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Center for Violence Prevention opens

The newest CSBS center is formally open for business. The UNI Center for Violence Prevention (CVP) is the result of the collaboration of many faculty, administrators, staff and students all working to prevent violence on our campuses and in our communities. This new Regents-wide campus violence training, curriculum, and programming initiative is focused on campus violence prevention and response. One of the core missions of the center is to create a regional dissemination site to share research, services and violence prevention education.

CVP is directed by Annette Lynch, a professor in the School of Applied Human Sciences, who is also the Flagship Project Director for a campus violence prevention grant funded by the Department of Justice and serving all three state supported universities in Iowa. Lynch has over a decade of leadership experience directing violence prevention programs. Previous projects have focused on creating safer campuses and schools in Iowa, and her work has resulted in the system-wide revision of sexual misconduct policies, with model policies implemented in 2008 at UNI, ISU, and UI.

Joining Lynch in the center is Alan Heisterkamp, Ed.D. Heisterkamp directs the CVP’s Mentors in Violence Prevention Institute, overseeing implementation of MVP on all three state-supported universities in Iowa and leading the effort to infuse MVP into the teacher education and education leadership curriculum at UNI. His previous work has focused on systemic approaches to address violence and bullying awareness and prevention, including bullying and gender violence prevention, student leadership and bystander education, engaging men and boys in violence prevention, and teen dating violence awareness and prevention.

The opening ceremony included remarks from President Ben Allen, Executive Vice President and Provost Gloria Gibson; US Senator Charles E. Grassley; Binnie LeHew, bureau chief of disability and violence prevention at the Iowa Department of Public Health; and John Flannery, vice president of external and government affairs with Verizon. Contributors to the CVP, including Verizon Communications, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Watt Institute for Violence Prevention, and the Iowa Department of Public Health, were recognized for their support of violence prevention work.

For more information, visit the center’s web site at www.uni.edu/cvp.
Military Science joins CSBS

CSBS is proud to announce the addition of UNI’s Department of Military Science to the college. Recent conversations revealed that there are significant areas of synergy between the department, formerly a standalone program, and a number of programs and faculty in CSBS, many of whom have already been engaged with Military Science. The majority of students in ROTC are also to be found in CSBS majors. Moreover, social scientists more than anyone should be aware of the need for civilians to understand military issues, without which civilian control of the military and therefore democratic governance are impossible.

The Department of Military Science offers a minor in military science and administers the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program. The program’s introductory classes focus on the foundations of leadership. Students study different leadership styles and tools that will help them become better leaders, like personal and team goal setting, an effective problem solving construct, ethics, and values. These courses are available to all students at UNI and can help anyone improve their leadership abilities.

For those who wish to try for a commission and the opportunity to serve the Army as an officer, an additional 4 semesters of courses expand their basic education to understand more of the tactics used by the Army, about the current operating environment, and how to work with people of other cultures. Graduates of Army ROTC earn the bar of a Second Lieutenant and can be commissioned into the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. About 75% of all Army officers receive their commission through an ROTC program in the United States, Guam, or Puerto Rico.

UNI’s ROTC program was established in 1981. The University of Northern Iowa Panther Battalion has been lead by Lieutenant Colonel John C. Roadcap since July 2009. Roadcap holds a BA in criminal justice administration and an MS in human resources administration. He has been stationed at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and the Army’s Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia. He has been deployed to Kuwait, Albania, and Iraq, having worked with the Iraqi Security Forces in Baghdad and with the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Justice and numerous non-governmental agencies in Al-Kut.

Roadcap has earned several awards for his service, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the NATO Medal, the Kosovo Liberation Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is married to the former Jeni Kuennen of Maynard, Iowa. They have one daughter and one son and currently reside in Waverly.

Clockwise from above: LTC John Roadcap, Head of the Department of Military Science and UNI’s ROTC program; UNI ROTC cadets; the Spring 2010 commissioning ceremony for graduates; and the trophy recently awarded for placing 2nd as a program in 3rd Brigade. The 3rd Brigade consists of 76 schools, each judged on the criteria of the cadets’ leader development and assessment performance, academic standing, exceeding commissioning expectations, and more.
Faculty Kudos


Marybeth Stalp (Sociology) has agreed to serve a 3-year term on the International Quilt Study Center Museum Board, the premier place in the world for quilt research. She also presented a poster at The American Quilt Study Group Annual Seminar Meeting in Bloomington, Minn., in October titled “Infused Meaning in Embroidered Quilts.”

Li Jian (Anthropology) has published an article in Culture & Agriculture, a journal of the American Anthropological Association, entitled “The Decline of Household Pig Farming in Rural Southwest China: Socioeconomic Obstacles and Policy Implications.”

Andrey Petrov (Geography) is a co-investigator on a “Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic” (ReSDA) project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and partnering agencies. The project team includes over forty scholars from Canada, the USA, and Europe.

Wallace Hettle (History) has authored Inventing Stonewall Jackson: A Civil War Hero in History and Memory, which will be released by Louisiana State University Press in Spring 2011. His first book, The Peculiar Democracy: Southern Democrats in Peace and Civil War (2001) will be issued in paperback by the University of Georgia Press in Fall 2011.

Carol Weisenberger (History) will teach a four-week course later this spring as part of UNI’s Lifelong University, a program aimed at serving mature learners. “From Treaties to Speeches: U.S. Diplomacy Between the Wars, 1919-1941” will examine the efforts to keep the U.S. at peace, including treaties negotiated by the government and speeches by prominent Americans.

Mary Losch (CSBR) made a presentation to the Iowa Board of Regents in February summarizing the research program of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies, now in its fourth year.

Patrick Pease (Geography) was successful in the recent seed grant competition from the Office of Sponsored Programs. His proposal is titled “Feasibility Study of Using Fused Glass to Improve Calibration Standards for Quantitative Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy of Geologic Materials.”

John DeGroote (GeoTREE staff) was also successful with his proposal, “Investigating spatial relationship between adult obesity and the built and natural environment.”

Dhirendra Vajpeyi (Political Science) presented a paper titled “Water Resource Conflicts and International Security: A Global Perspective” as part of the International Political Science Association’s conference on Global Governance, Conflict Resolution, and Sustainable Development. The conference was held in December in Hyderabad, India. Also present was Pita Agbese (Political Science) to present his paper, “The Uses, Abuses and Misuses of Constitutionalism in Africa.”

Gene Lutz and Disa Cornish (CSBR) made presentations to the Iowa Legislature in January regarding successful outcomes of the state’s tobacco cessation services found from a three-year evaluation study.

Ken Atkinson, formerly an associate professor of Philosophy and World Religions, has joined the Department of History.
The following students are Alderman Scholars who earned a place on dean’s list for the fall 2010 semester. Alderman scholarships can be worth up to $6,000 per year and are intended for “needy, worthy, and appreciative” students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Ryan Alfred  (Social Science Education)
Cyanna Clauser  (Social Work)
Carrie Eischen  (Psychology and Sociology)
Chantal Fruling  (Psychology)
Heidi Gansen  (Sociology and Criminology)
John Gogola  (Social Science Education)
Dara Mead  (Psychology)
Tabatha Sik  (Social Work)
Danielle Stuck  (Psychology)
Shari Timm  (Psychology and Social Work)
Michael Yoerger  (Psychology, Public Administration, and Political Science)

Ross Curnow  (History), the first Hefner Scholarship recipient, has also been named to the fall 2010 dean’s list (see page 5).

Kelsey Whiting  (Political Science) has been accepted to present a poster at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago this spring. The poster, “Nuclear Proliferation: Only for the Willing and Able,” was based on a paper for an international security class and examines the determinants of nuclear proliferation using a logistic regression model.

Sean Lenihan  (Public Policy) has been accepted to present a paper conference in Ankara, Turkey, in June. The conference is the International Political Science Association’s Research Committee on Armed Forces and Society on the issue of new domestic and international challenges.

Wesley Hunt  (Criminology) has been accepted to a summer internship with the Washington Center.

Undergraduate CSBS students can now apply for funding for an out-of-state or international internship or cooperative education experience that enriches their academic experience. Applications available at www.uni.edu/csbs/scholarships-funding/.

Interior Design Senior Portfolio Show

Left: The annual Senior Portfolio Show for senior interior design students was held in December in the lobby of UNI’s Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE).

Lower left: Students with professor Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi

Lower right: Darcey Noyce, of Clive, Iowa, with her design portfolio.

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If you have a notable achievement you’d like published in an upcoming edition of CSBS Kudos, send the information to holly.bokelman@uni.edu. Then watch for the next edition!
Corye Johnson
(Psychology MA '04) was recently named a “20 under 40” recipient by the Waterloo Courier for 2010. The series honors outstanding young people in the Cedar Valley who are making a difference in their work and personal lives to make the area a better place.

Katie (Buelow) Kopp (Psychology ‘03) received her PhD from Biola University in 2008 and has been a licensed clinical psychologist since January 2009. She is on active duty in the United States Army and currently works as the brigade psychologist for the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, Colorado. She deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom in June 2009 and finished her deployment to Eastern Afghanistan in June 2010. She lives with her husband (Kevin Kopp, ‘03) in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Randy Hefner (’75 History) was recently sworn in as a new judge for Iowa’s Fifth Judicial District at a ceremony at the Dallas County Courthouse in Adel.

After graduating with honors from UNI, Hefner received his J.D. from Drake University Law School in 1978. He joined the firm Shaff, Farwell & Senneff in Clinton, where he practiced until moving to Adel in 1979. He takes the bench having had a nearly 30-year legal career in private practice there.

Randy’s wife, Connie, is also a UNI grad, who received her degree in elementary education in 1975. She retired in 2010 after a long career in education.

Randy and Connie Hefner support scholarships in both the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Education.

The CSBS award is available each year to a student majoring in history, political science, geography, or anthropology. Incoming freshmen with an ACT score of at least 25 and a graduating rank in the top third of her/his class are eligible, along with upperclassmen receiving a 3.0 GPA in the semester immediately preceding the award. This year’s CSBS recipient is Ross Curnow, a freshman from Urbandale majoring in History.

The Honorable Randy Hefner (center) with wife Connie and their son, Mark, of St. Paul, Minn.
CSBS Student Research Conference calls for submissions

The 18th Annual College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Student Research Conference is approaching. This year’s event is scheduled for April 9. All CSBS undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to register and participate in this conference. The deadline for poster and oral submissions is March 23, and the registration to attend closes March 31. The event also seeks volunteers to help with the conference as the date approaches. Active student participation is always welcome and comprises a key goal for the conference.

The conference allows students to attend seminars, lectures, and panel discussions that generally address future possibilities and job prospects after graduating in the social sciences, current research focus in the fields, and graduate education in the social sciences. It is also an opportunity for students to meet others with similar interests from across campus and across the Midwest, exchange ideas, present research, and learn more about developments in social sciences.

The keynote speaker this year will be sociologist Christopher Uggen, the Distinguished McKnight Professor and Sociology department chair at the University of Minnesota, whose research interests include punishment and reentry, citizenship, substance use, discrimination, and, most recently, health inequalities.

Both students and faculty are encouraged to attend. For more information on the conference or to register, visit www.uni.edu/csbs-conference/.

9/11 Commemoration planning

The events and aftermath of 9/11 have had a profound impact on the US and the world.

CSBS is well positioned to participate in university-wide commemorations of the upcoming 10th anniversary of 9/11. The disciplines found in the college have been at the forefront in putting this historical period in context, and the addition of the Department of Military Science (see page 2) helps underscore that connection.

If you have ideas or suggestions about speakers, films, panels, or other events having to do with the impact of 9/11 on the US or the world, please contact the dean’s office.

The faculty of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences continually distinguish themselves in quality teaching, scholarship and service. CSBS Kudos, published twice every semester, is meant to highlight these accomplishments and make colleagues in the college and across campus aware of the great things being done in CSBS. By sharing the ideas, interests and contributions of faculty, we hope to sustain a sense of community among the teacher-scholars of UNI.