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CSBS Faculty & Staff Go "Above & Beyond" for Students

Northern Iowa Student Government and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning presented the 2014 Above & Beyond Awards on April 16. Congratulations to those honored for excellence in teaching and advising/service to students.

In the category of Excellence in Teaching, the three campus recipients were **Chris Larimer** (*Political Science*), **Jay Lees** (*History*), and **Scott Peters** (*Political Science*). Of the 21 nominees for the award, nine are from CSBS, including **Leisl Carr Childers** (*History*), **Tom Connors** (*History*), **Bob Dise** (*History*), **Mike Gasser** (*Psychology*), **Ana Kogl** (*Political Science*), and **Emily Machen** (*History*).

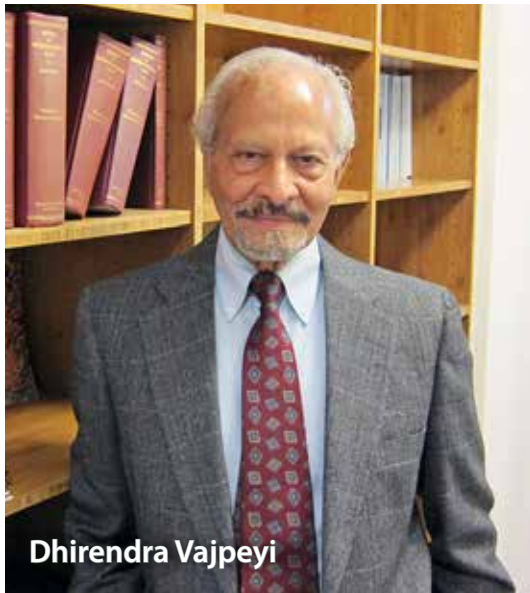
In the category of Excellence in Advising/Service to Students, recipients were **Kim MacLin** (*Psychology*), **April Chatham-Carpenter** (*CHAS/Communication Studies*), and **Jessica Moon** (*Honors Program—as well as adjunct instructor in CSBS's School of Applied Human Sciences and an alumna of Family Services*). **Joe Gorton** (*Criminology*) was also a nominee in this category.



2014 "Above & Beyond" award winners, students, and dignitaries. With their award certificates, from left: Scott Peters, Jessica Moon, Jay Lees, Chris Larimer, Kim MacLin, and April Chatham-Carpenter.

Best Wishes...

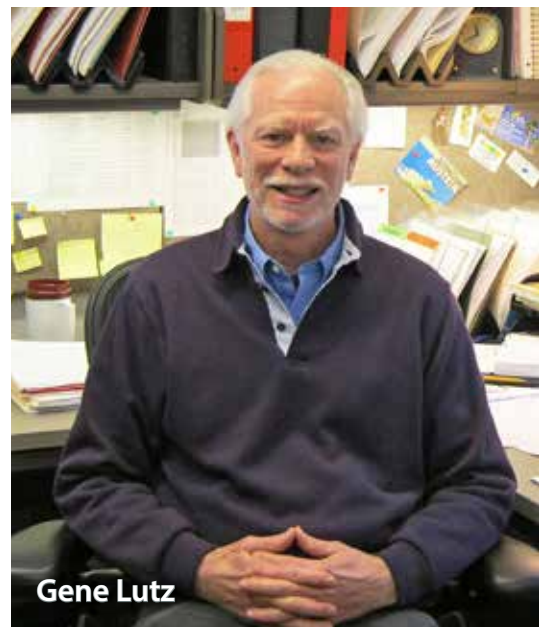
With much gratitude for their many years of service to the university and the college, CSBS sends our fondest wishes with the faculty and staff retiring this year.



Dhirendra Vajpeyi

Dhirendra Vajpeyi *Professor, Department of Political Science*
Vajpeyi joined the department in 1969, after having earned his Ph.D. at Michigan State University. He served as head of the Department of Political Science from 1988 to 1998. His research has centered on civil-military relations, development, and environmental policy, and he has edited or co-edited 19 books. In 2010, an alumnus of the department established the Vajpeyi Political Science Endowment fund, which supports faculty-student collaboration, in honor of his many years of dedication to student research.

Gene Lutz *Director, Center for Social & Behavioral Research*
Lutz earned his Ph.D. from Iowa State University and came to UNI in the summer of 1973, joining the sociology faculty. Although the CSBR was established in 1967, Lutz became the first full-time, dedicated director of the center in 1988. Lutz has been the principal investigator for over 70 studies of public health and other topics, as well as the administrator for additional studies. His expertise in quantitative methods, survey research, public opinion, and program evaluation has been a driving force in social science research at UNI.



Gene Lutz



Tom Keefe

Tom Keefe *Professor, Department of Social Work*
Keefe earned his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. Before coming to UNI in 1973, he served as a psychiatric social worker in the U.S. Air Force. He served as head of the Department of Social Work from 1990 to 2011 and has researched and published on peace studies, economic factors in stress, and social philosophy. He says the best part of his job has been knowing that what our graduates do is meaningful: there is a true relief of suffering that social workers can bring to people. Among his goals for retirement is another kind of writing—short stories and perhaps a novel.

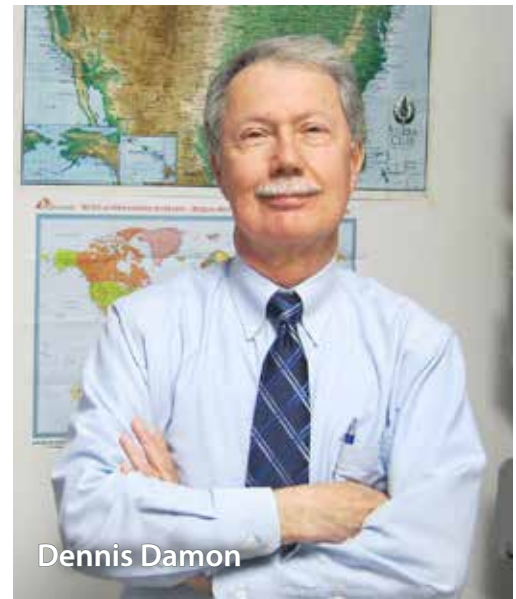


Jane Hunter *Secretary, Department of Political Science*

Hunter began working for UNI in 1990. After first serving in financial aid, she transitioned to the Department of Political Science in 1993. Since that time she has worked with six heads of the department. Herself a UNI graduate of business education, Hunter runs an efficient office and has been a solid resource for university policy. She says she will most miss the continuous crop of 'ageless' students.

Dennis Damon *Instructor, Department of Political Science*

Damon, a long-time instructor in the Department of Political Science, is retiring after many years of service. After retiring from a career in law enforcement, he first taught for the department from 1998 to 2001. Upon retiring in 2008 from serving as a counterterrorism intelligence specialist for six years in Washington, D.C., Damon returned to teaching classes in the Department of Political Science. After teaching 59 courses over 16 years, he is retiring (again!).



...and Congratulations!

Congratulations to those CSBS faculty earning tenure and promotion! Pending Board of Regents approval, the following will take effect for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Promotion to Professor:

Seth Brown, *Psychology*

Rob Hitlan, *Psychology*

Patrick Pease, *Geography*

Marybeth Stalp, *Sociology*

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor:

Emily Machen, *History*

Ramona McNeal, *Political Science*

Sundé Nesbit, *Psychology*

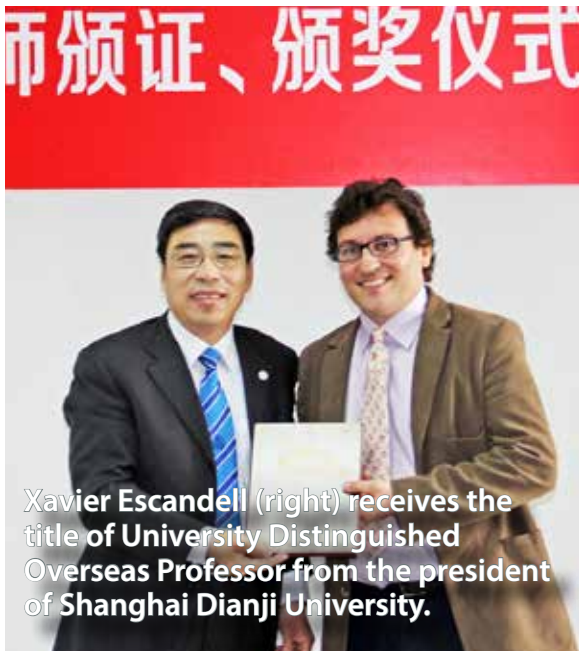
Andrey Petrov, *Geography*

FACULTY & STAFF *Kudos*

Nick Schwab (*Psychology*) is one of the four campus recipients of this year's University Book and Supply Outstanding Teaching Awards for pre-tenure faculty.

Three CSBS faculty gave invited talks at the UNI Distance Education Conference on April 9: **Carolyn Hildebrandt** (*Psychology*) and **Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn** (*Criminology*) presented "Incorporating Outside Resources into an Online Class" and **Anne Woodrick** (*Anthropology*) presented two of her online classes as part of the event's digital showcase.

Xavier Escandell (*Sociology*) recently taught a short course at Shanghai Dianji University, with whom UNI's College of Business has had a 2+2 partnership since in 2006.



Xavier Escandell (right) receives the title of University Distinguished Overseas Professor from the president of Shanghai Dianji University.

CSBS Shout-out!

This CSBS Shout-out goes to Jenny Becker, director of field instruction in Social Work.

"Although she's only been in the department two months, she's already making contact with agencies, developing relationships with them, and working to partner with other departments that have field experiences as part of their curriculum."

CSBS recipients of a 2014 Pre-Tenure Summer Fellowship, awarded by the Provost's office to support scholarly, research, or creative work leading to tenure review:

Dilbur Arsiwalla (*Psychology*): Sleep patterns, academic success, and health outcomes

Don Gaff (*Anthropology*): Army Life in the West: Charles Curtis and the American Indian

Steven Onken (*Social Work*): Navigating the Transition from Minority to Majority Cultures: A Pilot Study of Young Hearing Adults of Deaf Parents and Young Heterosexual Adults of Gay/Lesbian Parents

CSBS faculty who received Apple Polisher awards this year, given by the UNI Student Admissions Ambassadors, were **Tom Connors** (*History*), **Mike Gasser** (*Psychology*), **Carolyn Hildebrandt** (*Psychology*), **Mitchell Strauss** (*Textiles and Apparel*), and **Anne Woodrick** (*Anthropology*).

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014 CSBS Dean's Challenge Grants! Awarded in two categories this year, the grants support innovative teaching initiatives or student recruitment plans and international education or engagement.

Innovative Teaching or Recruitment:

Helen Harton (*Psychology*): Recruitment Plan for Psychology Graduate Program

Augustina Naami (*Social Work*): Diversity Course: Social Work with Persons with Disabilities

International Research and Teaching:

Andrey Petrov (*Geography*): From Ghost Town to Boom Town: Improving the Mutual Understanding of Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts of New Resource Development and Re-Industrialization on Single-Industry Communities in the USA and Russia

Dennis Dahms (*Geography*): Collaboration with the University of Zurich

Marybeth Stalp (*Sociology*): Handcrafting in the UK and Ireland

Michael Fleming (*Family Studies*) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from UNI's Center for Violence Prevention for exceptional commitment and service to ending gender-based violence. The award was presented at the Y Factor Military Summit, held April 15 on campus, to help military, civic, and educational leaders discuss their roles in preventing sexual violence in the military.

STUDENT *Kudos*

Mark Wieneke (*Military Science and Cadet Captain in UNI's Reserve Officer Training Corps*) is a recipient of the Iowa Governor's Cup Outstanding ROTC Award. The award is presented annually to the top students in nine ROTC programs at six Iowa universities. Wieneke is a biology major from Coralville, Iowa.

Derek Richards (*Geography graduate student*) received a 2013 field research travel grant from the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research. The award supported the project, "Climate Analysis Using Tree-rings from the Wind River Range, Wyoming." The awards are available to graduate students who are advised by center members and complete field research for their thesis or dissertation.

Students in **Phi Upsilon Omicron**, the honor society for the School of Applied Human Sciences, organized the first-ever "Out of the Darkness Walk" to support suicide prevention. The three-mile walk, held in early April, is part of this year's professional project for the group and will help support prevention efforts for the second-leading cause of death among college students. The student leadership of Phi U includes **Rachel Foote** (*Textiles and Apparel*), president, and **Paige Hoffman** (*Family Services*), vice president.



Lieutenant Colonel Glen Keith, head of UNI's Department of Military Science and ROTC; **Governor Branstad**; **Cadet Captain Mark Wieneke**; and **Major General Timothy Orr**, adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard

Madeline Trachta (*History*) has been accepted for graduate study in Britain. She will study holocaust studies in the department of history at Royal Holloway University of London.

Eric Zenisek (*Social Science Teaching*) took part in the Common Sense Action national summit in Washington, D.C., in January. He is president of the UNI chapter of the organization, whose mission is to involve Millennials in national policy making, advocate for fairness for their generation, and support investment in their educational and workforce success.



Students and staff participating in the "Out of the Darkness Walk" to raise awareness and funding for suicide prevention efforts

Photo courtesy of Heather Dudley

STUDENT *Kudos*

Congratulations to the students nominated for the 2014 Purple and Old Gold Awards! The award is given every spring to a noteworthy graduating student in each discipline.

Alexandra Christensen: Anthropology
Shawna Schrock: Global Studies
Brian Covington: Criminology
Lauren Stratton: Applied Human Sciences
Dwain Caldwell: Geography
Heather Greel: History
Kevan Hudson: Political Science
John Leister: Psychology
KaLeigh White: Public Administration & Sociology
Alyssa Holt: Social Science Education
Jude Buchheit: Social Work

Several School Counseling graduate students from the School of Applied Human Sciences attended the Visit the Hill event in February. Sponsored by the Iowa School Counselor Association and Iowa College Admissions Counselors, the day helps students and practitioners learn how to lobby for issues that affect students transitioning from high school to college.



Some of the School Counseling graduate students who participated in Visit the Hill at the Iowa Capitol

The first-ever Social Work Student Awards Ceremony was held April 21. In addition to the many scholarship recipients in the department, the following were recognized for quality work in their discipline:

Haley Schroeder: Best Graduate Research Paper (1st)
Stephanie Kollasch: Best Graduate Research Paper (2nd)
Brittany Schau: Outstanding Graduate Service Award
Jude Buchheit: Outstanding Undergraduate Service Award
Sandra Welchert: Best Trauma Informed Poster

Congratulations to all our Spring '14 graduates!

The 7th Annual UNI Graduate Student Symposium was held April 1. Kudos to the CSBS students who earned awards!

Brittany Lewno (*Psychology: Clinical Science*): 2nd place, Poster Presentation: Literature Review
Luci Dumas (*Psychology: Clinical Science*): 1st Place, Poster Presentation: Project
Rachel Meisinger (*Psychology: Clinical Science*): 2nd Place, Poster Presentation: Project
Matthew Cooney (*Geography*): First Place, Poster Presentation: Research
Tsamchoe Dolma (*Psychology: Social Psychology*): 2nd Place tie, Poster Presentation: Research
Brock Rozich (*Psychology: Social Psychology*): 2nd Place tie, Oral Presentations
Asha Ganesan (*Psychology: Social Psychology*): 2nd Place, Oral Presentations
For more information on these projects, see www.grad.uni.edu/.



Emily Sorenson

Emily Sorenson (*Family Services*) has been working as an intern with Family Management Credit Counselors in Waterloo. Beginning with her foundation courses in sociology and family studies, she's developed an interest in financial literacy, family resource management, and the socioeconomic aspects of society. Sorenson has also been working in the college's Center for Social and Behavioral Research, where she has been assisting with the Iowa Barriers for Prenatal Care project. After graduating in May, Sorenson will begin graduate school this fall in human development and family studies at Iowa State University.



COLLABORATION *Kudos*

April 1 was "Research in the Capitol" day, wherein the honors programs from the Regents universities highlight their quality undergraduate research for state legislators and special guests. Amy Becker (*Communication Disorders*) was a UNI representative. Her poster is on the study "Border Crossings of the Heart - Navigating the Transition from Minority to Majority Cultures: A Pilot Study of Young Hearing Adults of Deaf Parents and Young Heterosexual Adults of Gay/Lesbian Parents," which is part of the UNI 2013-14 Capacity Building Student-Faculty Collaboration Grant of **Steven Onken** (*Social Work*) and Katie O'Brien (*Communication Sciences and Disorders*).

ALUMNI *Kudos*

The college held its annual Distinguished Alumni Day on April 10. This year's guests spent the day meeting with Dean Bass, development director Nate Clapham, President Ruud, and students and faculty from their respective departments.

The 2014 College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Alumni are **Thomas Jennings** (*General Studies, Criminology '97*), retired Waterloo police chief; **Sarah Benzing** (*Political Science '00*), campaign manager for U.S. Representative Bruce Braley's 2014 U.S. Senate campaign; **Anne Starr** (*Psychology '80*), chief executive officer of Orchard Place in Des Moines; **Emily Thilges** (*Family Services, Sociology '02; Masters of Social Work '04*), school counselor for K-7th grade for Denver Community Schools; and **David VanSickel** (*History '74*), attorney and partner at the Davis Brown Law Firm in Des Moines.



Ellen Fry (*Textiles & Apparel '08*) is head of men's and women's materials for ready-to-wear apparel with Phillip Lim, an American fashion designer.

Corey Trainer (*School Counseling '12*) is elementary school counselor at Oskaloosa Elementary School. He is also the government relations chair for the Iowa School Counselor Association.

Molly Franta (*History '13*) has been accepted to three graduate schools—Boston University, New York University, and Oxford University—and is planning to attend Oxford in the fall for visual, material, and museum anthropology.

Ian Goldsmith (*Psychology and Theatre '13*) won an Award of Student Achievement from the Iowa Motion Picture Association for the documentary "UNI's Dance Craze" completed as part of his UNI honors thesis. In addition to serving as NISG vice president, Goldsmith was co-developer of UNI's Interlude Dance and a host of other student involvement activities.

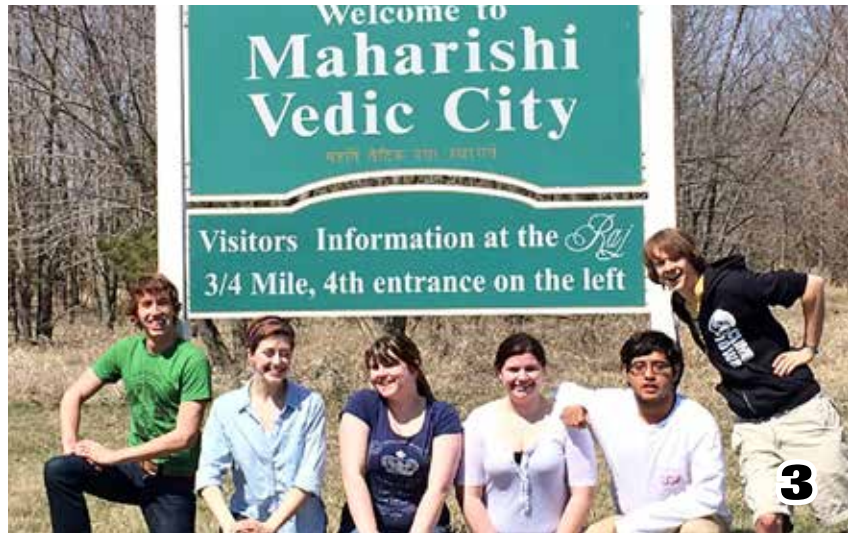
CSBS in Pictures



1. KaLeigh White, a graduating senior in Public Administration and Sociology, will be the Spring 2014 commencement speaker.



2. The state-level competition of the National Geographic Bee was held on campus April 4. The champion—the contest's first female winner—is a fifth-grader from Ames and advances to the national contest in Washington, D.C.



3. Professor Kim MacLin's "Science of Meditation" class took a day-long experiential learning trip to Vedic City and Maharishi University of Management near Fairfield. Both the city and the university use scientifically tested principles of meditation to encourage sustainability, personal growth, health, and peace.



4. The Spring 2014 Social and Behavioral Sciences Representatives



CSBS *Kudos*, 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.