WHO’S WHO
This year SBS faculty nominated 35 students to *Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities*, based on their academic excellence and potential for future achievements.

Each month Good News will include excerpts from the faculty nomination statements for a portion of the students. Congratulations to the following students:

**Anthropology**
Laura Lundquist-Peskorz
Kimberly Berg-Asche

**Economics**
Andrew Sturm
Brett Fleck
Vanessa Nagel
Jason Nelson

**Ethnic Studies**
Alicia Brush

**Geography**
Jacqueline Karsten
Timothy Taggart
Brian Combs
Katie Leonard

**History**
Meghan Turok
Jonathan DeGreeff
Robbe Nessler
Paul Bobich

**Political Science**
Casey Carmody
Karen Rubbert

**Law Enforcement**
Matthew Johnston

**Psychology**
Megan Moran

**Social Work**
Jennifer Othoudt
Rachel Cox
Nicole Stuhrk
Jennifer Hartman
Amanda Penning
Jese Stam

**Social Studies**
Elisha Peterson
Shannon Finnegan
Melanie Garcia

**Sociology**
Janice Kuehl
Jenna Covey

**Urban Studies**
Derek Kumm
Laura Tenney

**Women’s Studies**
Linda Brown
Kathryn Kamerud
Angela Losasso
SOCIAL WORK

Six Social Work Club members volunteered at the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Retreat held at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN on October 12-14.

Social Work Club members participated in VINE’s annual Rake the Town event on October 27. Four members raked two houses in the community.

Fourteen Social Work Club members threw a Halloween Party for the children currently living at the Theresa House in Mankato, October 31.

Five Social Work Club members volunteered at the CADA House Benefit Concert and Dinner at Pappageorge Restaurant in Mankato, November 4. The club members helped with the set up of the benefit and helped with the silent auction.

Four Social Work Club members volunteered at the School Social Work Conference held at MSU, Mankato on November 13. Also, members helped set up the tables for the conference and ran the registration table.

Students and an alumna were honored at the annual Social Work Honors Day, Nov. 2.

Jennifer Kolstad (first place), Holly Hagen (second place), and Renee Lips (third place) were winners of Social Welfare Scholars Awards. The students were honored for excellence in research and writing. Students' topics included "After-School Programs and Youth Groups," "Child Abuse" and "Chemically Dependent Adolescents."

Audrey Splinter ('73 graduate), was honored as Social Work Alumna of the Year. Splinter has worked in social work in Montana, at Blue Earth County Human Services, and (currently) as adult mental health case manager in Blue Earth County, coordinating services for 30 adults with serious mental illness. For more than a decade she and her family provided emergency foster care for children.

Faculty and Department Activities

ECONOMICS

Kwang Choe received a 2008 SBS Research Reassignment for his project, “Market Volatility and Financial Contagion.”

Phil Miller received a 2008 SBS Research Reassignment for his project, “Professional Sport Franchise Values and Public Funds for Stadium Construction-The Cases of the NFL, the NBA, and the NFL.”

Dr. Shashanka Bhide of the National Council of Applied Economic Research, India, presented a lecture entitled “Drivers of Economic Growth: India's Experience,” on the main changes in India's policy and rapidly growing economy which promises to make India the third largest economy of the world in less than three decades, October 31. The Department of Economics organized the event and co-sponsored it with several other SBS departments.
GEOGRAPHY

**Martin Mitchell** received a 2008 SBS Research Reassignment for his project, “Taiwan and China: A Geo-Strategic Reassessment of U.S. Policy.”

**Forrest Wilkerson** and **Ginger Schmid**’s publication, "The Creation of Baranca de Caliza: Excavation of the Canyon Lake Spillway Gorge, Comal County Texas, July 2002," is online at the James and Marilyn Lovell Center for Environmental Geography and Hazards Research, Texas State University at: [http://www.geo.txstate.edu/love ll/publications/](http://www.geo.txstate.edu/love ll/publications/).


HISTORY

**Lori Lahlum** received a 2008 SBS Research Reassignment for her project, “Gendering Norwegian American History: Essays on Women, Communities, and Identities.”

**Lori Lahlum** presented a History Forum Lecture entitled “This is a pretty farm: Women, Land, and Community in Norwegian America,” November 14.

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

**James Bailey** received a 2008 SBS Research Reassignment for his project, “Enhancement of Bloodstained Footwear Impressions.”

**Jim Bailey’s** article, “.177 Caliber Pellet Classification System and Identification Key,” has been published in *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, November 2007, Vol. 52, No. 6.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed by Mark Zdechlik, *Minnesota Public Radio* about Congressman Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, DFL Endorsement candidate for the U.S. Senate, November 5.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed by Jeff Cagle (MSU alum), *Owatonna Peoples’ Press* about turnout local elections, November 6.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed by Paul Farhi, *Washington Post* about Norm Coleman, Al Franken, Mike Ceresi and other candidates in the U.S. Senate race, November 29.

**Bill Lewinski** has been invited to do a presentation on work and its implications to the:


**Kevin Parsneau** and **Mike Van Aelstyn** completed their doctorate of philosophy degrees this fall. There was a congratulatory reception held in their honor, November 7.

PSYCHOLOGY

**Students and Faculty** attended a presentation by Dr. Phil Godding of St. Cloud State University entitled “The role of a Psychologist in the Minnesota Civil Commitment Process: Cases and Measurement Issues,” on November 9.

**Students and faculty** attended a presentation by Dr. Jeff McHenry, Senior Director of People & Organization Capability for Microsoft Sales, Marketing, and Services Group, entitled "Using the Employee Survey to Improve Employee Retention," November 14.

**Dr. McHenry** is the Past President of the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology.

SOCIAL WORK

**Michelle Alvarez** delivered a keynote address on, “The Role of School Social Workers in Response to Intervention,” at
the Indiana School Social Work Association’s annual conference. At the event she was presented with an award for her contributions to the field of school social work in Indiana.

The Master in Social Work program was granted accreditation candidacy at the October Commission on Accreditation meeting. The Commission on Accreditation determined that the program has fulfilled all of the accreditation standards necessary to achieve candidacy. It is eligible to remain in candidacy until final accreditation is awarded in October 2010. Master in Social Work program faculty will host a second commissioner visit in spring 2008.

Social Work Department hosted the Minnesota School Social Work Association Fall Conference, November 12-13. Speakers included Dr. Michelle Alvarez (Social Work) and John Seymour (Counseling and Student Personnel). Over 130 school social workers from across the state attended the conference.

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Janet Cherrington has been selected to referee papers for the Journal of the World Universities Forum to be held in Switzerland. Subsequently she will be credited as an Associate Editor for the volume(s) to which she has contributed.

Janet Cherrington’s paper on community-university partnerships has been selected for presentation at the Journal of World Universities Forum in Davos, Switzerland. She has opted to do a virtual presentation.


Anthony Filipovitch led an assessment focus group for the Walking in Two Worlds program at the YWCA of Mankato on November 1.

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Jocelyn Stitt received a 2008 SBS Research Reassignment for her project, “Technologies of Mothering: New Conceptions, New Deliveries.”

College and Joint Departmental Activities

Jeffrey Buchanan, Annelies Hagemeister, Jonathan Page, Kwang Woo Park were honored at the Advisor Recognition Award ceremony for being outstanding advisors, November 12. The ceremony was held in the Advising U office.

Summer Teaching Scholar Fellows

Summer 2007 Teaching Scholar Fellows explained their teaching-and-learning initiatives in the 11th annual Teaching Scholar Series, November 12-16. The recognition ceremony was hosted by President Richard Davenport. College of Social and
Behavioral Sciences Teaching Scholars and their presentations were:


Abdalla Battah (Political Science & Law Enforcement), "Teaching about the Middle East in Minnesota Secondary Schools," on November 14.

Christopher Corley (History), "The Daily Life of Children and Youth in History," a non-fiction book manuscript, November 14.

Presentations

Nancy Alexander presented, “The Geography of Caring: the Case of AIDS in the California State Men's Penitentiaries,” November 16. Mrs. Alexander has 22 years experience as a volunteer and consultant in a California men's penitentiary in its AIDS wing, prison hospital and hospice. The joint colloquium was sponsored by the departments of Geography, Sociology and Corrections, Counseling and Student Personnel, and Health Science.

Dr. William Beeman, Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, gave a presentation entitled “Language and Diplomacy: Why Dialog between the United States and Iran Fails,” that discussed the differences in communication patterns between the United States and Iran, November 15. The presentation was sponsored by the departments of Geography, Political Science/Law Enforcement, and the International Center.

Dr. Asaviour Crocheron presented a lecture entitled “Peace Talks, Peace-Building and International Peace,” November 15. Sponsored by the Kessel Peace Institute, and departments of Ethnic Studies, Political Science/Law Enforcement, Sociology and Corrections, and Women’s Studies.

International Education/Diversity Week


A panel presentation and discussion on International Careers was held for International Education/Diversity Week, November 15. Five panelists presented with extensive professional international experience, including Margaret Carpenter and Mr. Tom Maertens, a local international security expert.

Both the Keynote Lecture and Panel Presentation were sponsored by the departments of Geography, and Political Science/Law Enforcement, and the International Center.