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## CSBS Kudos, Fall 2012

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## New Year, New Faces

In addition to the new college leadership—Interim Dean Brenda Bass and Interim Associate Dean Richard Featherstone—the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has a number of new faculty and staff.

### New CSBS Faculty

CSBS is proud to announce three new faculty members this fall. We welcome them to the college and look forward to their individual contributions to teaching, research, and service.

**Dilbur Arsiwalla**, Developmental Psychology  
Ph.D., Auburn University

*Research Interests:* social information processing; emotion regulation; aggressive behavior; parenting; physiological functioning; risk and resilience; learning disability in the context of the family

**Fernando Calderón**, Latin American History  
Ph.D., University of Minnesota

*Research Interests:* modern Latin America; post-revolutionary Mexico; urban-armed revolutionary organizations; student radicalism; fascism in Mexico; authoritarianism and violence; human rights

**Allison Martens**, Political Science  
Ph.D., University of Texas

*Research Interests:* American political development; constitutional law and theory; law and courts; race, gender, and politics; civic education; social movements



## Meet Our New Constituent Development Officer

"I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself as a new member of the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

"My name is Nate Clapham and I'm the new Director of Development for CSBS. I started my position at UNI on August 1st after spending three years in collegiate fundraising at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. I've had the pleasure to meet many of you and look forward to meeting those who I have not met yet. Please feel free stop by my office in Sabin Hall (327B) or call me at 3-5468. I look forward to building on the great things currently happening in CSBS. Onward and upward!"

# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October included several campus events to bring awareness to the many forms of gender or power abuse.

## The Clothesline Project

This national movement involves allies and survivors of violence in creating wearable art to raise awareness and express their emotions. The UNI event, sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies and Feminist Action League, included t-shirt decorating on campus and display of the art works by the campanile and throughout Sabin Hall.



The project uses color-coded t-shirts to represent the form of abuse.

- red, pink, and orange = rape and sexual assault
- white = death because of violence
- yellow = domestic violence
- blue and green = childhood sexual abuse
- purple = attacked because of sexual orientation
- black = women attacked for political reasons



## The Invisible War

UNI's Military and Veteran Student Services Committee, Veterans Association, and Master of Social Work Student Association screened the film "The Invisible War" on campus. The documentary investigates the issue of sexual assault within the U.S. Military and received the Audience Award at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

The event included a panel session with (below, left to right) Bruce Braley, U.S. Representative; Linda Fangman, a Black Hawk County prosecutor specializing in sexual assault cases; Mark Rowe-Barth, UNI's substance abuse and violence intervention coordinator; Lt. Col. Mike Kuehn, an Iowa National Guard staff judge advocate; Lt. Col. Mary Parmenter, an Iowa National Guard sexual assault prevention and response officer; and Dr. Annette Lynch, director of UNI's Center for Violence Prevention.





## Around CSBS



**Constitution Day** was celebrated on campus September 17. UNI honors the day annually, and this year marked the 225th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Approximately 150 eighth-graders from Central Middle School in Waterloo came to campus in order to learn more about the constitution. The agenda included small-group activities focused on the limitations of free speech, social media and the first amendment, voter registration, and writing a bill of rights for their school. In addition, a panel of social science education, history education, and political science students discussed the theme "My Experience with the First Amendment."

Sponsored by the American Democracy Project, the event was carried out by **Chad Christopher**, the college's social science and history education advisor and field experience coordinator, and his students. Also representing CSBS on the planning committee were **John Johnson** of history and **Scott Peters** of political science.

*Left:* Social Science and History Education students leading the small-group activities

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology and the Global Studies program hosted a guest lecturer earlier this fall. Pau Marí-Klose of the Spanish Research Council and the University of Chicago presented, *Solidarity with the Unemployed in Ethnically Diverse Societies: Does Immigrant Unemployment Matter?* at the Center for Multicultural Education.

The Department of Social Work recently hosted its annual fall colloquium, which provides continuing education to social work professionals. Patrick McGrath, Ph.D. presented on the topic of therapy techniques to assist with anxiety, depression, and trauma. McGrath is director of the anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorders program at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital, Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

The **Center for Violence Prevention**, directed by Annette Lynch from the School of Applied Human Sciences, awarded the first **Verizon Foundation Making Safer Schools and Communities Scholarship** at a campus ceremony in August. The purpose of the new UNI award is to fund students addressing gender violence in communities.

**Amy Mieke**, a graduate student in UNI's educational leadership program, was selected by the donor to receive the CVP's scholarship. Mieke says the award's focus is crucial due to the rise of bullying in schools.



Present at the ceremony were (*above; left to right*) Brenda Bass, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Dwight Watson, dean of the College of Education; award winner Amy Mieke; George Erwin of Verizon Wireless; Victoria Robinson, head of the educational leadership program; and Willie Barney, director of secondary education at the Waterloo Public Schools and a 1996 graduate of the college's sociology program.

## FACULTY & STAFF *Kudos*

**Alex Oberle** (Geography) and John Ophus (Biology) were awarded the 2012-2014 UNI Base Program from NASA's Iowa Space Grant Consortium for a project that will use high-altitude ballooning to engage social science and science education students in a multidisciplinary undergraduate research project for ultimate use in the secondary curriculum. (*see page 6*)

**Katherine van Wormer, Laura Kaplan, and Cindy Jubly** (Social Work) have published a text, *Confronting Oppression, Restoring Justice*. Van Wormer has also co-edited *Restorative Justice Today: Practical Applications* and co-authored *The Maid Narratives: Black Domesticity and White Families in the Jim Crow South*.

**Carolyn Hildebrandt** (Psychology) is the 2012 recipient of the Helena Mullen Volunteer Recognition Award from the UNI Suzuki School, whose mission is to enrich the lives of children through the study of music.

**Li Jian** (Anthropology) was interviewed and quoted by *China Dialogue*, an independent, non-profit, environmental organization based in London, Beijing, and San Francisco. "What Are the Ecological Costs of China's Future Food Imports?" was published at [www.chinadialogue.net/](http://www.chinadialogue.net/) on October 9, 2012.

**Emily Machen** (History) published "Traveling with Faith: The Creation of Women's Immigrant Aid Associations in Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century France" in *Journal of Women's History*.

**Jack Yates** (Psychology) is conducting research for Get Energized Iowa, a consortium of four area towns competing to reduce electricity use in 2012. Residents in Dike, Fairbank, Readlyn, and Hudson are participating.

**John Johnson** (History) co-led the faculty development workshop "Using Newspapers in the Classroom" for UNI's American Democracy Project in September. He also had an on-line article, "The Rock Star as Historian," published at George Mason University's *History News Network* (<http://hnn.us/>) on October 1, 2012.

**Otto Maclin** (Psychology) presented "Change Behaviors- Clients Succeed!" at the Midwest Credit Counselor Conference held in Waterloo in June.

**Laura Janik-Marusov** (Political Science) is the first recipient of the department's Vajpeyi Endowment, which was established to support faculty who engage students in their scholarly pursuits.

**Ga-Young Choi** (Social Work) has co-authored "Domestic violence against migrant women in South Korea: Addressing the needs of a uniquely situated victim population in domestic violence policy" in *International Social Work*.

**Ramona McNeal** (Political Science) has co-authored, with a Kent State colleague, two publications. The book chapter "Bridging the Inequality Gap to Searching Medicare and Medicaid Information Online:" will appear in *E-Government Success Factors and Measures: Concepts, Theories, Experiences, and Practical Recommendations*. The article "Children Mental Health Language Access Laws" will appear in *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Service Research*.

**Kenneth Atkinson** (History) has published a book: *Queen Salome: Jerusalem's Warrior Monarch of the First Century B.C.E.* He also presented "Understanding the Relationship Between the Apocalyptic Worldview and Jewish Sectarian Violence: The Case of the War Between Alexander Jannaeus and Demetrius III" at the First Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting in Italy this June.

**Scott Peters** (Political Science) participated in a League of Women Voters forum earlier this year on merit selection of judges. He discussed his research on the politics of judicial elections and the 2010 Iowa retention elections.

**Dennis Dahms** (Geography) participated in the International Geochronology Summer School in Bergun, in the upper Engadine of Switzerland. Fellow students were from South Africa, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Mexico, Romania, and Khirgistan.





## 2012 Summer Fellowship Recipients

Kudos to those CSBS faculty who received Summer 2012 Fellowships from the Graduate College:

**Pita Agbese** (Political Science): "Violence and Post-Election Grievances in Africa: A Critical Analysis"

**Greg Bruess** (History): "'The Well' of Meglialas: Politics of Commemoration at a Greek Civil War Memorial"

**Dennis Dahms** (Geography): "Glacial Stratigraphy And Soil Weathering: Comparisons Between the Rocky Mountains of Wyoming and the Swiss Alps"

**Xavier Escandell** (Sociology): "The Economic, Social and Emotional Effects of Remittances Among Bolivian Migrants to Spain"

**Don Gaff** (Anthropology): "Anthropology and the American Indian in the Fiction of Jim Harrison"

**Helen Harton** (Psychology): "The effects of the informed consent process on participation rates, data quality, and participant attitudes"

**Tyler O'Brien** (Anthropology): "Patterns of artificial cranial deformation among prehispanic South American populations: a craniometric study of morphology"

**Katherine van Wormer** (Social Work): "The writing of a textbook on sustainability: Social Welfare Policy for a Sustainable Future: the U.S. in Global Context"

**Anne Woodrick** (Anthropology): "One Day More: Women's Spirituality and Identity in a Rural Mexican Community"

## Award-winning Faculty

The following CSBS faculty were honored at the October 2012 State of the College Address for recent awards:

**Carissa Froyum** (Sociology): *University Book & Supply* Outstanding Teaching Award for Untenured Faculty

**Helen Harton** (Psychology): Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn** (Criminology): CSBS Outstanding Service Award

**Anne Woodrick** (Anthropology): CSBS Outstanding Teaching Award

## Around the World with Social Work

**Laura Kaplan**, associate professor of social work, spent 3 months this summer working with the American International Health Alliance in Tanzania. The program, sponsored by the Alliance, U.S. HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration), and PEPFAR (U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), provides funding for professionals to assist in capacity-building for HIV/AIDS service providers in Africa. Kaplan consulted with a consortium of 12 universities in various stages of development of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in social work. Just five years ago, there was one university program in social work. Kaplan's focus was on assisting in the accreditation, curricula development, and teaching methods of 4 programs that began their graduate degrees in the fall 2012 semester and other programs initiating undergraduate degrees, online degrees, and other needs—including capacity-building of the consortium so members will act as mentors for programs in early stages of development.



**Laura Kaplan** (*center right*) with faculty from the University of Zanzibar and (*above*) the State University of Zanzibar.

**Carol Cook**, director of social work field instruction, again taught her popular study abroad course in Nicaragua this summer. Social work students had the opportunity to participate in Individual and Community Development in Nicaragua, which explores social issues in the second-poorest country in Latin America.



## STUDENT *Kudos*

Congratulations to three geography students who earned Iowa Space Grant Consortium (NASA ISGC) fellowships or scholarships for 2012-2013. Focusing on employing high-altitude ballooning for enhancing STEM learning, undergraduates **Kara Poppe** and **Brian Swedberg** will support Alex Oberle and biology's John Ophus for the 2012-2015 UNI Base Program from NASA ISGC. Graduate student **Tesfay Russell** will assist Andrey Petrov with remote-sensing research that will complete the previous years' Base Program. Each student will earn \$7,000 in scholarship/fellowship funding this year.



*Andrey Petrov and Tesfay Russell*

**RaeAnn Swanson**, a senior in history, has published an article in *Aisthesis*, the honors student journal at the University of Minnesota Duluth. "America on the Verge of Change: Margaret Sanger's Birth Control and the Population Question, 1915-1925" appeared in the summer 2012 issue.

**Lauren Kirby**, a junior in psychology, is volunteering this semester at the Black Hawk County Youth Shelter. She interacts with children who would otherwise be homeless if not for the shelter— reading with them, spending time with them, and helping them in a variety of ways depending on their needs.

**Molly Franta**, a senior in history and theatre, travelled to Greece in June to take part in an archaeological excavation. She spent four weeks on Despotiko, a tiny island in the Cyclades, working at an archaic sanctuary active around 600 B.C.E. Among the finds were pottery fragments and even human remains. Franta enjoyed the experience, which provided new possibilities as she prepares to apply to graduate schools.

**Sara McDowell**, a graduate social work student, has received an Air Force Health Professions scholarship. McDowell was one of only seven who were selected from across the country for this highly competitive award. Commissioned as an O-1, 2nd Lieutenant, she is excited and honored to begin her social work career wearing the military uniform and offering service to military members and their families. She will enter active duty Air Force in May.



*Sara McDowell*

**Carrie Eilderts**, a senior in history, has been an intern with the Cedar Falls Historical Society. She recently completed an exhibit for the Behrens-Rapp Filling Station, the small museum in Sturgis Park that serves as a visitors center.



*Molly Franta in Greece*

Social science education majors **Annalee Hollingsworth**, **Alyssa Holt**, **Jennifer Jorgensen**, **Mollie Ullestad**, and **Sydney White** are participating in a project entitled "High-altitude ballooning for enhancing STEM learning among undergraduate, pre-service teachers in science and geography/social science." In addition to the curriculum-building and research experience, participating students will receive a grant-funded trip to a NASA center in Virginia or Texas and a balloon 'kit' to use in their future classroom.

Military Science students **Andrew Tindall** (Criminology), **Wesley Gudenkauf**, **Erin Boyd**, **Andrew Higgins**, **Bethany Fischer**, **Michael Dornbusch**, and **David Greenfield** (Social Science Education) completed the Leadership Development and Assessment Course this summer at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. Although one of the smaller ROTC programs in Iowa, the group finished 15th of 272 competing ROTC programs— placing UNI in the top 10%.

## ALUMNI *Kudos*

**Ray Johnson** (Social Science Education '69) retired in January 2012 from Belmond community schools in north central Iowa. He had served 43 years as a school counselor, taking two years (1971-73) to serve in the US Army. He writes, "Life is great. Love them Panthers!"

**Patrick Devine** (Sociology '75) and **Donna (White) Devine** (Health Education '76) left their respective positions of employment this summer. Pat left his job with a metro probation department in Kansas City and Donna as a social work practicum instructor at University of Kansas. In July they headed to the Philippines in order to begin a 27-month tour of service as volunteers with the Peace Corps.

**Dennis Pfrimmer** (Social Work '76) is a social worker with Capital Area Counseling Service in Pierre, S. Dak. He received the 2012 Social Worker of the Year award presented by the state's chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

**Tim Navara** (Social Science Education '88) is the high school principal and activities director with Treynor school district in SW Iowa.

**Ryan Tapscott** (Psychology '03) earned his MS and PhD in psychology from Iowa State University. He was previously research director at Arizona Pain Specialists in Phoenix and is currently an associate consultant for Trial Behavior Consulting in Los Angeles, Calif. He recently participated in Kim MacLin's Careers in Psychology class as part of the alumni guest speaker series, which allows students to connect with alumni either virtually or in person.

**Adam Saucedo** (Psychology BA '04; Mental Health MA '06) is lead counselor at MedCenter Work Recovery, a program focused on physical and emotional healing for successful workforce integration, in San Antonio, Texas. Saucedo also participated in the recent Careers in Psychology alumni guest speaker series.

**Jennifer Laughlin Bumgarner** (Psychology '06) has published a children's book. "Walking in Mommy's Shoes" is the first in a series. She has also contracted with her publisher to write a "Daddy" companion series and one about blended families.

**Philip Jones** (Public Administration '06) has been named the new city manager in Waverly, Iowa. After graduating from UNI, he earned his master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, in 2008.

**Karin Schwartz** (School Counseling '11) was interviewed by Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center that encourages diversity, equal opportunity, and respect for differences. She is a school counselor in the Cedar Rapids area.

**Danielle Williams** (Interior Design '10) has passed the examination for the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ), the professional designation for interior designers. She is a LEED Green Associate Interior Designer with SVPA Architects in West Des Moines.

**Adam Beaves** (Political Communication '12) has been a field organizer for the Iowa *Obama for America* political campaign.

**Julie Rabe** (Family Services '12) spent the summer as a celebrity and entertainment outreach brand marketing intern with the American Red Cross in Washington D.C. Her duties included drafting celebrity cabinet briefings for various charity events; assisting in Red Cross branding through entertainment product placement; maintaining celebrity and VIP support for various Red Cross lines of service events or projects; and researching celebrity social media.



*Julie Rabe in her last semester at UNI (above) and at the Red Cross (right).*





# 2012 Family Weekend a Success!

Thanks to all the faculty, staff, and students who volunteered their Saturday morning in order to welcome UNI families and share their enthusiasm for our programs. Look for us next year!



**UNI** I am studying and solving real-world problems.

**CSBSKudos**, published twice every semester, is meant to highlight accomplishments of faculty, students, and alumni of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and to make colleagues in the college and across campus aware of the great things being done in CSBS. By sharing these ideas, interests, and contributions, we hope to sustain a sense of community.