr. Janet Cherrington’s Community Leadership class donated toys and furniture to the Blue Earth County Government Center on March 16. After several months of planning, the students refurbished the room the County uses for family visitations. The Mankato Free Press interviewed students **Diane Meza** and **Joe Polzin** about their experience.

**WALTER WEATHER LAB**

**David Bruggeman**, an **Environmental Science** student, has been awarded a National Airborne Research Program (NASA) paid internship for the summer. This involves participation in a 6-week research program with laboratory and airborne sampling in a DC-8 aircraft and subsequent analysis and write-up of the research.

**Faculty and Department Activities**

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Susan Schalge** was named a Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

**ECONOMICS**

**Phillip Miller** was interviewed by the **Lincoln Journal Star** for an article about the economic impact of a new multipurpose arena proposed for Lincoln, NE.


**ETHNIC STUDIES**

**The Ethnic Studies Department and Student Organization** held a Spring Semester Potluck on February 11.

**The Ethnic Studies Department and Student Organization** presented, “Minority Women in History,” for the Women’s History Month & Herstory Project on March 2.

**GENDER & WOMEN STUDIES**

**Jocelyn Stitt** received a President’s Commission on the Status of Women Professional Development and Research Grant, as well as a Project of the Year Award for her project, “Mothers who deliver.”

The **Gender & Women Studies Department** and the Women’s Center sponsored the March 24 **Carol Ortman Perkins Lecture**, “Why haven’t women remade the world yet?” presented by feminist author Susan Faludi.

**HISTORY**

The **History Department** hosted South Central History Day on March 18, which featured more than 300 students from south central Minnesota schools. These students presented exhibits, documentaries, and performances as a part of this regional History Day competition.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Eiji Kawabata** received a grant for short-term research travel to Japan from the Association for Asian Studies, the Northeast Asia Council. Dr. Kawabata will conduct field research on the politics of privacy in Japan in July and August 2010.

**Joseph Kunkel** has been selected for a Fulbright senior lecturer award in Germany. Dr. Kunkel plans to teach two political science courses at Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, in April-July 2011. He also plans to network with German professors, give lectures at the German-American Institutes around Germany, and visit Gymnasium teachers to talk about American politics and civic education.
Joseph Kunkel was interviewed by the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Washington Bureau, about the 1st Congressional District Campaign, Tim Walz, and Republican changes.

Bill Lewinski is working with members of the Hillsboro, Oregon Police Department to discover how police officers can react safely against suspects who may have concealed weapons. The Discovery Channel interviewed Dr. Lewinski about this research for an international "Daily Planet" episode that was broadcast on March 11.

Tamara Wilkins was honored as the Chapter Advisor of the Year at the Academy of Criminal Justice and Alpha Phi Sigma National Meeting. She was honored for her outstanding ability to mentor and guide her chapter members.

The Political Science & Law Enforcement Department sponsored the annual Kessel Memorial Lecture, “What we know, how we know it, and why it matters: Environmental crises and climate change,” presented by Physics faculty member Louis Schwartzkopf, March 23, Mankato, MN.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Emily Stark presented, “Understanding study habits and motivation: The role of test anxiety and personality,” at the Midwestern Conference for Professional Psychology, March 25, Owatonna, MN.

**SOCIOMETRY**

Steven Buechler received one of three university wide Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards from the Center for Excellence in Scholarship and Research.

**URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES**

Anthony Filipovitch published a review of Dan Pallotta’s Uncharitable: How restraints on nonprofits undermine their potential in the journal, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, 39(2), 371-78.

Anthony Filipovitch spoke about regional competitiveness to the Economic Development Subcommittee of the Region Nine Development Commission in Mankato, MN on February 23.


Miriam Porter was the invited to present, “Ghana – customs and traditions,” to a community group in East Union, MN on March 18.

**College and Related Activities**

**KESSEL PEACE INSTITUTE**

The Kessel Peace Institute sponsored, “Voices of Haiti,” a panel about the culture, history, and indomitable spirit of the Haitian people on March 16, Mankato, MN.

**FRONTIER FORUM LECTURE**


**ADVISORY BOARD LECTURESHP**

The SBS Advisory Board presented the 7th annual lectureship featuring Roger White Owl. He presented, “The importance of understanding American Indians: Past and present,” on March 31, Mankato, MN. Mr. White Owl currently works for the Three Affiliated Tribes on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota.