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Greetings!

The outstanding work of faculty, students, and staff within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences continues to shine. In this edition of Kudos, you will find numerous faculty awards and publications listed, as well as a sampling of the many student internships and projects being completed through our academic programs. Creativity and innovation abound, and your impact is felt locally, regionally, and globally. Please take a few moments to read about the variety of interesting work being done by your colleagues and students.

This fall I participated in one of the many book groups who read “White Rage” by Carol Anderson. The book was very illuminating, and the mix of backgrounds and experiences of the faculty, staff, and students in my group allowed us to consider different perspectives as we examined our society’s history in addressing racial inequalities. The challenges we collectively face are sobering, but a key message for me from the book has been the vital role that education at all levels can play in addressing these issues. Dr. Anderson will be visiting UNI on Saturday, Jan. 20, and I encourage you to attend her lecture at 7:00 p.m. in Lang Auditorium. A hallmark of a university is to inform people and expand their knowledge. I am sure Dr. Anderson’s lecture will generate valuable discussions on our campus.

Thank you to the many within our college who act as leaders in this dialogue. Although our programs are diverse in purpose, we are all change-makers working collectively to help society adjust and grow with these continuing challenges. I am excited to see the progress we can make together this academic year and beyond.

Brenda L. Bass
KENNETH ATKINSON (history) spoke in August on history in the Dead Sea Scrolls at the 17th World Congress of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. In October, he spoke on ancient Greek and Roman history in the Middle East Department of History at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. That same month, he was a speaker at the special conference, “The Dead Sea Scrolls Seventy Years Later: Manuscripts, Traditions, Interpretations and Their Biblical Context,” held at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. He also published articles on the Dead Sea Scrolls in the journal The Qumran Chronicle and in the book “Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls” (Brill 2017).

LEISL CARR CHILDERS and MICHAEL CHILDERS (history) have become co-editors for the new series “Environment in Modern North America” with the University of Oklahoma Press. Works in the series will chronicle the stories of people, the places they live and the ways in which they have engaged with and affected the environments around them.

CHAD CHRISTOPHER (social science ed), in partnership with political science and history faculty, held a weeklong residential institute on campus this past June. During the week, Iowa and Nebraska secondary teachers received training in areas covered in the “We the People” civic education curriculum (tied to the statewide competition CSBS hosted last January and to be held again in early 2018). The institute was funded through a grant received from the Iowa State Department of Education and Iowa Bar Association from the James Madison Legacy Project with the federal Center for Civic Education.


JOE GORTON and KEITH CREW (criminology) have been contracted to be evaluators on a $45,000 share (authored by UNI alumnus Ross Todd) of a large grant written by the Department of Correctional Services.

GARY GUTE (SAHS, The Human Potential Project) led the July symposium Gamifying Flow: Lessons in Activating Leadership Strengths and Decision Making in Organizations and Education at the Fifth World Congress on Positive Psychology in Montreal. Gary and Deanne Gute also presented the paper Coaching Flow: A Training and Assessment Model for Educators, Mentors, and Leaders.

CAROLYN HILDEBRANDT (psychology) gave a lecture “Moral Development in the Context of Group Games” at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center at Penn State (April 2017).

DONNA HOFFMAN and CHRIS LARIMER (political science) have published Iowa’s First Congressional District: Anomaly or New Normal? a chapter in “The Roads to Congress 2016” from Palgrave Macmillian.

JUSTIN HOLMES and RAMONA MCNEAL (political science) have published “Social Media Use and Electoral Participation” in the Journal of Public Administration in the Digital Age.

CHRIS LARIMER (political science) was interviewed by the American Political Science Association’s blog, PSNow, for the article “Chris Larimer on Making Your Message Online and On-Air.”

BINGQING LIANG (geography) was the primary investigator on the renewed three-year National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) grant. Through a competitive application process, 10 undergraduate students were chosen from across the United States to participate in the eight-week training program. Held on campus, the program covered the fundamentals and applications of hyperspectral remote sensing and resulted in a research project for each student under the mentorship of a faculty member in CSBS or CHAS.

MATT MAKARIOS (criminology) co-authored, along with Lori Brushman Lovins, Andrew J. Myer and Edward J. Latessa, “Treatment Integrity and Recidivism among Sex Offenders: The Relationship between CPC Scores and Program Effectiveness” in Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research. Matt also coauthored with Andrew J. Myer, “Understanding the Impact of a DUI Court through Treatment Integrity: A Mixed Methods Approach” in the Journal of Offender Rehabilitation. Matt is also currently working with three counties in Arizona to validate their risk assessment instrument for juveniles. He is additionally organizing the semi-annual criminal justice coordinating group, which was attended this fall by representatives in criminal justice from community colleges and four year institutions within Iowa.
SCOTT PETERS’ (political science) book, “Regulating Judicial Elections: Assessing State Codes of Judicial Conduct” was recently published by Routledge. In October, Scott also participated at an invited NSF workshop in Washington, D.C. “Professional Advancement Through Narrative.” The workshop encouraged participants to share stories of their professional experiences in academia and, through reflection and engagement with others, to think about how institutions can change to enhance opportunities and improve work experiences.

ANDREY PETROV (geography) was named president of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) this past June for the 2017-2020 term. UNI will now act as the lead institution with an IASSA Secretariat that includes geography staff and students Ann Crawford, Christopher Pierce, Grant Burke, Matthew Ruiz and Varvara Korkina.

MARYBETH C. STALP (SAC) along with Emily Gardner and Ashley Beaird (sociology alumni), has a paper forthcoming in 2018, “I Like Knowing When the Zombies Arrive, I Won’t Be Naked’: Young Women and Handcrafting” in Craft Research. Marybeth, along with Theresa M. Winge, also has forthcoming, “If At First You Don’t Succeed, Rip It Out and Try Again: The Social Benefits of Failure in DIY Handcrafting” in Clothing Cultures.

ALAN HEISTERKAMP (CVP) was awarded the Outstanding Educator of the Year award by the Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa at the 46th Annual LDA-IA Conference in Sioux City, Iowa. The recognition was given on behalf of Alan’s bullying and gender violence prevention work in PreK-12 schools across the state.

ANNETTE LYNCH (SAHS) was awarded the 2017 Faculty Administrator of the Year by United Faculty – UNI.

GLORIA STAFFORD (SAHS) was awarded the King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural and Environmental Research by the graduate faculty in the Architectural Studies Department at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Her dissertation study, “Aging Alone in the Family Home: Exploring Place Attachment and Personal Adaptation” was chosen for the 2016-2017 academic year.

ROBERTO SWAZO (SAHS) received a Fulbright Specialist Program award and is currently at the University of Palermo in Italy. While in Italy, Roberto is conducting a series of graduate and undergraduate seminars, assessing academic curricula, and consulting with academic instructors/administrators for the development of a potential international certificate in school counseling and to promote faculty and student exchanges. He will return to UNI in January.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK’S MSW PROGRAM was ranked #11 in the U.S. by AffordableColleges.com. In a review of schools across the nation, the program stood out in both quality and affordability.
MARY JANE CREW began her career at the Center for Social and Behavioral Research (CSBR) on Jan 3, 1993. At that time, the Center had acquired its first million-dollar study, CSAT: a treatment needs assessment for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment out of Washington, DC. A random cross-section of all Iowans were to be interviewed over the telephone. An interviewer supervisor was needed at the Center to hire, train, and supervise a team of telephone interviewers collecting the data. Dr. Gene Lutz, the CSBR Director at that time, created a position that combined those responsibilities and Mary Jane became the first Interviewer Supervisor at CSBR.

Over the past 25 years, Mary Jane moved from Interviewer Supervisor to Field Supervisor as her duties and job responsibilities increased and the Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) facility expanded. Over the years, she has been actively involved in questionnaire development, assistance with testing, debugging and programming questionnaires, hiring and training telephone interviewers, supervision of interviewers, hiring and training of Assistants and Lab Facilitators, supervision of Assistants and Lab Facilitators, and supervision and mentoring of the Associate Field Supervisor.

During her time at CSBR, Mary Jane has had substantial responsibility for the CSBR data collection associated with the large Iowa Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS), which is conducted for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the Iowa Department of Public Health. The statewide survey has been collected by CSBR for the past 23 years. Mary Jane has also attended the national BRFSS Annual Conference over that time frame and served on a committee with the CDC methodologist to help develop disposition codes for data collection. In the past several years, she has worked closely with the current CDC methodologist to redesign and refine dispositions codes.

During her career, she has supervised and scheduled over 1,500 student employees. She has mentored, counseled, advised and coached these individuals with great warmth and care. It is not unusual for an international student to refer to her as their “American Mom.” She stays in touch with many of these previous students. Mary Jane is retiring in December and notes, “Retiring is bittersweet. I hope I have been able to touch the lives of these students as they have touched mine.” We are grateful for Mary Jane’s many contributions to the success of CSBR and for her work with the students who have served as telephone interviewers and student supervisors over the many years. We wish her luck and happiness as she begins her next chapter. She will be missed.

NEW FACULTY

JIUQING CHENG
Asst Professor, Psychology

JAMES DIETRICH
Asst Professor, Geography

LT. COLONEL MICHAEL HARRIS
Dept Head, Military Science-ROTC

ASHLEIGH KYSAR-MOON
Asst Professor, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology

LISA MILLSAPS
Asst Professor, Geography

MATTHEW VASQUEZ
Asst Professor, Social Work

CSBS UPDATES

TIM STRAUSS
New Interim Dept Head, Geography

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR EVAN RENFRO and ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JAYME NEIMAN (political science) were recently married at a ceremony in Lincoln, Nebraska.
IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR HARRY BROD

(sociology), age 66, passed away on June 16, 2017 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Professor Brod received his Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego in 1981. After working at University of Southern California, Kenyon College, Mount Saint Mary’s College, University of Delaware and Temple University, he joined the UNI faculty in 1999, as an Associate Professor in the Philosophy and World Religions Department, was promoted to Full Professor in 2003, and moved to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology in the fall of 2013.

Professor Brod’s research, teaching and service efforts have focused on Masculinity Studies, Jewish Studies, Sexual Consent, and Anti-Racism and Privilege. On the UNI campus, he was heavily involved in the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the Center for Violence Prevention, and the National Coalition Building Institute. He directed the Humanities Major from 2000-01 and 2012-13, and the University Honors Program from 2001-03. Professor Brod was also involved in the local community, serving on the Iowa Humanities Board of Directors, as well as nationally in the discipline, as coeditor of Men and Masculinities. Harry Brod also has his own Wikipedia page, a feat that not many faculty have accomplished.

Because of his leadership, Professor Brod was a frequent consultant and speaker across the country in his area of expertise, and was the first Distinguished Visiting Scholar of Masculinity Studies at St. Norbert College (DePere, WI) in fall of 2016 where his estate has made a groundbreaking donation to the Miriam B. and James J. Mulva Library of the “Dr. Harry Brod Masculinities Collection.”

Professor Brod dedicated his professional and personal life to issues relating to diversity and inclusion. He willingly shared his parents’ experience surviving the Holocaust in order to raise awareness and prompt discussions and thought, and was a leader in the field exploring the role of gender in our world. We will miss his thoughtful and deep examination of issues that impact us all.

DR. FRANCIS J. “DOC” WINTER

(political science emeritus), age 85, of Waterloo, died on Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017 at Lakeview Landing of Friendship Village.

He was born on Sept 3, 1932 in Maynard, IA; the son of Charles A. and Lydia E. Busse Winter. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 until his honorable discharge in 1957.

Doc married Dorothy E. Zlobik on June 26, 1965 in Iowa City; she preceded him in death on June 16, 2015.

Doc received his B.A. from University of Dubuque; was a Fulbright Scholar at University of Heidelberg; he then earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

He was a professor of political science for 32 years, teaching at University of Iowa, University of Wisconsin, and University of Northern Iowa, until retiring in 1996.

Doc was a member of Alpha Pi Omega, Fulbright Scholar Program, Sertoma Club, Cedar Falls Rotary, Elks Lodge No. 290; he had been a consultant to the U.S. State Department, and served as President of Iowa Political Science Association.
TEXTILES & APPAREL:

DESIGNING YOUR FUTURE

This past summer, the Textiles and Apparel (TAPP) program partnered with the university’s Hip Hop Literacy Summer School for a Hip Hop Fashion STEM Day Camp. This collaboration between CSBS and the College of Education (COE) served middle and high school students enrolled in the summer school program who expressed an interest in fashion and design. These students spent a week exploring how to create a brand, design and print patterns in state-of-the-art industry software and equipment, and professionally present a concept.

During the weeklong camp, two UNI TAPP majors served as counselors and all three of the program’s full-time faculty members were involved. Morgan Kalkwarf, one of the UNI Textiles and Apparel majors that assisted with the camp, taught the students how to use Adobe Illustrator, how to print and process fabric, basic sewing, and how to do testing on various textiles materials.

The camp also partnered with Target Corporation as part of a recruitment initiative to reach more diverse talent for their product development positions. Target also sent two lead designers to campus as part of the camp, to work with the participants and provide helpful feedback on their designs. Because of this, the participants spent a day at Target headquarters in Minneapolis to perform their original hip hop compositions and present their brands to a crowd of Target leaders and professionals.

This camp aimed to increase participation of underrepresented minorities in STEM, expose underrepresented minority students to careers in the fashion industry, increase efficacy of summer camp participants through hands on experiences in the material testing lab, and to create a link between hip hop music and fashion. Camp attendees were given firsthand experience into the world of fashion and hip hop and better insight into a possible career in these fields.

GEOGRAPHY:

GEOTREE CENTER CAPTURES UNI CAMPUS

The Department of Geography’s GeoTREE Center received a small grant from the Iowa Geographic Information Council to create a process for collecting geo-referenced points and 360 degree imagery utilizing inexpensive cameras linked to mobile devices. The center is utilizing this process to design lesson plans for local 4th grade classes to map their school buildings and campus.

In addition to these lesson plans, the center has also started mapping and publishing UNI’s campus to Google Maps/Street View. This allows anyone who utilizes google maps to experience a virtual tour of campus. Approximately 20 percent of campus is already mapped, but to help continue the project, the student-led Geography Club will be working with the GeoTREE Center to capture the campus as a whole. UNI’s Office of Admissions and University Relations are currently discussing ways to utilize these assets to help provide prospective students the ability to “visit” campus from the comfort of their own com-
POLITICAL SCIENCE:

WOMEN IN POLITICS

The Eighth Annual Women in Politics Scholarship Benefit was held on Oct. 26. The annual event has two purposes: to celebrate the contributions that Iowa women in politics make to their respective communities, and raise money for the scholarship fund. The organizers also hope to encourage women to become involved in politics to help reach the “50/50 by 2020” goal of attaining political equity for women in Iowa.

Featured keynote speaker, Bonnie Campbell, Iowa’s 32nd attorney general, former U.S. Department of Justice official and practicing attorney, shared the inspirational story of her life in public service.

Natalie Dean (political science/elementary education, junior) remarked that, “This event is important for me because, as a woman who will be entering the educational policy field, it’s inspiring to listen to the stories of women who have succeeded in the political field. I also believe this event is important for people in our community to connect with students and learn about us and the future of politics.”

CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION:

A GLOBAL IMPACT IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Center for Violence Prevention (CVP) hosted a delegation of 34 guests from the Botkyrka Municipality, Stockholm, Sweden on Oct. 7-14. The group consisted of high school students, city officials, local legislators, law enforcement, fire service/first responders, social workers, victim service advocates, school administrators and youth service professionals.

The goal of their visit was to learn more about the Mentors in Violence Prevention model and efforts emerging in our schools and within the community. The delegation met with Cedar Falls/Waterloo community leaders, educators and students, who are working to make schools, neighborhoods, homes and workplace settings safe and respectful places. They also attended the 3rd Annual MVP Student Leadership Summit and the Diversity and Inclusion Conference, both held at UNI.

“The entire week provided an opportunity for all of us to recognize and acknowledge that bullying and gender violence is a global problem,” said Alan Heisterkamp, director of CVP. “Violence prevention requires strong leadership, effective collaboration, shared responsibilities and a critical mass of the population challenging social norms that support harm and abuse.”

KWWL News featured the visit on Oct. 12, showcasing the impact Alan and the CVP/MVP team are having not only on our local and state, but global community. Please join the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in congratulating them on their worldwide efforts in bullying and violence prevention.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JACOB HARBERTS, NATHAN CARIGNAN, JESS BIRCH and COLLIN LINT (political science) recently attended the 59th Academy Assembly held at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The topic of the conference was “The Future of American Defense Policy.”

The ALPHA DELTA CHI chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha inducted 15 new members on November 8, 2017. Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society for Political Science. It was founded in 1920 and now has over 600 chapters. Students are nominated in recognition of their academic excellence, and once inducted are members for life. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

Geography graduate students AARON PADILLA, CHRIS PIERCE, DANE ATKINS and JOEL HEILMAN represented UNI at the 2017 American Association of Geographers (AAG) West Lakes Conference held in Marquette, Michigan this October. Dane won first place in the M.A./M.S. paper competition and is the first alternate for the $1,000 AAG award for best all around paper. Joel won second place in the MA/MS paper competition and additionally won the West Lakes Geography Bowl. Chris, being one of the six finalists, will join Joel to represent the region at AAG-New Orleans in April 2018.

ANNA HUNT (family services) spent the summer of 2017 at Children’s Mercy Hospital for a Child Life Specialist Practicum in Overland Park, KS. Anna was able to work next to several Certified Child Life Specialists to observe and assist with procedure preparation, healthcare play, pet therapy and more. “I enjoyed having the opportunity to make the hospital experience easier and more comfortable for patients and their families. Learning about the central role of the family within a challenging environment is something I will use in my future career.”

LETICIA AOSSEY (social work) was featured in The Courier’s Fall Inclusion magazine, which highlights diversity in the Cedar Valley area. In the article, Leticia shared her own experiences as a foster child and how education became her outlet, providing a way for her to take control of her future. At age 13 or 14, she became an advocate for kids like herself, and that advocacy has now become a career goal. Leticia has applied to the University of Iowa, where she’ll pursue a doctorate in social work. Her career plans are to become a federal policy writer and eventually become the commissioner of the Children’s Bureau in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS COMPLETE FALL INTERNSHIPS WITHIN THE CEDAR VALLEY

ELIZABETH DENNISTON has been interning in the mall facility at the Waterloo Department of Corrections this semester, and has thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Along with opening doors to a career path she feels confident in following, it has also taught her enhanced interpersonal skills, like how to be firm while still treating others with respect, and how to prioritize tasks.

TABITHA FERGASON graduated this December, and until recently, was still unclear on what she wanted to do after graduation. She had an interest in law enforcement, so decided to take an internship with the Cedar Falls Police Department (CFPD). “Getting to spend a few hours at the police department was one of the best parts of my week! Because of my internship, I decided that I definitely want to work for a police department. I can’t see myself working anywhere else.”

VANESSA JORDAN has often focused on and studied the characteristics and punishments of offenders. However, as an intern at The Riverview Center, she was able to gain a different perspective through the eyes of victims. This semester she has helped plan and deliver presentations at local middle schools to create more of an awareness of sexual abuse, as well as be on call for victims who needed immediate assistance. These experiences have helped Vanessa develop and enhance many different skills, particularly empathy, professional detachment and communication.

ALLISON HUNT interned this semester at the Black Hawk County Attorney’s Office. As an intern, Allison observed courtroom proceedings, updated library periodicals, and completed various office tasks. She also aided the assistant county attorneys by looking over evidence and reading case descriptions. “I was able to bounce around and learn about each type of case handled, from domestic abuse to simple misdemeanors,” explained Allison. After her experience within the courtroom and office, Allison has decided that she would like to pursue law school.

2017-18 ROTC CADET GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following senior ROTC cadets on receiving their Army component and officer branch assignments:

TIM LOGEMANN (elementary education) will graduate in December and commission as an Infantry Officer in the Iowa National Guard.

SEAN MADAY (criminology) will graduate in May and commission as an Infantry Officer in the Iowa National Guard.

TYLER REAGAN (criminology) will graduate in May and commission as a Military Police Officer in the Army Reserve.

NOLAN COOK (movement & exercise science) will graduate in May and commission as an Infantry Officer in the Regular Army (active duty).

MICHAEL CASEY (criminology) will graduate in May and commission as a Military Police Officer in the Regular Army (active duty).

ROTC CADET SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This semester, five UNI cadets received scholarship awards through the U.S. Army ($270K total value):

LOGAN ERWIN (history) enlisted in Iowa Army National Guard last spring as a motor transport operator (88M) and received a 2-year National Guard Minuteman Scholarship.

CAITLYN SULLIVAN was awarded a 3-year nursing scholarship, which will transfer to Allen College in the spring when she starts her nursing program. She is the first UNI ROTC nursing student to go to Allen since 2011. When the scholarship transfers to Allen, it will cover 100 percent of Allen’s tuition and fees.

TYLER NELSEN (physics) was awarded a 3-year advanced designee scholarship last school year. Tyler is an Illinois resident and the scholarship covers 100 percent of the out-of-state tuition and fees.

MARISSA WHITNEY (elementary education) was awarded a 3-year dedicated National Guard scholarship.

MORGAN JONES (elementary education) was awarded a 3.5-year Army Reserve Minuteman scholarship.

These cadets have all made a commitment to the nation to complete ROTC and serve as an officer in the Army upon graduation. They received these scholarships based on their demonstrated potential and qualities as student scholar/athlete/leaders.
The Center for Violence Prevention announced the Fall 2017 recipients of the Pat and O. Jay Tomson Student Internship Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded for UNI students completing internships in the areas of bullying and gender violence prevention programming and intervention and/or victim services for those impacted by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

GRACE PARSLEY (family services) is completing her internship at the Department of Human Services in Waterloo, Iowa. Grace will work with her internship supervisor to deliver services that may include counseling and different forms of therapy, helping with housing and job applications so one has a better opportunity to leave an abusive relationship, or parenting and dating/relationship education. Grace will work closely with many providers in the area with an end goal to make homes safe and supportive environments for the children and families.

KELLSEY FOREST (MSW) is from Tipton, Iowa. During her internship at Covenant Medical Center Horizons, she will be co-facilitating group counseling sessions and providing individual counseling sessions under the supervision of her internship supervisor. Kellsey will meet weekly with therapists and staff as a team to discuss treatment methods and provide psychoeducation to individual patients and families.

KRISTIN SAUERBREI (social work), originally from Iowa Falls, Iowa, is currently completing her internship at Friends of the Family of Waterloo. Kristin is primarily working in the Anti-Human Trafficking Department. She is helping build a coalition in the Cedar Valley community for the purpose of bringing awareness to the issue of human trafficking that happens here in Iowa and beyond. Kristin also has the opportunity to engage one-on-one with survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault through answering the crisis line and advocating for them as they strive to obtain both their physical and relational needs. Kristin will use this experience to empower others to take action regarding this issue now and in the future.

BRIANNA PIKE (family services), from Solon, Iowa, is completing her internship at Friends of the Family - a domestic violence and sexual assault shelter that serves twenty counties in eastern Iowa. While at Friends of the Family, Brianna will provide direct services to persons in or seeking shelter according to agency procedures, as well as advocate on behalf of victims and children who are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, Brianna will respond to crisis calls, provide referral to staff or alternative services, and work with clients to identify community resources.

TSERING KYI (women and gender studies) is a second-generation Tibetan woman born and raised in India. She grew up in Ladakh, situated in the northern part of India. Kyi completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees in English Literature from Delhi University in India and enrolled in UNI’s WGS department with the hope of learning and expanding her knowledge in gender studies. After finishing her master’s degree, Kyi hopes to work in the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), a Tibetan exile government based in Dharamsala, India, to help bring more awareness and education to the Tibetan communities around gender violence and how to prevent it.
LEE WHITE (history and social science teaching, 1999), a social studies teacher at East Buchanan High School in Winthrop, was one of 30 educators from across the nation selected to attend C-SPAN Classroom’s 2017 Educators’ Conference in Washington, D.C. this past July.

MEGAN HANNAM (interior design, 2008) was recently honored with The Courier’s “Class of 2017 - 20 under 40” award for her work in interior design. She currently owns her own design and construction management company that focuses on kitchen design and remodeling projects.

CSBS ADVISORY BOARD NAMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

ANGELA CARNAHAN (psychology, 1999) is employed by Nationwide Insurance as a Business Consultant: Portfolio Management, where she oversees a budget of $111m, helping to ensure that new projects are integrated and strategically aligned. Among her numerous volunteer and charitable activities, Angela provides marketing and communication expertise for the Ronald McDonald House of Central Iowa, mentors a 4th grader through the Everybody Wins! Iowa project, and has actively mentored professional working women in Nationwide and the community. Angela was recently recognized as an exceptional young professional when she was honored with the Des Moines Business Record’s “40 Under 40” award.

DYLAN KELLER (history and political communication, 2014; M.A. history, 2016) was previously employed in the Iowa Senate Majority leader’s office, and is newly employed as Director of Fundraising for the Senate Majority Fund in the Republican Party of Iowa. Dylan was one of the original SABRs in CSBS, and was very engaged as a student in Glee Club, NISG and many other organizations. He has remained involved through his volunteer work with the Les Hales Society and as a Glee Club Kingpin. He is currently serving on the Les Hale Endowment Fund Board and is active in the Central Iowa Alumni Club Executive Board.

Upon graduation MICHAEL WRIGHT (american history, 1969) taught history in Waterloo before serving our country in the Vietnam War and returning a highly decorated veteran. Michael is an experienced advocate with nearly 40 years of legislative and regulatory experience. Previously, Michael was the Senior Lobbyist for Hoffmann-La Roche for 37 years and is currently the Executive Director for the Texas Pharmacy Association. Michael served on Health & Human Services Committees with the National Governors Association, National Council of State Legislators, the American Legislative Exchange Council, and the Medicaid Directors Association. Michael has been a member of TPA for 25 plus years, serving on the Board of Directors and as Vice Chairman of the TPA Foundation as well as being active in multiple Austin area organizations, serving as President of Great Hills Country Club, President of Great Hills Homeowners Association, Dell Hospital NW Circle of Friends, the University of Houston College of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council, and RxWiki Corporate Advisory Board.
CSBS Kudos, published every semester, highlights accomplishments of faculty, students and alumni of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and makes colleagues in the college and across campus aware of the great things being done in CSBS. By sharing these ideas, interests and contributions, we strive to sustain a sense of community.