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. This month’s excerpts from the faculty nominations statements are below.

**John Baquero** (History) is serving as the Administrative Assistant for Crawford Complex, and has served as the Community Advisor for Crawford Complex and as floor activities coordinator.

**Tamara Bell** (Social Studies) radiates enthusiasm for teaching social studies and sharing her knowledge with other people. She is a natural leader in her peer group, mentoring teacher candidates.

**Aaron Brownlee** (Psychology) participates in Psi Chi and Psychology Club activities and has danced in several university dance concerts. Outside of school, he has coached youth cheerleading.

**Sharon Dexheimer** (Women’s Studies) is pursuing a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership, is a recipient of the Dorie Morinville scholarship, a member of the women’s studies honor society, Iota, Iota, Iota, and a member of her community through Wellspring Faith in Action.

**Heidi Lotz** (Social Work) has been an international student Cultural Ambassador, a MSU Presidential Scholar, and a volunteer at the Lincoln Community Center. She is a member of Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society, the SBS Student Advisory Board, and the Golden Key Honor Society.

**Christal Lustig** (Women’s Studies) was awarded the Grace Lundquist Scholarship in Women’s Studies, is currently completing a teaching internship, and completed an internship with CADA. She is a member of the women’s studies honor society, women’s studies club, SAGE, Team MSQ, and participates in shOUT.

**Amanda Ryan** (Anthropology) participated in a service learning project in Applied Anthropology that showcased her ability to work collaboratively with others.

SBS CAREER DAY

The *Student Relations Office* sponsored the 2007 SBS Career Day. The event brought together hundreds of students, faculty, alumni, and other members of the community. It was a great opportunity for students to talk with prospective employers and hear from MSU alumni about careers in their specific fields. The Student Relations Office would like to thank all faculty who organized panels and helped promote this event. A special thanks goes out to Judy Olson-Passer for putting on such a successful event.
ANTHROPOLOGY

Sebastian LeBeau presented at the Native Nations Conference, December 1, 2006, Mankato, MN.

Sebastian LeBeau talking with a student

ECONOMICS


GEOGRAPHY


Fei Yuan’s article, “Patterns and Variability of Summer NDVI in Response to Climate Variables at the Local Level in Minnesota,” was published in GIScience and Remote Sensing, 44(2), 1–16 (2007).

Fei Yuan, Forrest Wilkerson, Donald Friend, Ginger Schmid (Geography), and Bryce Hoppie (Geology) were recommended for $159,000 in funding by the Minnesota Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for their proposal, “Improved River Quality Monitoring Using Airborne Remote Sensing.”

POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Joseph A. Kunkel was interviewed February 1, 2007, by Marie Horrigan, Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, about the 2008 Senate contest in Minnesota (Norm Coleman, Al Franken and others).

Fred Slocum was a discussant on the panel, “Race and Democratic Politics,” and presented a paper titled, "Militarism, Southern Culture, the 9/11 Attacks and the Bush Administration's Responses: The Implications for Contemporary Southern Politics," at the Southern Political Science Association conference, January 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, LA.

Fred Slocum was awarded a $3,134 Faculty Research Grant to conduct Southern politics research during his spring 2007 sabbatical.

Fred Slocum had four articles accepted for publication in the International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences, 2nd edition, forthcoming from Thomson Gale Publishing Group later this year. Slocum’s accepted articles are on “Law and Order,” “The Southern Strategy,” “Dealignment” and “Public Opinion.”

PSYCHOLOGY

Dawn Albertson presented a poster, “Physiological Psychology Laboratory Curriculum: Experiential Learning for Translation into either Graduate School or Employment,” at the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Andrea Lassiter presented a poster, “The Intersection of Experiential Learning and Service Learning in Psychology,” at the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

SOCIAL WORK


Paul Mackie was quoted in the December 6, 2006, Mankato Free Press story, "Driving Changes." This story discussed the work Mackie is currently involved with to improve the livability of the Washington Park neighborhood.

Paul Mackie’s article, "Your philosophy of social work: Developing a personal and professional definition to guide practice," was accepted for publication in, The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics.

URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES

Janet Cherrington’s graduate/undergraduate class (URBS 653/485) in local government media relations was featured on KEYC TV on Dec. 5, 2006, in conjunction with the brochure they created for the city of New Prague. Full-page articles about the project were printed in the Mankato Free Press on Dec. 19, 2006, and the...
New Prague Times on January 4, 2007. The brochure was developed in collaboration with South Central College’s Applied Production students, to promote the city’s parks and recreation opportunities.

Janet Cherrington has been elected 2007 vice-chairperson for the Janesville Planning Commission.

College Activities

**ADVISORY BOARD LECTURE**

SBS alumnus, Tom Maertens presented the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences 4th Annual Advisory Board Lectureship on January 29, 2007. Maertens presented, “The Terrorist Threat: An Insider’s Perspective,” to a packed auditorium and he was later honored at a college luncheon. SBS Alum, Tom Doering chairs the Advisory Board committee that organized this event.

**SBS COMMENCEMENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences held a Commencement Reception to congratulate students on their success. The reception took place December 16, 2007.

**SBS DIVERSITY WORKSHOP**

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences workshop, “Guiding Change Journeys: A Diversity Approach,” was held January 11, 2007. The workshop, planned by the SBS Diversity Teaching and Learning group, was facilitated by Dr. Rebecca Chan Allen.

**SBS DIVERSITY POTLUCK**

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Diversity Committee sponsored the SBS Diversity Potluck on January 11, 2006. Faculty were encouraged to bring a dish from their cultural background to share.

**SBS CELEBRATION**

Dean John Alessio hosted the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Seasonal and end of Semester Celebration on December 12, 2006.

Anthony Filipovich received a $5,000 grant for Citizen’s Voices from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

Clark Johnson presented the faculty’s congratulations to graduates, friends, and family members attending the SBS recognition ceremony.

Pedro Lopez hooded Julie Stevermer, during the December 16, 2007, SBS recognition ceremony.
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