ETHNIC STUDIES

Maricela DeMirjyn (faculty), Trina Bolton (graduate student) and Heather Tracy (undergraduate student) presented their paper, “Academic Locations & Identities: Narrative In-Sites for Women of Color Courses,” at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Oakland, CA, March 29-April 1.

POLITICAL SCIENCE\LAW ENFORCEMENT

Political Science students Melissa Andersen, David Gindorff, Takehito Kamata, Justin Newman and Mary O’Connor, and December 2006 alumnus Andrew Ansel, attended the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, April 12-15. Pi Sigma Alpha chapter advisor Fred Slocum accompanied the students.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psi Chi and Psychology club hosted Dr. Blake Fry from the Center for Victims of Torture. He will be discussing issues that refugees face as well as support that is available to them. He spoke April 12.

SOCIAL WORK

Sara Feldbrugge, Spring 2007 graduate in Psychology and Human Biology, will be a delegate to the Golden Key International Honour Society’s trip to China through the International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP). The group will be learning about medicine and health care in China. She will be traveling with 60 other delegates from around the globe, May 23-June 5.

SOCIOLOGY\CORRECTIONS

Department of Sociology and Corrections students presented at the joint meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, April 4-7.

Graduate student presentations:

Ray Sin, “Emotionally Contentious: The Strategic Use of Emotions in PETA’s visual Rhetoric.”

Matthew Lust, “God Hates Fags: Understanding Propaganda and Culture jamming as Symbolic Action.”

Kristeen Giese, “A Look into My Momma’s Pantry: Social Networks among Canners.”

Undergraduate student presentations:

Jessica Friton, “Gender Inequalities in Sex Education Curriculum.”

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

SBS students participated in the April 22-24, Minnesota State University, Mankato Undergraduate Research Conference. SBS presentations and poster sessions were:

Lisa Pohl (J. Stitt) presented, “Defining Sexual Assault, A Survey of College-Age Men.”

Women’s Studies student presenting at the URC

Jeff Holden (P. Brown) presented, “Payoff Transparency and Reward Desirability in the Prisoner’s Dilemma.”

Elizabeth Kolbe (P. Brown) presented, “Men, Women and Children for Sale: The Dichotomy of Human Trafficking in the United States and Abroad.”

Jeff Brand (R. Schirmer) presented,
“Five Social Problems Originating from the French & British Fur Trade as Expressed in the Dakota of Minnesota.”


Amanda Woller (A. Lassiter) presented, “Trust Formation Across Multiple Levels of Virtuality.”

Michael Parry (K. Filter) presented, “Developing and Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Training Program for Secondary-Level, Targeted Behavioral Interventions in School.”


Aaron Brownlee (S. Sifers) presented, “The Effects of Divorce and Its Associated Stressors on Children and Adolescence.”

Rebecca E. Fenicle (K. Filter) presented, “School Psychology Practice and Job Satisfaction.”

Jamie M. Scott (J. Buchanan) presented, “The Impact of Weather Conditions on Mood Variability in Geographically Relocated Versus Non-Relocated Individuals.”

Vesna Champagne (L. Perez) presented, “Work and Leisure Attitudes—‘Sunday Night Blues’.”

Danielle M. Thomsen (J. Kunkul) presented, “The Decision to Run: The Stories of Women in the Minnesota Legislature.”

Alyssa George (C. Clarke) presented, “Creating a Responsible Media.”

Conrtnay VanDe Velde (J. Stitt) presented, “Title IX at Minnesota State University, Mankato.”

Gillian Gray (J. Stitt) presented, “To Vote or Not to Vote: Influences on Young MSU Women Concerning the Decision to Vote.”

Jennifer Melby (J. Stitt) presented, “Wonderful: The Power of a Compliment on a Woman’s Self-Esteem.”

Brad Freihoefer (J. Stitt) presented, “Essentialism, Experience, and the Transsexual Reality.”

Brad Heitzinger (V. Luoma) presented, “Greenroofs, An Urban Oasis.”

Kathryn Pase (L. Witherell) presented, “Motivations of the Opponents to the British Contagious Acts (1688-1886).”

Gregory Boubel (M. Loayza) presented, “Dignified Aloofness: Canada’s Failed Bid to Join the Pan American Union.”

Dustin B. Heckman (L. Witherell) presented, “The Rise of Benjamin Diraeli and the Passage of the Second Reform Act.”

Rebecca Unetic (L. Witherell) presented, “Nineteenth Century Views on Theater and Drama in England.”

Skye A. Dauer (M. Handke) presented, “Christian Influence on Roman Law Pertaining To Judaism.”

Abigail A. Tieck (L. Witherell) presented, “The Effects of British Penal Reform on Juvenile Delinquency.”

James Gillham (C. Corley) presented, “A Cause de son Infirmité: Disability at a Girl’s Orphanage in Early-Modern Dijon, France.”

Ashley Angerhofer (J. Stitt) presented, “An Analysis of Recovery from Abuse in Two Women’s Autobiographies.”

Rebecca Pollack (F. Wilkerson) presented, “Population of Northern Leopard Frogs (Rana Pipiens) Migrating Between the Ney Frog Pond and the Minnesota River Valley for Spring Breeding.”

Rebecca Pollack presenting at the URC

Kelly Trytten (J. Stitt) presented, “In the Know: The Appropriate Sharing of Sexual Experience.”

Sharon Dexheimer (J. Stitt) presented, “Listen, Can You Hear Their Voices?: Analysis of the Representation of Women in the St. James (Minnesota) High School Curriculum.”

Amanda A. Slowinski (J. Stitt) presented, “Christian Feminism: Female Pastors and Feminism.”

Elizabeth Cody (J. Stitt) presented, “Porn and Feminism in a New Light.”

Nicole Meyers (J. Stitt) presented, “Reassessing Por-
**Faculty and Department Activities**

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

Ronald Schirmer and Kate Blue were co-chairs of the local organizing committee for the Council for Minnesota Archaeology symposium, Feb. 9 to 11.

Ronald Schirmer presented, "Working with City Planners: a case example from Red Wing," at the Council for Minnesota Archaeology symposium, Feb. 9 to 11.

Ronald Schirmer has agreed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.


**ETHNIC STUDIES**

Maricela DeMirjyn presented at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies in San Jose, CA, April 4-7, 2007. The focus of the annual conference was Sociocultural and Ideological Shifts: Chicana/o Migratory Movements and Immigration Passages.

Maricela DeMirjyn presented a talk on the Historical Overview of Latinas in Higher Education for the Chicano Latino Conference, April 12-13, Mankato, MN.

Maricela DeMirjyn presented, “The Transference of Applied Chicana Feminisms.” at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, St. Charles, IL, June 28-July 1.

Maricela DeMirjyn became a board member for LA MANO, a local Mankato nonprofit organization.

**GEOGRAPHY**

Fei Yuan presented, “Comparison of NDVI and Imper-
vious Surface Area as Metrics for Land Surface Temperature Quantification,” at the American Association of Geographers Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 16-21.

**GERONTOLOGY**

The University's **Center on Aging and the Gerontology Department** co-sponsored the **Chesley Lecture**, "Listening to the Lessons of Aging," on April 23. The speakers at the event were Helen Kivnick, professor of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, and Jim Klobuchar, long-time award-winning columnist for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and author of 20 books. The Chesley Lecture honors **Betty Chesley**, a benefactor of the Minnesota State Mankato Center on Aging.

![Mrs. Betty Chesley, Anne (Chesley) Herlihy, Carla Chesley and Robert Chesley at the 2007 Chesley Lectureship.](image)

**HISTORY**

The MSU History Department organized an Asian History Symposium: China Kaleidoscope. **Fei Yuan and Cindy Miller** presented, “Chinese Geography and Environmental Problems,” at the event.

![Fei Yuan and Cindy Miller presenting at Asian Symposium](image)

**Lori Ann Lahlum** presented, "We Serve Foods that Germans Ate Here: Women, Food, and Identity in a German-Lutheran Community," at the Organization of American Historians meeting, Minneapolis, April 1.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE/LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Abdalla Battah** presented, “Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East,” Mankato, MN, April 25.

**Joseph Kunkel** and Suzanne Bunkers (English) led their fifth study-travel tour to Italy during spring break 2007. They led a group of 34 students through many museums and political landmarks.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed on April 11 by Jon Swedin, *MSU Reporte,r* about Congress Simulation in POLS 473/573 Legislative Process.

**Joseph Kunkel** was interviewed on April 9 by Ed Felker, Washington Correspondent of *Rochester Post-Bulletin*, on Tim Walz performance during first 100 days of the 110th Congress.

**Fred Slocum** chaired the panel "The Political Consequences of Racial Stereotypes," and was a discussant for the panel, "The Dynamics of Group Conflict," at the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, April 12-15.


**Fred Slocum** completed the Oxford Round Table workshop, "Diversity in Society," at Oxford University, UK, March 25-30. Slocum presented a paper, "Authoritarianism and Resistance to Diversity in the American South."

**Fred Slocum** presented, “Authoritarianism, Resistance to Diversity and Republican Realignment Among White Southerners,” as part of the Bose Lecture Series at the Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, February 16.

**Tamara Wilkins** has been asked to serve a two year term as "National Advisor" for Alpha Phi Sigma (the National Criminal Justice Honors Society), May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2009.

The Department of Political Science & Law Enforcement hosted a lectureship by Jorge Castañeda, former United Mexican States foreign minister to Vincente Fox. Castañeda discussed Mexican-American relations and U.S. immigration policy, April 26.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Dawn Albertson** was asked to be a co-editor of McGraw Hill’s Annual Editions: Biopsychology publication for this year.

**Dawn Albertson** was asked to be on McGraw Hill’s advisory board for their Annual Editions: Drugs, Society, and Behavior publication.

**Kevin Filter** authored, “Positive behavior support: Considerations for the future of a model,” published in The Behavior Analyst, 30, page #s?


**The Industrial-Organizational Psychology** hosted a talk by Dr. Leaetta Houg, “Myths and Misconceptions of Personality Testing for Personnel Selection,” March 23. Houg is President of the Dunnette Group, a consulting firm based in St. Paul MN.

**The Industrial-Organizational Psychology** Master’s Program hosted a presentation by Maj. David Englert, Ph.D. Major Englert spoke on "The Role of Investigative Psychologists in Federal Law Enforcement,” April 10.

**SOCIAL WORK**

**Paul Macki’s** article, "Understanding the Educational and Demographic Differences between Rural and Urban Social Workers," was published in the Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work, 12, (2), 114 - 128.


**Annelies Hagemeister** was awarded a President’s Commission on the Status of Women, Professional Development & Research Grant in the amount of $375 to reimburse expenses related to a research project she is working on collaboratively with the Committee Against Domestic Abuse and the Blue Earth County Violence Taskforce. The project titled “Dual Arrest in Cases of Domestic Assault in Southern Minnesota” is analyzing justice system and advocacy data related to arrests for domestic assault in Blue Earth County. The purpose of the project is to help law enforcement, judicial system, and advocates better understand and change patterns of responses to such cases in the area.

**SOCIOLGY/CORRECTIONS**

**Afroza Anwary** presented, “Transnational Social movement Theories and Anti-Sex Trafficking Movement,” at the joint meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, April 4-7.


**Vicki Hunter** presented, “Revisiting Feminist Approaches to Qualitative Data Collectionand Analysis,” at the joint meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, April 4-7.


**URBAN STUDIES**

The sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority have spotlighted the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for its professional service to the women of their sorority. A special thanks goes out to Matt Loayza, Sarah Sifers, Robert Simonson, Dawn Albertson, Larry Witherell, Beth Welde, Richard Schiming, and Shawn Osell.


The SBS Diversity Teaching Circle hosted a lectureship by Betita Martinez, “Battle for Memory, Whose History Did You Learn?” April 17.

The Kessel Peace Institute presented, “Human Stories of War,” a Panel Discussion with Monica Pierce and Fred Schumacher, on April.


Randall Zindler, geography alumnus and 2007 MSU Distinguished Alumni award winner talked about the international relief efforts of Medair, Inc. and the importance of a vision for individuals and for organizations, Mankato, MN, April 20.

Professor Cindy Miller with Distinguished Alumni Randall Zindler

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences hosted a retirement reception to honor Doran Hunter, Tom Schmid and Phyllis Tiedeken, for their many years of contributions to the College on May 7.

Betita Martinez

Maria Bevacqua’s article, “Women’s Studies Transform the World,” was published in Ms. Magazine.

Jocelyn Fenton Stitt received a MSU Faculty Summer Research Grant for work on her co-edited book (with Pallavi Rastogi) Before Windrush: Recovering a Black and Asian Literary History within Britain: 1750-1945.

Jocelyn Fenton Stitt

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Susan Freeman, “Telling it like it was: Oral history project shared on web site,” appeared in The Free Press, March 20, featuring the multimedia project produced by students in WOST 251, Coming of Age: Gender and Culture.

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