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CSBS *Kudos*

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

April 2010

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.

Kudos to:

CSBS Faculty who have earned promotion!
Those receiving tenure and promotion to Associate Professor:

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi (Interior Design)

Li Jian (Anthropology)

Ana Kogl (Political Science)

Tyler O'Brien (Anthropology)

Those receiving promotion to the rank of Professor:

Jay Lees (History)

Ramanathan Sugumaran (Geography)

Robert Martin and **Carol Weisenberger** (History) were interviewed on KUNI's *Talk of Iowa* in December 2009 on "The Great Depression."

Cindy Jubly (Social Work) and several students attended Social Work Legislative Day in Des Moines in February. Part of the day included meeting with Senator Jeff Danielson, an alumnus of political sciences and the masters of public policy.

Joe Gorton (Criminology) and **Catherine DeSoto** (Psychology) have been elected vice president and president of United Faculty.

Robert Schneider (Social Work) recently published a book, *Basic Statistics for Social Workers: Revised Edition* and an article in the *Journal of Nephrology Social Work* titled "The Renal Caregiver Burden Scale: Phase One."

John Johnson (History) delivered a talk, "McCarthyism and the Home Front," in March as part of the Cedar Falls Historical Society's year-long commemoration of the Korean War. Also, Johnson's recent book, *Griswold v Connecticut: Birth Control and the Constitutional Right of Privacy* (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2005), has gone into a second printing.

Katherine van Wormer (Social Work) received a 2009 PASS Award (Prevention for a Safer Society) for her book, *Death by Domestic Violence: Preventing the Murders and the Murder-Suicides* (Praeger) from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Xavier Escandell (Sociology) has published a co-authored article in the journal *Annual Review of*

Sociology entitled "Comparative Analyses of Public Attitudes Toward Immigrants and Immigration Using Multinational Survey Data: A Review of Theories and Research". *ARS* is consistently considered one of the top journals in the discipline of sociology.

Bill Downs (Social Work) was recently announced as the CSBS recipient of the 2010 Veridian Credit Union Award for his research.

The following faculty have been awarded **2010 Dean's Challenge Grants**.

Interdisciplinary Clusters:

Konrad Sadkowski (History) and **Xavier Escandell** (Sociology): UNI/CSBS Institute for National Identity Studies

Steven Briggs and **Richard Featherstone** (Criminology): Interdisciplinary Certificate in Crime Mapping and Analysis

Helen Harton (Psychology), **Chris Larimer** (Political Science), and **Andrey Petrov** (Geography): Politics, Attitudes, and Space

External Funding:

Pita Agbese (Political Science): US Security, Islamic Fundamentalism, and the Politics of Terrorism in West Africa

Catherine DeSoto (Psychology): Autism Among Somali Immigrants

Robert Hitlan (Psychology): Language Exclusion and Intergroup Relations: An NSF-RUI Grant Proposal Project

Justin Holmes (Political Science): NSF Early Career Development Grant: Content Choice, Individual Psychology, and Media Effects

Andrey Petrov (Geography): Taimyr Reindeer and Environmental Change (TREC)

Innovative Teaching

Adam Butler (Psychology): Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology: A Web Based Teaching Module

Jack Yates (Psychology): Climate Change: Weather, Marine Effects, Lifestyles, and Government Policies in Spain.

In other news...

The **Center for Social and Behavioral Research** (CSBR) has been named by UNI's Career Services as one of the "20 Best Internships" for the coming academic year. The CSBR internship program will employ an evaluation research assistant to work on its many projects. The Center typically employs about 5 research assistants (primarily graduate students) who work with them on all aspects of their projects in addition to between 15 and 50 telephone interviewers.

The **Iowa Sociological Association Annual Meeting** will be held at UNI Saturday, April 24, 2010. Keynote speaker is **Dr. Joel Best**, a professor of sociology and criminal justice at the University of Delaware who specializes in the sociology of deviance and social problems. His keynote address, "Everyone's a Winner: Life in a Congratulatory Culture," will be from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 24, in Seerley 115. A public lecture, "The Stupidity Epidemic," will also be held Friday, April 23, in Schindler Education Center (SEC) 244/246 at 6pm. Both events are free and open to the public.

CSBS Distinguished Alumni Day

CSBS hosted its first Distinguished Alumni Day on Friday, April 16. Guests included Ellen Habel, Coralville assistant city administrator; Ottie Maxey, superintendent of Postville schools; Steve Quirk, executive director of Youth Emergency Services and Shelter of Des Moines; Tom Newton, director of the Iowa Department of Public Health; and John Koberg, retired cartographer from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Our theme this year of "Service to the State of Iowa and Beyond" is meant to highlight the many achievements of our alumni who dedicate themselves to public service and improving the lives of the people of Iowa.

The Iowa Space Grant Consortium

Ramanthan Sugumaran (Geography) has been named the director of the Iowa Space Grant Consortium, bringing the Consortium from Iowa State to UNI. A NASA funded program begun in 1989, the Space Grant is a national network of colleges and universities that works to expand opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects by supporting education projects, research and public outreach efforts. The Space Grant network includes over 850 affiliates including universities, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies. As director, Sugumaran will be overseeing the distribution of up to \$4.5 million in grants to affiliates around the state of Iowa over the next five years.

Student and Alumni news...

Dale Yurs (MA student in History) received the second-place award in the oral presentation category in the Graduate College's Third Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium held recently. The title of his presentation was "Oliver Ellsworth and the Federal Judiciary."

Bruce Meisinger (MPP and Political Science graduate) has been appointed director of the Black Hawk County Health Department.

Stephanie McEnaney (Interior Design) won first place in the recent regional student Sub-Zero and Wolf Kitchen Design Contest. McEnaney's design was part of a residential design project to design for people with disabilities. The award-winning design was a kitchen for a family with a parent born with dwarfism.

Sam Charnetski and **Katlyn Bries** (Political Science) will be presenting a research paper with Scott Peters at the upcoming Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting.

Angel Banks (Political Science) is helping Chris Larimer with work on his NSF grant.



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