Student Activities

SOCIAL STUDIES

Twelve social studies students and their professors, Ernie Grieshaber and Clark Johnson, delivered social studies classes to students at Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus Irapuato in Mexico in March. The teaching was part of an eight day study tour of Mexico that included visits to historical sites in México City and Guanajuato.

SOCIAL WORK

Nancy Fitzsimons and Christine Black-Hughes accompanied 22 social work majors and guest, Elsa Keskitalo to the annual Social Work Day at the Capitol. Students learned about current legislative issues, participated in a March and Rally in the Rotunda and lobbied their legislators.

URBAN STUDIES

Graduate students in URSI 653 and URSI 4/585 produced a full-color informational brochure promoting New Prague's parks and recreational opportunities. On Dec. 5 these students presented the completed project overview to the New Prague Park Board.

WHO'S WHO

This month’s excerpts from the faculty nominations for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities are below.

Skye Dauer (History) is a full-time employee in the MSU Mathematics and Statistics Department, and is the Vice-President of MSU’s Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Jennifer Estebo (Social Studies) volunteered as a mentor in the Public Achievement program. She helped train coaches, observed their team meetings, and led weekly debriefing sessions.

Lydia Hayward (Social Work) has provided services at CRAFT, been a camp counselor and a peer tutor, is involved in Campus Crusade for Christ, is Vice President for Int’l. Assoc. of Jazz Educators, is her Pledge Class Service Project Coordinator, and has been active in Residential Life. She is a member of the Social Work Club and was a Departmental Social Welfare Scholar Recipient.

Stephanie Luberda (Earth Science) is a pilot, has completed a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanogra-


Saleheen Khan discussed a paper, “Do Interest Group affect Immigration?” by Parchi Mishra from International Monetary Fund at the Midwest Economics Association Meeting, Minneapolis, March 2007.


Jim Bailey’s article, “Digital Infrared Photography to Develop GSR Patterns” has been accepted for publication in the Australian Journal of Forensic Sciences, and will be published in the summer 2007.

Jim Bailey’s article, “A Classification System and Iden-


Avra Johnson (interim assistant vice president for institutional planning) was named to President Richard Davenport’s 2006-2007 Cabinet. President Davenport said his decision to appoint Avra to the Cabinet recognizes her role as leader of the University’s institutional planning efforts and the direct connection it plays with the ongoing discussions at the Cabinet level.

PSYCHOLOGY

Dawn Albertson presented, ”Drugs and the Brain: Destroying Old Myths,” at the 28th Annual SBS Frontier Forum, March 5. Through cutting edge technology, Dr. Albertson has reported the first microarray analysis of the brains of heroin abusers and comparison of gene alterations in cocaine and heroin abusers.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Clark Johnson presented, “Students as Campaign Workers: Recreating the Work of the Real Political Campaign in your Classroom,” at the Great Lakes Regional Social Studies Conference, Shakopee, MN.

SOCIAL WORK


URBAN STUDIES

Janet Cherrington’s abstract, ”Community-University Partnerships: How Do We Achieve the Promise,” has been accepted for presentation at the University of Massachusetts Lowell 2007 conference.


WALTER

The WALTER lab is participating in a project evaluating stratospheric/mesospheric lightning events. A highly sensitive camera system will be installed on top of Armstrong Hall and lightning events in a radius of 500km from Mankato will be captured on digital tape.

The MSU Radon Project had a booth at the recent Southern Minnesota Home and Builders Show at the Mid-West Wireless Center, where their Radon monitoring and mitigation services were advertised.

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Susan Freeman and the Department of Women’s Studies celebrated women’s history month and the newest version of Coming of Age in the Twentieth Century, a website featuring interviews with women talking about their growing up experiences, at a March 22 reception.

Dawn Albertson presented Frontier Forum. A dinner was held honoring Dr. Albertson and prior Frontier Forum presenters.

Coming of Age website demonstration
College Activities

DIVERSITY TEACHING CIRCLE

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences organized, “Is Science Multicultural,” presented by Sandra Harding. Dr. Sandra Harding, professor of social sciences and comparative education at UCLA, has lectured at over 200 universities and conferences around the world and has authored numerous books, including Social Inequality: Is Science Multicultural? and Postcolonialism, Feminism & Epistemologies Science.

KESSEL PEACE INSTITUTE

The Kessel Peace Institute presented, When the Levies Broke, a Spike Lee documentary film, March 31. The documentary details the flooding of New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina and the tragedy of its aftermath.

The Kessel Peace Institute hosted, “Determinants of Interpersonal Violence,” presented by Bill Lewinski, on March 22. Dr. Lewinski spoke about the personal and social psychological factors which precipitate violence between persons and among groups.

The Kessel Peace Institute sponsored, “A Discussion on Race Relations in Mankato,” an open forum for MSU students, faculty, staff, and all members of the community. The forum took place March 6, 2007.