SBS CAREER DAY
Students had the opportunity to see more than 30 exhibitors and 11 major panels during the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Career and Internship Day, February 3. Kristin Underwood, Career Development Center, spoke on how individuals can successfully search for jobs in the current economy.

Students checking in for the Career Fair

FOUNDATION STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS
Four students from our college were given Foundation Student Research Awards to support their own projects, which will be presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference. The winners, their mentors, and their project titles are:

- **Ashley Keul, Christopher Somage, Daniel Winterlin, and Dr. Forrest Wilkerson** (Geography), “Mapping crime locations on the Minnesota State University campus.”

- **Naomi Timm and Dr. Dawn Albertson** (Psychology), “More than a guy thing? Going beyond gender to investigate the influence of sex roles on alcohol attitudes and consumption.”

- **Rachel Kruger and Dr. Sarah Sifers** (Psychology), “Examining the relationships between self-perception and behavioral and emotional functioning in young girls.”

- **Lauren Harding, Renee Lips and Dr. Christine Black-Hughes** (Social Work), “IMR Deconstruction and Reconstruction: Mental Health Group Recovery.”

ETHNIC STUDIES

Vang Xiong, Ethnic Studies MS ’09, was the keynote speaker for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and for Youth Sports Camp and Clinic, January 18.


URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES

Graduate students Frank Adarkwa, Jason Anderson, Mark Andrews, Mohamed-Rashid-Mumin, and Clay Walfahrt, presented, “South Central Minnesota Rural Transit Needs Assessment,” to a meeting of officials from Minnesota Department of Transportation and Region 9 Development Commission, December 9. Professors David Laverny-Rafter and Perry Wood supervised the students’ research.

Graduate students Mark Andrews, Nathan Bartell and Tat-Wei Yeap, participated in a student competition where they conducted research on accessibility of high-speed internet service in rural communities. They presented their findings at a conference for local officials sponsored by the Blandin Foundation, Duluth, MN, November 18-19.
ANTHROPOLOGY

Ronald Schirmer received funding from the Minnesota Legacy Grant Fund, which is administered by the Minnesota Historical Society. This grant will fund Dr. Schirmer’s research into the history of native peoples along the upper Mississippi river valley.

ECONOMICS


Ken Park (with M. Kim) published, “Did the oil price controls achieve its goal?” in Economics Bulletin, 29(2), 1444-1454.


ETHNIC STUDIES


The Ethnic Studies Department and the Ethnic Studies Student Organization made a donation of non-perishable food items to the Echo Food Shelf.

The Ethnic Studies Department and the Ethnic Studies Student Organization worked with Project 18 to make a donation to Haiti.

GEOGRAPHY


HISTORY

The History Department and the Scandinavian Studies Program hosted the Spring History Forum Lecture, “I Go to America: Swedish American Women and the Life of Mina Anderson,” presented by Dr. Joy Lintelman from Concordia College, February 24, Mankato, MN.

Dr. Joy Lintelman


POLITICAL SCIENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT


Joseph Kunkel was interviewed January 22 by Owatonna People’s Press about why legislative districts in that area are electing more Democrats, having been solidly Republican.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed January 29 by the Mankato Free Press about the Minnesota party precinct caucuses.

Joseph Kunkel was interviewed February 5 by KEYC-TV about changing the date of the Minnesota primary election.

Bill Lewinski is a member of a first-of-its-kind New York State Police-on-Police Shootings Task Force that is examining the how and why of police "friendly fire" shootings.

The Force Science Research Center, Bill Lewinski director, received an $8,000 gift from the Kenneth W. Scully Endowment of Catholic Charities.

PSYCHOLOGY


Dan Sachau was the recipient of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology's Distinguished Teaching Contribution Award. He will be honored at the national conference, April 8-10 in Atlanta, GA.

SOCIAL WORK
Michelle Alvarez published her book, Response to intervention: A guide for school social workers, for Oxford University Press this month.

David Beimers’ paper, “Employment entry through supported employment: Influential factors for clients with co-occurring mental and substance disorders,” was accepted for presentation at the Quality of Behavioral Healthcare Conference to be held in Clearwater, FL in April.

David Beimers’ paper, “A university-agency mental health research collaboration: A case study,” was accepted for publication in the Journal of Case Management.

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


URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES


Beth Wielde-Heidelberg and her Edina campus Foundations course students are teaming with the League of Minnesota Cities to develop training sessions for new city council and planning commission members. The goal is to familiarize them with state laws and policies regarding local government and city planning.

Beth Wielde-Heidelberg and her Foundations students are teaming with the Minnesota City/County Managers Association to assist with their efforts in bringing local government education to high school social studies courses.

David Laverny-Rafter was invited to attend the Federal Policy and Program Briefing session sponsored by the American Planning Association in Washington, D.C., October 3-5. The purpose of the briefing was to inform practicing urban planners and faculty on the latest urban-related initiatives of the Obama administration and involved presentations by staff from the executive departments and White House on policy issues such as housing, transportation, and energy.

David Laverny-Rafter was honored for his 20+ years of involvement in global education at the Kearney International Center Global Citizen Award Ceremony, February 11. Globalization efforts in which Professor Laverny-Rafter was involved include: 2 full-year Fulbright Teaching/Research Awards in Ireland, a Senior Research Fellowship at Queen's University Belfast, service as Coordinator of the International Planners' Exchange Program for the American Planning Association, and presentations at several international conferences.

GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARDS CEREMONY
Three SBS faculty were among those that were honored at the Kearney International Center Global Citizen Award Ceremony, on February 11. Kathryn Elliott (Anthropology), David Laverny-Rafter (Urban and Regional Studies), and Jacqueline Vieceli (Political Science & Law Enforcement) were honored for receiving J. William Fulbright scholarships from the U.S. Department of State.

Drs. David Laverny-Rafter, Jacqueline Vieceli and Kathryn Elliott at the Global Citizen Awards Ceremony