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# CSBS *kudos!*

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## Greetings!

This academic year has seen many exciting initiatives and accomplishments among our faculty, students, staff and alumni. In this edition of Kudos, you'll notice that CSBS continues to show excellence in teaching, research and service. We are also continuing to strengthen our commitment to community engagement. A couple of award highlights include Leisl Carr Childers receiving a 2016 Spur Award in Contemporary Non-Fiction, a very prestigious award in American Literature, and Bill Henninger receiving a 2016 University Book and Supply Outstanding Teaching Award.

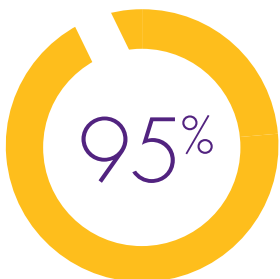
Our faculty and staff use their expertise to support and extend valuable work in the community through partnerships. They lead the way in reaching past campus boundaries to make an impact.

- History's Tom Connors assisted the Cedar Falls Historic Preservation Commission's grant application to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.
- Political science and Northern Iowa Student Government created a Mock Caucus to prepare campus and the larger community for the caucus process.
- The Center for Violence Prevention partnered with Verizon Hopeline™v to recognize work being done in Iowa school districts to combat violence.

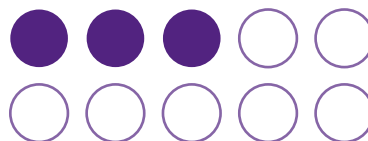
As we celebrate the exciting work that continues, please also join me in recognizing the people who will be leaving us. Let's thank them for their service to CSBS and to UNI as they move on to the next step in their paths. We'll miss them, but know that they'll remain part of our larger UNI community as emeritus faculty and/or friends of the university.

Thanks for all that you do for CSBS.

Brenda Bass  
Dean



95% of CSBS grads were employed or continuing education 6 months after graduation.\*



CSBS has 3 out of 10 top majors by enrollment: Psychology, Criminology & Social Work.\*

\*2015 Graduation Report

# FACULTY ACCOLADES



**GARY GUTE, DEANNE GUTE** (Creative Life Research Center) and collaborator Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (Claremont Graduate University) were invited to submit an article for the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Genius and Eminence*. Their study, "Assessing Psychological Complexity in Highly Creative Persons: The Case of Jazz Pianist and Composer Oscar Peterson," was published in the journal in January.

**LINDA WALSH** (Psychology) was an invited presenter of a session on Teaching Neuroscience at the 28th Southeastern Teaching of Psychology (SETOP) Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in March.

**JUSTIN HOLMES AND RAMONA MCNEAL** (Political Science) published a book chapter, "Social Media, Participation and Attitudes: Does Social Media Drive Polarization?" in "(R) evolutionizing Political Communication through Social Media," Igor Vobi & Tomaz Deželan (Eds.) IGI Global.

**RAMONA MCNEAL** (Political Science), with co-author Mary Schmeida, has published "Improving Access to Healthcare Services: State Legislative

Action on Telemedicine Insurance Coverage" in *Health Policy and Technology*.

**BRIAN WARBY** (Political Science) has published his first book, "Politics, Poverty and Microfinance: How Governments Get in the Way of Helping the Poor," Lexington Press.

**DONNA HOFFMAN** (Political Science) has a forthcoming book chapter (with co-author Alison Howard) "Bush and the Faith-Based Initiative: Forgoing the Role of Chief Legislator" in "The Constitution, Politics and Policy Making in the George W. Bush Presidency."

**CHRIS LARIMER** (Political Science) recently published a book, "Gubernatorial Stability in Iowa: A Stranglehold on Power."

**KATHERINE VAN WORMER** (Social Work) and UNI graduate **CHARLETTA SUDDUTH (MSW, ED.D)** were guests on KWWL's The Steele Report, Feb. 28, 2016, to celebrate Black History Month by sharing stories of the heroic women as told in "The Maid Narratives: Black Domestic and White Families in the Jim Crow South" (LSU Press).

**DONALD SHEPARDSON** (History) was honored for 45 years of service at UNI at the annual Employee Recognition Reception on Jan. 28.

**REINIER HESSELINK** (History) recently published a book titled "The Dream of Christian Nagasaki: World Trade and the Clash of Cultures, 1560-1640" by McFarland Books.

**LAZARUS ADUA** (Sociology) and Linda Lobao. Forthcoming 2015. "Business Attraction and Redistribution by U.S. Local Governments: To What Extent is There a Zero-sum Relationship Between Business and Citizens Interests?" Vol 47, #4 of the 2015 Special Issue of the *State and Local Government Review*. Additionally featured in an online article by the London School of Economics.

**LAZARUS ADUA** (Sociology) was appointed as editor of the quarterly newsletter of the American Sociological Association Section on Environment, Technology and Society (March 2016).

**MARYBETH STALP** (Sociology) has been accepted into the Higher Education Resource Services, or HERS Denver Institute, for summer 2016.

**KIMBERLY BAKER** (Sociology) has a paper accepted for publication in the *Substance Use and Misuse Journal*: "I'm Going to Shut Down All of Your Tricks: Depictions of Treatment Professionals in Addiction Entertainment."

**HARRY BROD** (Sociology) will be a visiting scholar in Masculinity Studies in fall 2016 at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin.

**CYNDI DUNN** (Anthropology) authored the UNI Diversity and Inclusion Council's Diversity Mini Grant (in the amount of \$1,000) to support Women's History Month speaker Johnanna Ganz, a UNI alumna who has done research on gendered violence victim advocacy and now works at the Sexual Violence Center in Minneapolis.

**JIAN LI** (Anthropology) forthcoming article: "The Chinese Symbolism of Red: Its Origin, Cultural Connotations and Linguistic Construction" has been accepted for publication in the American Review of China Studies.

**QINGLI MENG** (Criminology) has a peer-reviewed chapter, "Corruption and Land Use Expropriation in China" in "The International Handbook of Rural Criminology," London: Routledge.

**GAYLE RHINEBERGER-DUNN** (Criminology), Steven Briggs and Nicole E. Rader have a forthcoming article, "The CSI Effect, DNA Discourse and Popular Crime Dramas," in Social Science Quarterly.



**TOM CONNORS** (History) was featured in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier this past January for his part with the Cedar Falls Historic Preservation Commission's \$8000 grant from The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The grant will help prepare an application to the National Trust for Historic Preservation to have several blocks of downtown Cedar Falls, mainly along the Main Street Parkade, added to the National Register of Historic Places.

## FACULTY AWARDS:

**LEISL CARR CHILDERS**, Ph.D. (History) was awarded a 2016 Spur Award in Contemporary Non-Fiction by Western Writers of America for "The Size of the Risk: Histories of Multiple Use in the Great Basin" (University of Oklahoma Press). The Spur Awards are one of the most prestigious awards in American literature, given to writers of any discipline for exceptional work on the American West or in the Western genre.



**WILLIAM HENNINGER** (Family Services) received a University Book and Supply Outstanding Teaching Award for 2016. This award honors pre-tenure faculty members who have shown significant contributions to the quality of teaching (nominated by faculty, staff and/or students).

**FERNANDO CALDERON** (History) received an 8-week 2016 Summer Fellowship for his project "Memory Struggles and the Human Rights Revolution in Mexico in the Aftermath of the 1970s 'Dirty War.'"

**JOANNE GOLDMAN** (History) has been recommended for a Professional Development Assignment for spring 2017 for her project "Molycorp and the U.S. Rare Earth Industry: A Quagmire of Economic, Environmental and National Interest, 1950-2010."

**EMILY MACHEN** (History) has been recommended for a Professional Development Assignment for spring 2017 for her project "Women of Faith and the Reconstruction of French National Identity: Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Women Facing the Twentieth Century."

**KRISTIN MEANY-WALEN** (Counseling) won the 2016 CSBS research award for untenured faculty.

## FACULTY PROMOTION & TENURE

### PROMOTION TO FULL PROFESSOR:

Gowri Betrabet-Gulwadi (Interior Design)  
Roberto Swazo (Counseling)  
B. Keith Crew (Criminology)

### PROMOTION & TENURE TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

Nick Schwab (Psychology)  
Ga-Young Choi (Social Work)  
Kimberly Baker (Criminology)  
Matthew Makarios (Criminology)

# RETIREES



**OTTO MACLIN** came to UNI as an assistant professor of psychology in 2001. His scholarly background was in cognition and perception, which he applied to the problem of eyewitness identification and lineup procedures. Otto received the UNI Distinguished Scholar Award (2008) and the Regent's Award for Faculty Excellence (2010). Many graduate and undergraduate students developed experimental psychology research chops in his lab. Otto retired in January and has been spending time attending to his business interests in Waterloo and his boat in Santa Barbara. We will miss his passion and advocacy for psychology.



**PHYLLIS L. BAKER**, who joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology in 1990, is retiring from UNI on June 30. Phyllis served three years as department head, one year as an ACE Academic Administrative Fellow, six years as the director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program and seven years as associate dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Phyllis has had a distinguished career as an administrator, mentor and feminist leader on the UNI campus. Her current position is the Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor in Student Affairs and a teaching professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. We wish her well as she moves on to the next adventures in her life!



**JOHN W. JOHNSON**, who joined the faculty of the Department of History in 1988, is retiring on June 30 after 15 years as department head, a year and a half as interim CSBS dean, and 43 years (28 years at UNI) as a professor of Constitutional and Recent U.S. History and of a Liberal Arts Core critical thinking class, Analysis of Social Issues. John has had a distinguished career as an administrator and as an award-winning teacher and scholar. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, cross-country skiing, duplicate bridge, crossword puzzles, the music of Bruce Springsteen and his grandchildren. We all wish John the very best.



**KEN LYFTOGT**, who retired at the end of the fall 2015 semester, was an adjunct for the Department of History since 1989, teaching Humanities, American Civilization and United States History survey courses. In those 25 years, he taught more students than any other member of the department, regularly offering multiple large sections (approximately 120 students) of Humanities I, II or III. He is also a published scholar, with three books on Iowa and the Civil War, and is currently writing a multi-volume work examining Iowa's role in the war. In addition, he has lectured regularly for Humanities Iowa and has been a member of the Iowa Humanities Board since 2012. Ken has admirably represented UNI across the state and has served the university and its students with skill and energy for a quarter century. He will be greatly missed by colleagues and students.



**CHAR WHITE** started working within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in December 2010 in the School of Applied Human Sciences Counseling Program. In June of 2012, she transferred into public policy and the Women and Gender's Studies Program working half time for each. In July of 2014, until her retirement date of Jan. 4, 2016, she worked in the dean's office. Colleagues recall her friendly demeanor and smile, especially when interacting with the counseling and public policy graduate assistants. She is looking forward to spending time with her children and grandchildren.





## WISH THEM WELL

**ALLISON MARTENS** is leaving the Department of Political Science after coming to UNI in August 2012 from the University of Louisville. At UNI, Allison has taught courses in American politics and women in politics. One of her recent publications won the Robert Lineberry Award for best article in *Social Science Quarterly*. During her time in the department, she maintained the Web page and social media platforms and contributed in a myriad of other ways. The department is sad to see Allison go, but wishes her well as she embarks on the next stage of her career.

**TINA NAAMI** was born and raised in Ghana, Africa. With the support of a Ford Foundation scholarship, she pursued her graduate education in the United States, earning a doctorate from the University of Utah in 2010. The following year, she was hired by the Department of Social Work as an assistant professor. At the end of the fall semester, Tina accepted a faculty position with the University of Ghana to be closer to her family. Tina contributed substantially to the department and university through her service, scholarship, and teaching and her absence is apparent.

**SUNDÉ NESBIT** came to UNI as an assistant professor of psychology in 2008. She taught in the clinical science M.A. program and published research on aggressive driving. She was a popular professor who supervised a large number of both undergraduate and graduate students in her lab. After enduring the long commute from Ames to UNI for seven years, Sundé decided to practice in Ames as a licensed clinical psychologist. Her optimism and passion for teaching will be missed.



**CAPT. DANIEL NESDAHL**

has been the sophomore and freshman instructor for military science the past three years in addition to processing all logistics for the ROTC program. Dan is moving to Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he will oversee the training of Reserve and National Guard Army units.



**MASTER SGT. JAMES DYER** has been the junior and freshman instructor for military science

the past three years. James has served as the senior enlisted adviser for the program and is a great of example of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps to the Cadets. He and his wife, Misty, are moving to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he will oversee training at the Army Ranger School.



**MAJ. MATTHEW PARRINO**

has served as our freshman and junior instructor for military science the past two years. Matthew

has served as the program's operations officer responsible for planning all major training events. He is also the lead planner for combined field training exercises for all ROTC programs in Iowa and Nebraska. Matthew will relocate to another position within the Iowa National Guard this summer.

# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



## MILITARY SCIENCE:

### ROTC – 30TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

The University of Northern Iowa Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Panther Battalion held its annual military ball on Feb. 27 with almost 200 in attendance. This year's ball celebrated 30 years of UNI ROTC as a host program and the 100th anniversary of ROTC across the nation. The ball was well attended by alumni from the 1980s, 90s and 2000s, President Ruud and his wife Judy, Cadets from UNI and University of Dubuque, along with UNI faculty and staff.

### ROTC – CVP MVP

On Feb. 19, Cadets from UNI ROTC worked with the Center for Violence Prevention to deliver Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) training to high school students to prevent violence and sexual harassment. The classes were given to the English language learners of Waterloo West High School. The presentation was conducted with the help of Alan Heisterkamp and local educator Dawn Janopolous. The seminar was held over two class periods and addressed themes ranging from verbal harassment to what to do when a student encounters violence.

## CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION:

### MVP SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Center for Violence Prevention (CVP) and Verizon Hopeline™ co-sponsored the Mentors in Violence Protection (MVP) School District Recognition Luncheon this spring. Eleven school districts were recognized for their work in training and coaching student mentors to deliver the MVP curriculum to near-peers within their respective schools. School teams participated in small group activities facilitated by Michael Fleming (family studies), Tess Cody (Crisis Intervention Services) and Alan Heisterkamp (CVP). Recognition plaques were presented to each school team by Verizon reps Michael McDermott and Meagan Dorsch, along with Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds. The CVP's partnership with Verizon has supported the center in reaching over 13,000 secondary students in Iowa with bullying and gender violence prevention programming and bystander strategies.

## CREATIVE LIFE RESEARCH CENTER:

### EVERYDAY CREATIVITY SPEAKER SERIES



The Creative Life Research Center, in partnership with Visual Logic and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, hosted the speaker series Everyday Creativity in March and April. Built upon the premise that creativity isn't just for special people with special talents, the series showcased Iowans doing remarkable things. Presenters and topics included:

- Dave Gould, University of Iowa Obermann Public Scholar: "Play, Passion and Purpose: A New Arc for Education"
- Andy Stoll, social entrepreneur: "How (and Why) to Travel around the World"
- Taylor Morris, Cedar Valley Makerspace vice president: "Making Space for Creativity"
- Bentlee Birchansky and Grace Gudenkauf, students from the IowaBIG School: "Go BIG or Go Home"
- Jennifer New, author and associate director of the University of Iowa's Obermann Center: "Drawing from Life: My Creative Journey"



## APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES:

### ARTS URBAN OUTREACH INITIATIVE

Early in March, the STEM in the Arts Urban Outreach Initiative introduced the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to underrepresented junior high school girls in the Cedar Valley, many of whom participate in the YWCA of Black Hawk County's Wise Girlz program. Located at UNI's Computer Aided Design and Textile Materials Testing Lab, this innovative fashion and arts program utilized creative concepts to impact students' lives by helping them learn about technology through hands-on projects, as well as how technology plays a role in design, fashion and music production.

Additionally, students who attended this workshop received individualized mentoring experiences and created a one-of-a-kind sample of work to display during UNI Black Student Union's Fashion 4 Action Style Showcase at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

Increasing young women's engagement with STEM subjects can change the students' futures by showing how the arts are intertwined with STEM via careers (such as designers and audio engineers) in fashion, music and entertainment industries—especially the challenging and rewarding experiences these fields offer.

Initiative partners included the UNI Textiles and Apparel Program, YWCA, the UNI STEM office, Design Her Life, LeaderValley™ (a subsidiary of Leader in Me™) and Infiniti Enterprises.

### FRIDAY ART SYMPOSIUM

UNI TAPP major Kenneth Woods co-presented with Annette Lynch at the Friday Art Symposium in the UNI art department in April on how fashion can be used as a tool of empowerment, using his own fashion collection as an example. Political science major and textiles and apparel minor Parker Bennett also presented on how fashion can be used to transform normative definitions of masculinity and create cultural change.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE:

### MOCK CAUCUS

The Department of Political Science, in conjunction with Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG), put on a Mock Caucus before the Iowa precinct caucuses, which took place on Feb. 1. Students went through the steps for both Republican and Democratic caucuses so they would know what to expect if they had never caucused before. Approximately 150 students attended.

### ELECT HER - PANTHER WOMEN WIN

For the second year, the Department of Political Science, along with AAUW-Cedar Falls and NISG's Diversity Matters initiative, sponsored the "Elect Her - Panther Women Win" workshop designed to encourage and equip students to consider running in student government elections. Featured speakers included U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst, State Rep. Timi Brown-Powers, State Rep. Abby Finkenauer and Claire Celsi of The Public Relations Project.

## GEOGRAPHY:

### UNI DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY HOSTS STATE GEOGRAPHIC BEE

The state-level competition of the Geographic Bee, a national competition organized and sponsored by National Geographic Society, was held on campus April 1. The Department of Geography was pleased to host the event at UNI for the third year. Approximately 105 student participants from grades 4 through 8, family members and teachers came from across the state of Iowa. The 10 finalists showed amazing poise in the last competition round on the stage, answering difficult questions prepared by the National Geographic Society. The first-place winner, Patrick Taylor from Northwest Junior High in Coralville, will represent Iowa in the national competition in Washington, D.C. Patrick also won the state-level competition in 2015 and made it to the final round of 10 in the national competition.





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**CADET LT. COL. TAYLOR M. JULANDER** (Accounting, Management: Organizational Management, and Supply Chain Management) was awarded a Reserve Officer Training Corps Governor's Cup ROTC Award by Gov. Terry E. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.

**ALISHA THOMPSON** (Political Science and Global Studies) is doing an internship in Washington, D.C. with Libra Group.

**JACK AVE** (Political Science) was recently awarded the Most Outstanding Delegate Award at the American Model United Nations Conference (AMUN) in Chicago. Jack participated within the registered UNI student organization, Model United Nations Competition Team, which provides students an inside look at what goes on in real United Nations sessions as well as provides valuable experience in the political world.

**JOHNATHAN WILLIAMS** (second-year graduate, History) has been admitted to the graduate program at Boston University, with an impressive five years of financial support for his Ph.D. work

**MANUEL SALINAS** (first-year graduate, Social Psychology) was the winner of the Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award.



**SUNNY TEELING** (second-year student, Clinical Mental Health Counseling) is being awarded a CSI Leadership Fellow, a competitive process in which only 10 people are selected from a large pool of applicants. As a recipient of this award, Sunny will attend a number of leadership trainings at the American Counseling

Association Annual Conference. Throughout the year, she will be mentored by a national leader to hone and develop her leadership skills. This is truly a prestigious honor. Congratulations Sunny!

**SALOMI ALADIA** (second-year graduate, Social Psychology) was the recipient of the Travel Award from the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) and the Provost Global Opportunities Scholarship from UNI.

**ALPHA KAPPA DELTA** (International Sociology Honors Society) inducted seven undergraduate students:

**ASHLEY BEAIRD, SETH BEHREND, LISA BURNELL, EMILY GARDNER, JASMINE HERNANDEZ, JAYCE HOVEY and SAMANTHA SPELTZ.**

## STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD

**BREANNA JOHNSON** (Political Science and Spanish) is studying in Oviedo, Spain, this spring.

**MELISSA JOHNSON** (Political Science and Global Studies) studied in South Africa this past fall.

Master of Public Policy (MPP) graduate student **MACKENSIE SMITH** is currently studying in Germany while her husband is deployed with the U.S. Army. Knowing that she wanted graduate school to be the next chapter of her life, Mackenzie selected UNI's distance learning program after careful consideration over several others across the U.S. Her advice to students considering distance learning: "No matter if you're down the street from the university or around the world, you have options. There will never be a perfect time, so don't delay. Make it happen and take charge of your future."

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

**ULRIKKE ADOLFSEN** (Psychology) was a recipient of the Student Organization Emerging Leaders of the Year Award.

**GABRIELLA RUGGIERO** (Political Science and Philosophy) was a recipient of the Dr. Sue Follow Scholarship for Women in Leadership.

**PARKER BENNETT** (Political Science), **GABRIELLA DAFT** (Political Science), **RICHARD MORGAN** (Criminology), **DIKSHA OJHA** (Psychology), **GRACE RITTER** (Psychology), and **GABRIELLA RUGGIERO** were all recipients of the Servant Leader Award.

**HALEY HASENSTEIN** (Criminology) and **JUANA HOLLINGSWORTH** (Social Work), were recipients of the Outstanding Student Leader Award.

**PAUL ANDERSEN** (Public Administration: Communications and Regional Development) was one of three students to receive the Lux Service Award.

# STUDENT RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

CSBS students conducting research at UNI have a high success rate of being chosen to present at regional research conferences. This year was no exception!

## MIDWESTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (MPA) CONFERENCE

- **LARISSA HALL, TAMARA JAMES, SALOMI ALADIA, TIM LEDBETTER AND HELEN C. HARTON:** "What Would Facebook Do?: Cognitive Dissonance and Facebook Use"
- **MANUEL SALINAS, LIJING MA, JENNA GRAY, EMILY WETHERELL and HELEN C. HARTON:** "Who's Really More Afraid?: Political Ideology and Fear"
- **VICTORIA LINNERTSON, ZHENG LI, OLIVIA THOMPSON, KELLIE PETERSEN and HELEN C. HARTON:** "Same Crime, Different Punishments: Race-based Perceptions of Suspects' Mental Illness"
- **AMBER L. SCHRAMM, JACEY GUDENKAUF, MARJORIE M. PERKINS and ELIZABETH K. LEFLER:** "Impulsivity and Risky Behaviors in Emerging Adults"
- **CARA LUCHTEFELD, DACIA OBERHELMAN and DILBUR ARSIWALLA:** "Associations Between Romantic Relationship Attachment and Sleep Patterns: The Mediating Role of Emotion Regulation"
- **EMILY WETHERELL and HELEN C. HARTON:** "The Power of the Situation: Use of Approach and Avoidance Goals in Romantic Relationships"

## MIDWEST SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY (MSS) ANNUAL MEETING

- **SETH BEHRENDTS,** 2016: "Friends in High Places: Drinkers' Perceptions of Gender, Sobriety and Relationships with Nondrinkers"
- **EMILY GARDNER and ASHLEY BEAIRD,** 2016: "I Don't Have to

Rush This Because There is No Due Date: Young Women, Crafting and Stress Relief"

- **JASMINE HERNANDEZ,** 2016: "Religion in Ms. Marvel: How University of Northern Iowa Students Interpret Islam in the Life of Kamala Khan"
- **ABBI COBB,** 2016: "Childhood Factors and Incarceration for African-American Men: How Early Life Experience Influences Adult Outcomes"

## ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

- **EMILY FRANCIS, MICHAEL MADSEN and ANDREY PETROV,** et al.: "Satellite Telemetry as a Method for Analyzing Rangifer T. Tarandus Winter Migration in the Russian Arctic"
- **NARMINA LUSUBOVA and ANDREY PETROV:** "Towards a Multiscale Assessment of Wind Energy Resources and Suitability in the Russian Arctic"
- **ARIF MASRUR and ANDREY PETROV:** "Analysis of the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Wildfire Activity in the Tundra Biome Using MODIS Data (2001-2015)"
- **PETERSON WAMBUU and HENRY OWUSU:** "Socio-Economic Impacts of International Tourism on a Local Community: A Case Study of Malindi Town, Kilifi County, Kenya"

## WEST LAKES DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

- **ATHILA GEVAERD MONTIBELLER,** et al.: "Monitoring Drought Conditions in Western Santa Catarina State, Brazil, Between 2001 and 2010

Using MODIS NDVI and TRMM Precipitation Data"

## IMAGING & GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY FORUM

- **ATHILA GEVAERD MONTIBELLER and BINGQING LIANG:** "Estimating and Evaluating Surface Energy Fluxes and Evapotranspiration through Thermal and Multispectral Sensors Onboard an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in Ames, Iowa"

## MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE

- **BENJAMIN HUMPHREY, KAILYN BETTLE, NICOLE HINDMAN, ALEX OBERLE, LEISL CARR-CHILDERS and MIKE CHILDERS:** "Celebrating the Nation's Backyard: The Geographic Alliance of Iowa and the National Park Service Centennial"

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- **GARRETT JEPSEN and PATRICK PEASE:** "Natural Disasters and Disaster Preparedness at Universities: A Case Study at the University of Northern Iowa"
- **EMILY FRANCIS and ANDREY PETROV:** "Analyzing Winter Migration of Wild Taimyr Reindeer Using Historical Census Data and Satellite Telemetry"
- **ARIF MASRUR and ANDREY PETROV:** "Analysis of the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Wildfire Activity in the Tundra Biome Using MODIS Data"
- **PETERSON WAMBUU and MARYBETH STALP:** "When Life Changes. Life Outside the Classroom: A Study of International Students at the University of Northern Iowa"

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



**KARA POPPE** ('15, Environmental Geography) is continuing her work with the Princeton in Africa (PiAF) fellowship program. She is currently a volunteer coordinator for one of the largest children's homes in Kenya, responsible for coordinating travel logistics and

service projects for 400 annual visitors and volunteers. Kara additionally maintains 145 rainwater-harvesting systems and educates orphans and elderly on water conservation and waste management practices.

**JASON MOHR** ('02, Psychology) has worked for Sen. Charles Grassley for many years and is now the regional director for the Waterloo Office of Grassley.



**CHONYA JOHNSON** ('00, Political Science M.A.) was the AAUW/Running Start facilitator at the 2016 "Elect Her – Panther Women Win" workshop. Chonya is a government affairs consultant and owner of 5 Minute Advocate.

**DR. TOM O'SHEA** ('99, Psychology and Human Resource Management; '01 Education M.A.) is currently the department director for the Physician Assistant Graduate Program in the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. Dr. O'Shea stated that "UNI provided me with so many experiences at the undergraduate and graduate levels that made all of my professional goals possible. These experiences, coupled with the outstanding education I received as an undergraduate and graduate student, helped me be successful. UNI truly was a place to merge inside and outside classroom experiences to mold me into who I am today!"

**JOAN LARSEN** ('90, Political Science and Spanish) published an op-ed in the New York Times on Feb. 16 on the death of Justice Scalia (Joan is a former clerk). She is a current Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court.

**TOM BLANFORD** ('14, Political Science) was elected to Cedar Falls City Council.



**KATIE KUKER** – ('06, Psychology B.A.; '08 Industrial/Organizational Psychology M.A.) established a scholarship for UNI psychology students utilizing the dollar for dollar contribution match from her employer, John Deere. The scholarship was awarded this spring to its first recipients,

Shelby Snell and Diksha Ojha, for the 2016-17 academic year. Katie is currently the program manager of Strategic Workforce Planning at John Deere and stated that when she learned the company would match scholarship contribution dollars, it was a "no brainer" to support UNI's top-notch education and help make an impact in the next generation of psychology students.

**DAN NORENBERG** – ('80, Psychology and Criminology) A highly sought after coach, consultant, facilitator and speaker, Dan is currently the managing director and founder of N Vision Learning Solution. He has shared his innovative and motivating approach with more than 15,000 professionals from 60 different countries in the last 20 years. Groups consistently rank him as one of the most effective and thought-provoking consultants in the field of leadership development.



**JAMIE MAHLBERG** – ('06, Parkin M.A.) Jamie, who is a Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) instructor, was presented with the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Paragon Advisor Award. RCTC students initiated the nomination last fall and the Min-Kota Region of PTK recently recognized Jamie with this outstanding new PTK advisor award.

**JEN WILLARD** ('02, Psychology M.A.) went on for her Ph.D. in Psychology at Iowa State University and now has been on the faculty of the Department of Psychology at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia, for seven years.

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