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Mission Statement for CHPA

The faculty of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs helps students to understand the nuances of social and political structures, criminal justice, culturally-based ethical and interpersonal behavior, religious systems, and economic processes within a global, historical, and contemporary context. CHPA presents the concepts contained in the University's Public Affairs mission and applies them to real-world problems and situations so that our students will be better prepared to become citizens and leaders.

Focus on

Dean's Corner: Dean Victor H. Matthews

Spring 2012

I hope that you have enjoyed this mild winter and the beautiful spring colors in the Ozarks and elsewhere. Spring also means we are pushing toward the end of the academic year and in the process trying to squeeze in as many activities as possible. For instance, the Public Affairs Conference will be held April 17-20 with the theme of a "Culture of Connectivity" (<http://publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/conference/>). However, that is only one of many stimulating opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and the community to share ideas and be informed on current issues. You will find evidence in this issue of the CHPA Newsletter of events that have occurred earlier in this academic year as well as items and accomplishments that we wish to celebrate and share with our friends and supporters. I think you will find that we have been very busy on a local, regional, national, and even international scale. One thing you will see here is an effort to answer a question that I often receive: "What is the significance of the university's Public Affairs mission and how do you demonstrate that it has been integrated into the activities of the college?" Just to remind you, the Public Affairs mission includes efforts to engage our students with the concepts of cultural competence, ethical leadership, and community engagement. It is our goal to give them the opportunity to follow their passion and find their place as productive and creative members of society. Throughout this issue you will see how we "do" Public Affairs and how it informs everything we do. I invite you to read through these stories and then, when a question arises or you want to know more, please contact us. We are always happy to tell our story and that of the university.



Let me also again extend the invitation to stop by the college offices in Strong Hall if you are in Springfield this summer. It is very important to us to hear about what our alumni and friends have been doing. You are in fact the product of our efforts at creating educated persons and we need your feedback on how effectively we have prepared you for your current or future career.

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Community Engagement



Students Digging Up the Past

by Marcie Venter

Dr. Marcie Venter, assistant research professor and research archaeologist for the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University, in collaboration with the City of Springfield, received a National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund grant to conduct an archaeological education project with the Springfield public schools. Public middle school students were taught basic cultural stewardship principles and archaeological concepts and field and laboratory techniques during a visit to the McKenzie-Townsend site, an antebellum homestead located on the grounds of the MSU Darr Agricultural Center. MSU graduate students and professional archaeologists from the area aided this outreach project.



Dr. Marcie Venter facilitated the MSU team of archaeologists, graduate students, and SPS students from Phelps Center for the Gifted and Pipkin Middle School as they participated in this hands-on experience in the study of one of the region's earliest frontier settlements.

"The examination of domestic activities at the McKenzie-Townsend site has much potential to inform and educate the public on antebellum society and slavery in the western Ozarks, and to aid in the preservation of one of the few remaining archaeological sites that can shed light on Springfield's early historic development and character," Dr. Venter explained.

In follow-up sessions with MSU archaeologists, students had the opportunity to participate in typical laboratory activities and artifact interpretation assisted by Dr. Venter.

The continuing relationship between MSU and the WINGS (Working with the Individual Needs of Gifted Students) Program as Partners in Education fulfills SPS' and the College of Humanities and Public Affairs' desire for public outreach between the university and classroom students.



Pictured are students participating in the archaeological education project



Community Engagement

History Day Every Day!

by Gail Emrie, Regional Coordinator for History Day Competition and MSU History Department Staff Advisor

Area history students competed at the Region 7 History Day Competition held at Plaster Student Union on the Missouri State University Campus on February 24, 2012. Participants conducted in-depth research on individual topics related to an annual theme and presented their findings in one of several formats -- exhibit, performance, documentary, website, or research paper -- designed to foster creativity and imagination. These presentations were evaluated at a series of local, state and national contests. The local competition was sponsored by the History Department at Missouri State University.

Annually, more than 2,400 Missouri students in grades 6-12 participate in local and regional competitions throughout the state, with more than 500 advancing to the state contest at the University of Missouri-Columbia in April. This year's theme was "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." The state contest will be held on April 21, 2012, at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Each June, 50-55 Missouri students compete with more than 2,500 of the best and brightest from across America at the national contest in College Park, Maryland.

National History Day is not just a day, but every day! The National History Day program is a year-long education program that culminates in a national contest every June.

For more than twenty-five years the National History Day program has promoted systemic educational reform related to the teaching and learning of history in America's schools. The combination of creativity and scholarship built into the NHD program anticipated current educational reforms, making National History Day a leading model of performance-based learning.



REL Professors Partner with Girls4Good

On Saturday, 3 March, two of Missouri State's Religious Studies professors, Micki Pulleyking and Ken Elkins, spoke at the Girls4Good Conference, an event organized and produced by Springfield's Central High School students. The event included Dr. Nancy D. O'Reilly and Senator Roseann Bentley as guest speakers.

Dr. Pulleyking (*pictured below left, at left*) spoke about her experiences as a pastor, a "woman in religion," and answered questions from students, noting some of the changed attitudes through the years and the opportunities for women in religion.

Mr. Elkins (*pictured above left, at left*) highlighted the role of "individual choices" in his talk on "Women in the Holocaust," where he described individual women who survived the Holocaust, women who resisted, and women who were accomplices to the atrocities. He also suggested books for those of us who were interested in hearing some of the women's stories by the women themselves.

For more information, see the website, www.girls4good.org.





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Cultural Competence



Kunti Bentley and Lali (Photo: Kevin White)

by Madeline Reising, undergraduate in Anthropology and Spanish, Student Worker at Study Away Programs, and past study abroad student in Jordan and Mexico

This May, a group of Missouri State students will once again travel to the Middle East to participate in Dr. Bethany Walker's short-term archaeology field school in Jordan. Among these students are Elizabeth Deckard, a history major with a strong interest in Middle Eastern studies, and Kunti Bentley, a double major in anthropology and global studies. In addition to their academic pursuits, both Elizabeth and Kunti are mothers. What's more, they are mothers who wish to provide their children with a global education and a tangible sense of the vastness and diversity of our world. As such, Kunti's daughter, Lali (5), and Elizabeth's son, Jordan (8), whose name was perhaps prescient, will accompany their mothers to Jordan this summer.

At five years of age, Lali has already traveled more than many people decades her senior. This winter, Kunti and her family spent three weeks studying in Valparaíso, Chile through International Studies Abroad (ISA). Lali can now point to Chile on a world map, and in a few months, she will be able to identify Jordan as well. Much more importantly, she will carry these memories and experiences with her throughout her education and her life. This was precisely Kunti's motivation in deciding to study abroad with her daughter. Kunti explains, "I want [Lali] to develop a solid concept of the world that goes beyond the textbooks and presentations she'll see in class. Especially since we live in the middle of this country, I want her to know that those places are real. I want her to smell the foods, see the markets, meet people, and to have a tangible association with the global community."

Elizabeth Deckard shares these sentiments. In explaining her desire for Jordan to accompany her on the trip, she states, "I want [Jordan] to see that there's so much more out there than what is here in the Midwest. I want him to meet new people, see different cultures- to realize that it's not the same everywhere, and to be okay with that."



Elizabeth Deckard and Jordan (Photo: Elena Bravo)

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This sense of respect for cultural differences is undoubtedly among the most important benefits of studying away. And as study abroad programs grow in number and popularity, the opportunities they facilitate expand. Elizabeth and Kunti are a testament to this. Because of short term study away programs such as Dr. Walker's, students like Elizabeth and Kunti do not have to choose between their roles as mothers, and the prospect of adding an international component to their studies. Instead, they demonstrate that one can simultaneously be a student, a mother, and a world traveler.

As for Jordan and Lali, perhaps these two young minds represent the future of their generation in this ever more globalized world. Maybe one day in the not-so-distant future, all students will have the opportunity to experience our world as a classroom: to not only locate a country on a map, but to see its beauty, smell its foods, speak its language, and appreciate its culture firsthand.



Dr. Bethany Walker



Above, left to right: Dr. Frank Einhellig, Dr. Jim Baker, Mr. Jack Yang, and Dr. Dennis Hickey

MSU Partners in Taiwan Academy

by Dennis Hickey

On February 24, officials from Taiwan visited the Political Science Department to sign an agreement establishing MSU as a partner in the "Taiwan Academy." The Taiwan Academy is a "soft power" program launched by Taipei to promote "Chinese studies with Taiwan characteristics." Dozens of other universities in the USA and overseas are "partners." For example, the University of London SOAS became a partner in December.

The picture (*at left*) shows Dr. Frank Einhellig, MSU Provost, Dr. Jim Baker, MSU Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Mr. Jack Yang, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City and Dr. Dennis Hickey, Director of the Graduate Program in Global Studies, at the signing ceremony. Numerous MSU professors from across campus, students from Taiwan and America and members of the local community attended the event.



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Ethical Leadership

**Economics Professors Sponsor
"Focus on Globalization"**



Above, Dr. Julie Gallaway; right, Dr. Sharmistha Self



In March and November 2011, the Center for Economic Education sponsored workshops entitled "Focus on Globalization" for area teachers and students who are planning careers as secondary social studies teachers. The workshops, presented by Drs. Sharmistha Self and Julie Gallaway, presented material that covered a variety of topics including defining and understanding what international trade is, who our top trading partners are and what goods are traded the most, what comparative advantage is and why it is important for international trade, understanding how international trade makes all participants better off, outsourcing, and exchange rates. The workshop was funded by a grant from the National Council for Economic Education obtained by Dr. David Mitchell (Associate Professor, Economics), the Director of the Center for Economic Education.



MAMUN Conference Involves Students in Global Issues

by Ann Fuhrman, United Nations Librarian, Meyer Library

"MAMUN" = Mid-American Model United Nations held Nov. 7th & 8th (for the 37th year) in Plaster Student Union, where ten area high schools and two middle schools represented 36 UN member states, along with one NGO, the PLO & the Holy See, discussing and debating current global issues in simulations of the UN's General Assembly (1st & 3rd Committees) the Economic & Social Council, the Commission for

Sustainable Development, the current Security Council and two Historical Security Councils (1973 & 2003). The conference itself is nothing short of amazing, as the student delegates literally step into the shoes of ambassadors and "... make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing 'international cooperation' to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world."

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The conference is hosted and facilitated by MSU's World Affairs Council (WAC) students, along with Drury University's Model UN students. This year we were fortunate to be assisted by Dr. Dennis Hickey's International Organizations (IO) students and a WAC alum, Todd Wilkinson, now the Service Desk Manager at OTC's Learning Resource Center (Spfld. campus), as well as a couple of 7Revs students.



Top left, WAC students (L-R) Nicholas Linan, Madison Wilson, Besim Huskic, Tara Hammer, Chris Hopkins and Shane Franklin - smiling about having run a very successful Model UN simulation!

Top right, MAMUN participants

Middle right, Dr. Hickey's IO students (L-R) Maha Mohamed, Keith Bachman, Mingxi Jia, and Bin Xia, with WAC student Besim Huskic in Home Government/Delegate Services

Lower right, WAC student Dylan Pelletier and MSU WAC alum Todd Wilkinson plotting the Security Council crisis!

by David Embree

Per Course Faculty, Department of Religious Studies

Making "Public Affairs" More than a Slogan

Several of us who teach in the Department of Religious Studies also teach "First Year Foundations," a mandatory class which is supposed to provide basic understandings and skills for incoming students, but which is often considered "lame" by those students. Keeping students' attention and conveying some real content are real challenges in teaching GEP 101.

The term "slacktivist" has been coined to refer to an attitude commonly seen in today's students. To address this, in my GEP classes, one of the first assignments is for the students to go to www.globalrichlist.com and to input their incomes for the preceding year. Despite their self-identifications as "poor college students," none of them are any lower than the top 15% of the world's population, strictly on the basis of their own income, let alone the other resources to which they have access. I also point out to them early on that even by being in college, they are already in the top 10% of all people who have ever lived, as far as educational opportunities go. I want them to understand that they are people of privilege and influence.



So what to do with that influence? This past semester I assigned the students the task of coming up with an employment equivalent for Habitat for Humanity. They needed to envision a way by which unemployed individuals could learn to make a living with minimal capital investment and minimal training and through which they could then train others to do the same thing. Some students worked individually and others in pairs as they sought to come up with appropriate ways to meet real needs in cost-effective ways.

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Some of their ideas included neighborhood-based gardens and direct produce sales; personalized lawn service; custom sewing and alterations; and low-cost, basic automobile care and maintenance. The hardest concept for them to grasp was that proposals could NOT begin with “government funding”.

The students first presented their visions to one another, and they evaluated one another’s proposals on the basis of practicality. The top five concepts were then presented to a panel of community leaders, including State Representatives Melissa Leach and Bob Dixon, City Councilman Tom Bieker, Tom Faulkner (director of Crosslines), Tony Turner (of Victory Trade School), and Positronics CEO John Gentry, who discussed their concepts and offered suggestions for making them stronger. I think the students got the idea that even the ideas of first year students can be listened to seriously. And afterwards all the leaders stayed around for quite awhile talking about which of the proposals had the most merit and could actually be implemented.

Individuals can still make a difference in the world, and helping our students understand that from the very beginning of their college careers can transform why and how they “do college”. This is public affairs.



Above, Ms. Stacie Hammer and Dr. Brett Garland

Criminology Student Stacie Hammer Spotlighted by Board of Governors

Adapted from MSU Media 16 Feb 2012

Bolivar native and criminology graduate student Stacie Hammer was spotlighted by the Missouri State University Board of Governors during its regular meeting Feb. 17. Dr. Brett Garland, Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, joined her for the recognition.

Ms. Hammer is a graduate assistant with the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and has been involved in national-level evaluation of Evening Reporting Centers (ERC) for high-risk youth.

“The honor of being spotlighted for my current research effort is an unexpected surprise,” said Ms. Hammer. “I would never have been

able to be involved in the research on Juvenile Evening Reporting Centers throughout the country if it hadn’t been for Dr. Brett Garland, who initiated the research and secured a grant for funding. I am also grateful to the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department that afforded me the opportunity to progress in my field of interest with opportunities such as this.”

Under Dr. Garland’s leadership, Ms. Hammer has been involved in a multi-site project to evaluate the ERC. She has visited ERCs in Kansas City, Mo., and Santa Cruz, Calif., as well as the local ERC operating under the Greene County juvenile office.

“The College of Humanities and Public Affairs (CHPA) is committed to community engagement and when a student-faculty research partnership demonstrably benefits local agencies such as the Juvenile Evening Reporting Centers, we all win,” said Dr. Victor Matthews, CHPA Dean.

Ms. Hammer is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma and MSU’s chapter of Sigma Mu Sigma, both national honor societies for criminal justice. She has presented twice at the Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference at MSU and at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association’s Annual Meeting in Chicago with Dr. Garland.

Her academic interests are researching and studying areas of criminology and criminal justice including juvenile justice, terrorism and theories of criminal behavior. She completed an internship in 2009 with the U.S. Marshals Service. After graduating, Ms. Hammer hopes to work for the U.S. government in law enforcement.



CHPA Area Studies News

History Professor Promotes the Ozarks through Ozarks Studies Program, Oral History

by Brooks Blevins

One of the most unique aspects of the Ozarks Studies Program is the easy access it provides for faculty and students to present public presentations and engage in meaningful research. Here Dr. Brooks Blevins conducts an oral history interview with an Ozarks community historian, the late Wayne Martin, on the subject of the itinerant labor trails of Ozarkers in the mid-20th century. Blevins was also a featured speaker at Pettigrew Days, an annual community homecoming and celebration in Martin's hometown of Pettigrew, Arkansas.



Above, Dr. Brooks Blevins giving a lecture, "The Who, What, and Where of the Ozarks," last fall at the annual meeting of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation in Waynesville, MO.

Left, Dr. Blevins conducting an oral history interview with Wayne Martin in Pettigrew, Arkansas in 2008

Center for Archaeological Research News

Professor Receives Funding for Archaeological Survey

Dr. Marcie Venter (*pictured at right*), Assistant Research Professor and Research Archaeologist for the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University, received a \$19,164 subaward from the Delaware Tribe for the "Collaborative Survey and Inventory of Delaware Sites in Southwest Missouri" project. The funds are part of a \$39,742 Historic Preservation Fund grant the Delaware Tribe received from the National Park Service. The award will be used for archaeological field research and report preparation that will help identify, report and protect early nineteenth-century Delaware settlements and cemeteries in the James River valley from urban expansion.

"The results of this archaeological work will ultimately be used by the Delaware Tribe to establish a mapped inventory on a GIS platform that records the locations and integrity of archaeological sites," said Venter. "It will also support the nomination of two previously identified eligible sites to the National Register of Historic Places."

For more information, contact Dr. Venter at (417) 836-4889.





Center for Archaeological Research

News from Neal

News

by Neal Lopinot, CAR Director

Faculty and staff at the Center for Archaeological Research (CAR) have undertaken a variety of projects this past year. A few of these are highlighted below.

Skull Cave Excavations

Archaeological excavations were conducted in early September of 2011 at Skull Cave. The excavations were undertaken by CAR Research Archaeologist Jack H. Ray for Rob Maupin, owner of the cave. Ray was assisted by Cathy Hilliard, a graduate student in the Applied Anthropology program. The excavations were undertaken to determine the depth and site stratigraphy, and to obtain a representative sample of artifact data classes to help interpret past human activities. The results indicate that the cave was occupied intermittently over a span of at least 4,000 years, although the bulk of the cave occupation appears to have occurred about A.D. 1000–1600 when the cave was utilized more frequently and intensively, primarily during the late fall and winter seasons.



Above, Cathy Hilliard standing in one of the “eyes” of Skull Cave. Left, Jack Ray shown screening soil from excavation units.



Trinidad Research

A variety of research activities were undertaken by CAR during a two-week period in January of 2012 on the southern Caribbean island of Trinidad. The ongoing research there included a successful search for the source of chert artifacts found at a series of Amerindian sites located some 29 km away. Several potential sources were studied and only one appears to have been the source for the artifacts from this site, as well as most other sites on the island. Despite more than a century of archaeological investigations in Trinidad, this source had not been identified heretofore.

This search was undertaken by Jack Ray, supported by a grant from the Latin American, Caribbean, and Hispanic Studies (LACHS) initiative.

CAR Director Neal Lopinot and CAR Project Supervisor Dustin Thompson also completed the collection of data for a detailed contour map of the La Reconnaissance site, a historic cacao plantation established in 1806 that also has evidence of Amerindian occupation, including a major village site dating to A.D. 600–900. Lopinot and Thompson also conducted excavations of historic deposits in a search for the foundation to the original plantation house and they recorded 6 new Amerindian sites within 0.5 km of the La Reconnaissance site. The 6 sites included two major Amerindian villages.

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Far right, the source of most chert artifacts found in Trinidad. Note that the lower portion of the hill, known as Malchan Hill, has been extensively quarried for gravel used in road construction. Near right, Dustin Thompson and Cheryl Garcia, a local Trinidadian, excavating a shovel test at one of the newly discovered Amerindian sites.



Criminology & Criminal Justice News

Brett Garland Wins 2011 Master Online Course Award

Missouri State Online and the Master Online Recognition Award Selection Committee announced recently that CRM 350, *The Police in American Society*, taught by Dr. Brett Garland (*pictured above*), has been awarded the 2011 Master Online Course Award. This course has been selected as best in the four categories of Course Design, Interaction and Collaboration, Assessment and Course Technology and Media Value.

According to Dr. Gary Rader, Director of Missouri State Online, Dr. Garland will be honored for his work in online teaching and learning excellence at the campus recognition award ceremony in May. Additionally, Dr. Garland will present his course as an example of best practices in online teaching and learning in the annual Showcase for Teaching and Learning or other venue.

"We are happy to bestow this recognition on you for your hard work and devotion to your students!" wrote Dr. Rader to Dr. Garland.

Dr. Garland is involved in a number of community agencies, including the Task Force on Gangs and Youth Violence at the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, the cabinet of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and the Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee in the Greene County Juvenile Office.

"Community involvement is critically important for criminology professors as crime is a social phenomenon that has direct impacts on communities," said Dr. Garland. "Community agencies and criminal justice researchers should constantly work together to identify the sources of crime and to devise and continually evaluate policies and programs that address crime problems."

Dr. Garland brings his commitment to the community into the classroom, encouraging students to become involved, whether through research, practicum projects or internships.



Criminology & Criminal Justice

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Criminology and Criminal Justice Students Attend and Present at the ACJS Conference in NYC

by Ivy Yarckow-Brown, Senior Instructor, CCJ



Pictured above left to right: Casey Cansler, Emily Rader, Shauna Perkins, Melanie Terneus, Oliver Hoedel, Ivy Yarckow-Brown (faculty) and Jake Guthier

Six Criminology and Criminal Justice students travelled to New York City to attend the 49th Annual ACJS (Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences) conference in March 2012. All 6 students also presented at the conference. Four of these students (Melanie Terneus, Oliver Hoedel, Casey Cansler, and Emily Rader) are Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma (the Missouri State

University chapter of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society) officers, and presented “(Civic) Engagement: The Diamond of Service Learning” with their faculty advisor, Ivy Yarckow-Brown. These students were also able to attend national Alpha Phi Sigma meetings and participate in a College Bowl competition, where they excelled. Shauna Perkins presented with Dr. Bernie McCarthy, and Jake Guthier presented in lieu of Dr. Brett Garland.

Aside from the conference panels, presentations, receptions, and competitions, students had some time to explore the city, as well. A visit to the 9/11 memorial was included on the agenda. Funding was provided by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, SOFAC, and the Graduate College.

“Criminology and Criminal Justice: Ozarks Partners in Preventing and Reducing Crime” - The 4th Annual Missouri State University Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference

by Ivy Yarckow-Brown, CCJ Conference Coordinator

On Wednesday, March 7, 2012, Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma (the Missouri State University chapter of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society) sponsored The 4th Annual Missouri State University Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference on the third floor of Plaster Student Union. Keynote speakers this year included Victor Vieth, the Executive Director of the National Child Protection Center (NCPTC) (see: <http://www.news-leader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012303080057>) and Frank Owen, the author of *No Speed Limits: The Highs and Lows of Methamphetamine* (see: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext/?nxd_id=614452). In addition to the keynote presentations, twenty panels featuring community members, faculty, and students addressing aspects of criminology and criminal justice were included throughout the day. A murder-mystery luncheon highlighted “Mystery in Springfield,” as written and directed by Dr. Bob Willenbrink, the Department Head of the Department of Theater and Dance at Missouri State University was also offered this year.

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Pictured at left, left to right: Caryn Saxon, Melanie Terneus, Oliver Hoedel, Tammy Preston, Victor Matthews (CHPA Dean), R. Gretchen Smith, Matthew Brown, Shauna Perkins, Michael McKee

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At the conclusion of the conference, Dr. Mike Carlie, Professor Emeritus of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Dr. Craig Hemmens, Professor and Department Head of Criminology and Criminal Justice, presented a closing ceremony discussing the past, present and future of criminology and criminal justice at Missouri State University.

Throughout the day, fifteen students presented their original work on topics related to criminology and criminal justice. Eight of these students were awarded certificates and money for their first, second and third place honors at the graduate and undergraduate levels (*see photo, above*).

An "Opportunities Fair" ran in conjunction with the conference this year. This portion of the conference allowed for networking opportunities with twenty-eight criminal-justice related agencies looking for student members, volunteers, interns and/or employees. Some of these agencies included the FBI, Greene County Sheriff's Department, the Springfield Police Department, Missouri Department of Corrections, Family Violence Center – Harmony House, the Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, and BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse).

Overall, an estimated 800 people attended this event, including, but not limited to students, faculty, community professionals, media, and law enforcement. Next year's event, The 5th Annual Missouri State University Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference, promises continued growth and the potential for a two day event. If you would like to participate in, volunteer for, or are interested in contributing to the conference in any way, please contact the conference coordinator, Ivy Yarckow-Brown, at Yarckow-Brown@MissouriState.edu.

Funding for the annual conference was generously provided by the College of Humanities and Public Affairs, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, SOFAC, Cengage Wadsworth Publishers, and BACA. Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma also completed a fund-raiser to help support the event.

Michael Ramon Speaks to Senior Seminar Class

On February 14, Dr. Bernard McCarthy brought Mr. Michael Ramon (*pictured at right*), formerly Deputy Director of the US Marshall Service, to campus to speak to Dr. McCarthy's Senior Seminar class in Criminal Justice on career opportunities as criminal investigators with the federal government. He advised students on an upcoming federal exam and how to prepare for it. Mr. Ramon shared his experiences running fugitive warrant squads, administering the federal witness protection program and protecting US Supreme Court Justices. He also went over how to prepare for applying for federal jobs through USAjobs.gov and how to handle the interview process. His presentation was well received by students.





Criminology & Criminal Justice News



Assistant Professor Awarded Grant

Aida Hass (*pictured at left*), Assistant Professor in Criminology, was recently awarded a grant for over \$9,600 from the Missouri Department of Corrections for her proposal, "An Evaluation Study of the Springfield ReEntry Project." Congratulations to Ms. Hass!

Recent Publications by CCJ Faculty



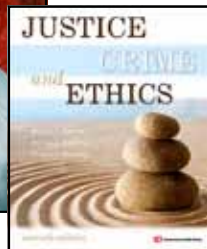
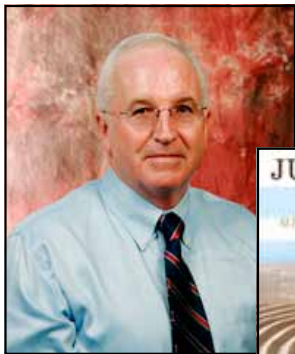
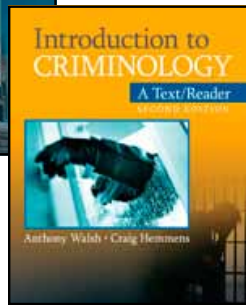
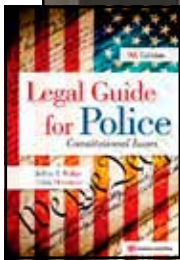
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Dr. Bernard McCarthy, Professor (*pictured at left*)

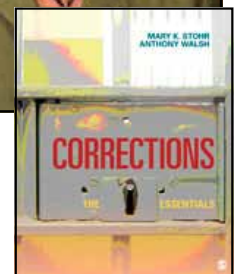
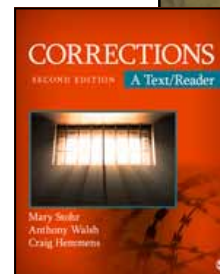
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Dr. Mary Stohr, Professor (*pictured at right*)

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Defense & Strategic Studies News

News from Our DSS Alumni

by Stephanie Koeshall, Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, 2009

The Department of Defense and Strategic Studies (DSS) offers students an unparalleled educational experience. The program prepares students to thrive in both industry and government service by offering internships and professional opportunities directly in the field of study. As a student, I was appointed as an Assistant to the Commissioner on The Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States. In this capacity, I conducted research on nuclear elimination, analyzing verification, enforcement, and security challenges to U.S. strategic objectives and briefed the STRATCOM Advisory Board on opportunities and challenges of nuclear elimination.

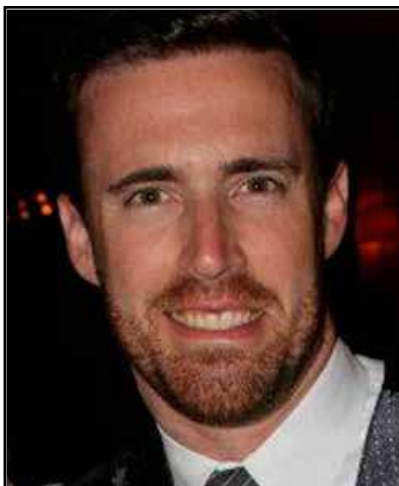
As a DSS graduate and Rumsfeld Foundation Fellow, I began work at the Missile Defense Agency as an analyst on the Executive Support Team reporting to the Chief of Staff and Executive Director. My responsibilities include managing the Freedom of Information Program as the key liaison between the agency and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. On behalf of the Director, I am responsible for drafting questions for the record to the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee and reviewing the Director's Congressional Testimony. Additionally, I coordinate the agencies' annual Missile Defense Conference comprised of over 1,000 national missile defense community representatives including senior executive leaders, program managers, and defense department active duty and reserve forces.



Ms. Stephanie Koeshall

by Russell W. Roth, DSS Class of 2007

Since graduating from the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies in the spring of 2007, Mr. Russell Roth has had a successful career in the Federal government. He was selected as a Presidential Management Fellow with the Department of Energy's Office of Electricity and Energy Reliability. In this capacity, Russell spent two months in Stuttgart, Germany facilitating an agreement between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Defense that eventually allowed for energy advisors to be stationed at the geographic Combatant Commands of the United States. Russell then moved to the Office of Policy and International Affairs, guiding DOE activities throughout the Western Hemisphere, including DOE leadership of the Presidential-level U.S.-Brazil Strategic Energy Dialogue.



Mr. Russell Roth

While working at the Department of Energy, Russell was fortunate to return to DSS in the fall of 2010 as an adjunct professor, instructing a course on the nexus between energy security and national security. Russell currently serves as a Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, where he provides expert policy and technical advice on a broad range of energy and national security concerns. In this capacity Russell works closely with senior Administration officials within DOE, across the Executive Branch, and at the White House to define and execute DOE and U.S. government policy objectives. The experience and education received at Missouri State University's Department of Defense and Strategic Studies was critical to the success he has gained since his graduation.



Economics News

Economics Department Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

by Dr. Ardeshir Dalal, Department Head, Economics Department

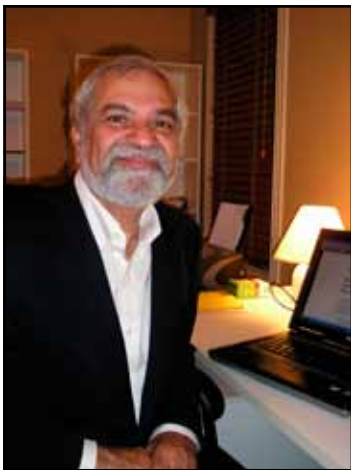


Dr. Christina Robinson (*pictured, at left*) was awarded a 2012 Summer Faculty Fellowship to do research on “Family Structure and the Benefits of Participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).”

Dr. David Mitchell (*pictured, at right*) was awarded a grant for \$15,122 by the Missouri Independent Local Exchange Carriers for a study on “Economic Impact of the Removal of the USF in Missouri.” Dr. Mitchell also presented a talk entitled, “The Great Recession and Tiny Recovery: Headwinds or Hurricane?” at the BKD Annual Meeting in Springfield, MO (July 2011) and to the Missouri Credit Association in Branson, MO. (October 2011).

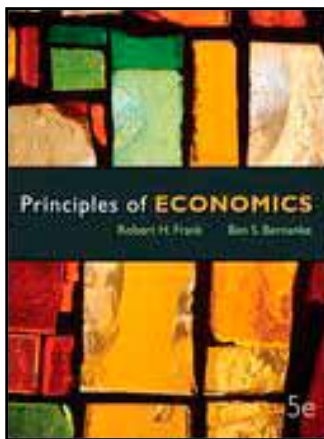


Dr. Sharmistha Self (*pictured, lower right*) was awarded a 2011-2012 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellowship for research to be conducted on “Studying Absenteeism in Principles of Macroeconomics: Can Attendance Policies Make Up for the Lack of Student Motivation?”



Dr. Ardeshir Dalal (*pictured, at left*) made a presentation to the MSU chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a math honor society on February 14, 2012. His talk was entitled, “On the Use of Mathematics in Economics.”

Dr. Dalal also accepted an invitation to be on the Editorial Board of a new online journal, Theoretical Economics Letters.



Mr. Per Norander (*pictured, far left*) worked on an extensive reorganization and update of both the solutions manual and instructors’ manual for the textbook *Principles of Economics*, 5th edition, Frank and Bernanke, McGraw-Hill Irwin. The contribution to this text also extended to the online learning assignment and assessment component of this text, where Mr. Norander authored a new generation of interactive graphing problems and algorithmic question sets.



Economics News

Economics Alumni & Upcoming Alumni Updates!

by Dr. Ardeshir Dalal, Department Head, Economics Department

News on some of our recent and soon-to-be graduates:

- o Anne Carpenter was awarded a teaching assistantship in the Ph.D. program in Economics at the University of California at Irvine.
- o Mariesa Ho was awarded a research fellowship and a teaching assistantship in the Ph.D. program in Economics at the University of Colorado, Boulder.



- o Crystal Settlemoir and Thomas Hotard were both awarded tuition scholarships by the University of Missouri Law School.

- o Albert Roberts is doing a Master's in Economics at Baylor University in Texas.

- o Jonathan Gilbert (*pictured, above*), who will be graduating in May 2012, has accepted a position as an Economic Analyst at the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank.

- o Brett Foster (*pictured, at left*), who is majoring in both Math and Economics and will be graduating in May 2011, has accepted a position as an Actuarial Analyst at the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) in Boca Raton, FL. Brett worked for NCCI, the nation's largest provider of workers' compensation and employee injury data and statistics, as an intern during the summer of 2011.



History News

History GA Presents Research Paper at Humanities Conference

by Rachel Regan, Graduate Assistant, History Department



Rachel Regan, graduate assistant and student in the MSU History Department, presented a research paper she wrote, "Perseverance in Petticoats: The Emergence of Female Autonomy during the Settling of the Plains and Prairie, 1840-1870," at the James Rawley Humanities Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 31, 2012. The conference explores different aspects of the settling of the American West, especially in the Prairie and Plains regions.



History News

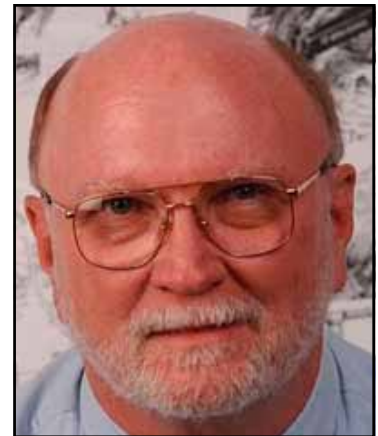
History Department to Host 34th Mid-America Conference on History in September

by Dr. Robert Miller, Professor of History

The Department of History will host the Thirty-Fourth Mid-America Conference on History at the Doubletree Hotel, 2431 N. Glenstone on September, 20-22, 2012. MSU originated the conference in 1977. It has become an annual event co-sponsored by Missouri State University, Oklahoma State University, the University of Arkansas, and University of Oklahoma, and rotates between these universities.

This year's featured speakers are Douglas Brinkley of Rice University, who will speak on "Walter Cronkite: An Eyewitness to American History;" Rami Khouri of the American University of Beirut, whose address is entitled, "History in the Making: Understanding the Arab Uprisings In Their Proper National and Political Contexts;" and George Rable of the University of Alabama, who will speak on "God as General: Was There a Religious History of the American Civil War?" Professor Khouri's appearance will be sponsored by Drury University.

The two and one-half day conference will host more than 40 sessions on a wide variety of historical topics and time periods. It will include papers by both faculty and graduate students. Previous Mid-America Conferences have drawn participants from 30-35 states and occasionally from one or two foreign countries. All faculty and students are encouraged to attend. There will be shuttle bus service between Strong Hall and the conference site between 8 am and 5 pm on Thursday and Friday, September 20-21. Once the program has been completed (about July 1), it will be available on the Department of History's website. For further information please contact the conference coordinator, Bob Miller in the History department.



Dr. Robert Miller, Coordinator, Mid-America Conference on History



"eJournal of Public Affairs" Debuts

The inaugural issue of the "eJournal of Public Affairs" is now available online at: <http://ejournal.missouristate.edu>. The new journal, a collaboration between the American Democracy Project and Missouri State University, is a peer-reviewed academic periodical focusing on civic engagement. MSU Professors Marc Cooper (History Department) and Andrew Lokie (FCTL) serve as the journal's first editors. They wish to publish articles, reviews, and multimedia items concerning civic engagement, citizenship, and related areas. The first issue includes a brief editorial essay addressing the ideals informing the new journal.

Dr. Marc Cooper earned a Ph.D. in Ancient History at the University of Minnesota in 1979 and came to MSU in 1980 where he holds the rank of professor. He has published extensively in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, and served two terms as Department Head.

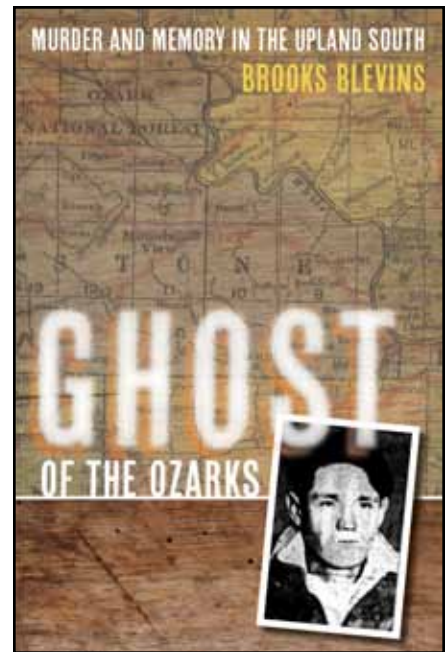
The American Democracy Project (ADP) is a multi-campus initiative focused on higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy. The project began in 2003 as an initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in partnership with *The New York Times*.



History News

History Professor Brooks Blevins Publishes New True Mystery Book

The University of Illinois Press just released the newest book by Brooks Blevins (*pictured, below*), the Noel Boyd Associate Professor of Ozarks Studies at MSU. *Ghost of the Ozarks: Murder and Memory in the Upland South* is the true story of a 1929 murder mystery and trial in a rugged portion of the White River valley in northern Arkansas. The killing of itinerant farm worker Connie Franklin and the assault on his teenage fiancé, Tiller Ruminer, garnered nationwide press coverage in the earliest days of the Great Depression. Blevins's book, praised as a "spellbinding account" by *Winter's Bone* author Daniel Woodrell, examines the murder mystery itself as well as the sensational media coverage surrounding it and the story's living memory in the twenty-first century. Bruce E. Baker of the University of London describes *Ghost of the Ozarks* as "one of the most interesting books I have read in years." "This thorough and sophisticated discussion," writes Baker, "will appeal to readers interested in the history of violence, cultural stereotypes, modernization, the Ozarks, legal history, and journalism."



Ghost of the Ozarks is the fifth book authored by Blevins. His previous works include *Arkansas/Arkansaw: How Bear Hunters, Hillbillies, and Good Ol' Boys Defined a State* (University of Arkansas Press, 2009) and *Hill Folks: A History of Arkansas Ozarkers and Their Image* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002.) Blevins is chair of MSU's Ozarks Studies Committee, which oversees the university's one-of-a-kind minor in Ozarks Studies.



Dr. Eric Nelson Receives Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

On April 4 Eric Nelson, Associate Professor in the Department of History and Dean's Fellow for Transformation, received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from Governor Jay Nixon at a luncheon in Columbia Missouri.

Dr. Nelson (*pictured at right*) was also invited to give a presentation on April 27 entitled "Remembering the Martyrdom of Saint Francis de Paule: History, Collective Memory and Minim Identity in the Seventeenth Century" at the Networks and Identities in the Catholic Reformation conference held at the National University of Ireland Galway, an invitation-only conference.





Military Science/ROTC News



MSU Bear Battalion Female Ranger Challenge Team Wins 1st Place

In March the MSU Bear Battalion female Ranger Challenge team (*pictured at left*) competed at the Brigade level for the overall championship - and won! Previously they dominated at the Task Force level and, after several issues with injuries, they persevered with their intense training sessions and headed up to Camp Dodge, Iowa.

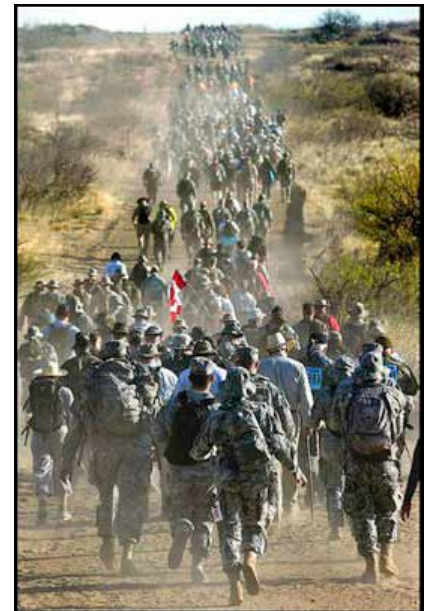
According to MSG David Dowell, "Our ladies brought home another first place trophy after a grueling weekend with very little sleep. [We are] so proud of them!" Congratulations, MSU Bear Battalion!

Bataan Death March

Five of Missouri State Universities Bear Battalion cadets (Jay Lord, Nicholas Hash, Dalton Mink, Abby Clabaugh and Ariel Clabaugh) participated in The Bataan Memorial Death March this month.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging march through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.

The cadets will have the option between two routes. The GREEN (full) route is the full 26.2-mile Bataan Memorial Death March. Awards are presented to the top two finishers in each category. Those marching the 26.2 miles will be able to experience, in part, what Soldiers endured during their long forced trek through the Philippines. The BLUE (honorary) route is 14.2 miles in length. This shorter march is designed for participants who would like to memorialize Bataan but do not wish to march the full 26.2-mile route. There are no awards given for this shorter march.



REMINDER to all Bear Battalion Alumni and Friends!

Mark the date! On 14-15 September 2012, the MSU Bear Battalion will celebrate its 60th Anniversary. Details will be available at a later date, but be sure to clear your calendars and join the MSU Bear Battalion for its anniversary reunion and celebration.



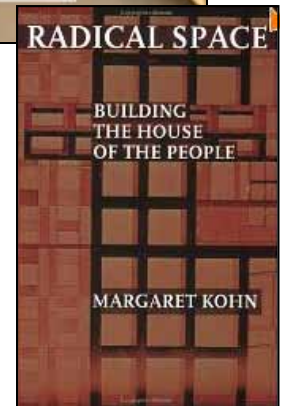
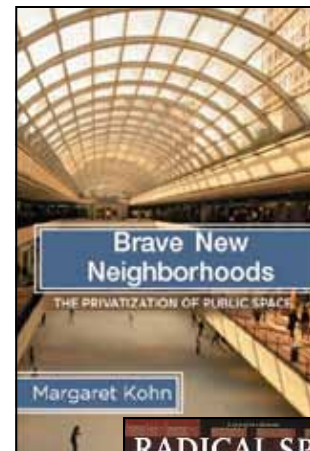
Philosophy News

Workshop for Critical Inquiry Hosts Urban Theorist Dr. Margaret Kohn



Dr. Margaret Kohn (*pictured at left*), Associate Professor at the University of Toronto Scarborough, will talk about “Postcolonialism and Global Justice” on Thursday, 12 April, at 4:00 p.m. in Meyer Library 101 as part of the Spring 2012 MSU Workshop for Critical Inquiry in the Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium Series.

Dr. Kohn is the author of *Radical Space: Building the House of the People* and *Brave New Neighborhoods: The Privatization of Public Space*. Her research interests include Colonialism, Democratic Theory, Contemporary Political Thought, and Urban Theory.



The talk is co-sponsored by the Thomas H. and Josephine Baird Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, the College of Humanities and Public Affairs, and the Department of Political Science. For more information on the colloquium series, please contact Ralph Shain at RShain@missouristate.edu or Cigdem Cidam at CCidam@missouristate.edu.



“Culture of Connectivity” Theme of 2011-12 Public Affairs Conference

Be sure to attend the MSU Public Affairs Conference 2011-12, “Culture of Connectivity,” April 17-20, 2012! The conference is free and open to the public.

Event details can be found at www.publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/conference.



Political Science News

Emergency Management Students Assess Joplin Tornado

by David Johnson, assistant Professor, Master of Public Administration Program, Political Science

On May 22, 2011, an EF-5 tornado devastated over thirty percent of the City of Joplin killing more than 160 and injuring over 1,000. The event has brought together many governmental and non-governmental agencies to help that community.

This disaster provided an opportunity for students from the fall 2011 PLS 355 (Emergencies, Disasters and Catastrophes) and PLS 772 (Introduction to Public Safety) to personally view the impact of a disaster and talk to the person who coordinated the response for the City of Joplin. The class met with Mr. Keith Stammer, Emergency Management Coordinator for Joplin/Jasper County Emergency Management. They toured the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) from which the response was coordinated. They viewed the map now known as “The Fish” showing the path of the tornado through Joplin into Duquesne, MO.

The group then made a tour of the impact area, stopping in several locations to view not only the impact of the tornado but the signs of recovery. The opportunity to have the trip narrated by the person most knowledgeable about the response and recovery was invaluable. Mr. Stammer brought the knowledge not only of a responder but also a resident. The impact of seeing the damage and relating the stories of the event could be seen in his face and heard in his voice. It brought the human impact to the visit.



Above, Mr. Stammer pointing out damage to the St John's hospital. Later, students viewed the portable hospital erected to accommodate St. John's patients until the new hospital is built.



Above, Checking out “The Fish” Students examine GIS maps of the tornado's path and the expedited debris removal area. “The Fish” is the name that was given to the damage path because of the shape.



While returning to the EOC, Mr. Stammer spoke about the ongoing recovery challenges being met from many different parts of the community coming together. The experience provided the students with a rare opportunity not just of the event but a glimpse into how vital emergency management is to the community.

At left, the trip began with a tour by Emergency Manager Keith Stammer of the Jasper County/ Joplin Emergency Operations Center.



Political Science News

Professor Dennis Hickey Serves as Presidential Observer in Taiwan



Between January 9 and January 15, Dr. Dennis Hickey (*pictured at left, bottom row far right*), Professor of Political Science and Director of the Graduate Program in Global Studies, served as a presidential election observer at the invitation of the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan. Dr. Hickey was provided with a “press pass” and attended numerous seminars, news conferences and other events. During the run-up to the election on January 14, he was interviewed by the Central News Agency and other media outlets. Following the election, he contributed opinion pieces to some of the world’s leading newspapers ranging from the Los Angeles Times to the China Daily (mainland China’s largest English-language newspaper).

The image (*at left*) shows Dr. Dennis Hickey and other election observers at a gigantic political rally staged by the Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist Party) near the presidential palace in Taipei on January 13, 2012.

New Thinking About the Taiwan Issue Published

Dr. Dennis Hickey (Director of the Graduate Program in Global Studies and the James F. Morris Professor of Political Science, Political Science Department), along with Jean-Marc F. Blanchard (Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations at San Francisco State University, Associate Director of the SFSU Center for U.S.-China Policy Studies, and President of the Association of Chinese Political Studies), announced the publication of their new book, *New Thinking About the Taiwan Issue: Theoretical Insights Into its Origins, Dynamics and Prospects* (London: Routledge, 2012).

According to the publisher’s website, routledge.com: The “Taiwan question” has long been considered one of the most complicated and explosive issues in global politics. In this groundbreaking collection, distinguished contributors from the US, Asia, and Europe seek to go beyond the standard “recitation of facts” that often characterizes studies focusing on the Beijing-Taipei dyad. Rather, they employ a variety of theories as well as both quantitative and qualitative methodologies to analyze the ebbs and flows of the Taiwan issue. Their discussions clearly illuminate why there is a “Taiwan Problem,” why conflict did not escalate to war between 2000 and 2008, and why cross-strait relations improved after 2008. The book further reveals the limits of realism as a device to gain traction into the Taiwan issue, demonstrates the importance of taking into account domestic political variables, and shows how theory can be used to advance the cause of better China-Taiwan relations and to analyze the potential for future conflict over Taiwan.

New Thinking about the Taiwan Issue is essential reading not only for students, scholars and practitioners with an interest in studying relations across the Taiwan Strait, but also for any reader interested in economics, international relations, comparative politics or political theory.





Political Science News

David Romano Represents MSU at Education USA Fair in Iraq

From October 12 to October 15, Dr. David Romano (*pictured at right*) represented MSU at the first ever EducationUSA Fair in Erbil, Iraq. MSU was one of 22 American colleges and universities represented at the fair, which was held to inform Iraqi students about educational opportunities in the United States. As the Strong Chair in Middle East Politics at MSU, professor Romano figured it would be nice to have more Iraqi students on campus. Many Iraqi students have received bursaries for graduate study abroad from the Iraqi government and from the Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq, and professor Romano spent a busy couple of days answering a lot of questions from many very enthusiastic potential students.



Master of Global Studies Program Hosts "Dinner with Cindy"

As part of the Political Science Department's ongoing efforts to highlight career options for graduate students, the Master of Global Studies program hosted a "Dinner with Cindy" for MGS students, faculty and educators from other local institutions. Cindy Otis, a practitioner who has held numerous positions within the federal government related to national security, has been hired by the Political Science Department to teach classes this spring. The dinner was an opportunity for students to ask her questions and learn about her job, how she got it, and what skills were necessary for a successful career in government service. On April 20, 2012, a dinner will be hosted by the Master of Public Administration program. Students and area educators will have the opportunity to network and hear from Paul Williams, City of Springfield's Chief of Police, who will discuss working in the public sector.

Political Science Alumni News

On February 21st, Dr. George Connor, Political Science Department Head, met with political science alumni in Jefferson City, including Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk of the Missouri House; Joe Lakin, Legislative Director for the Missouri House; Michael Lodewegen, Director of Legislative Advocacy for the Missouri Association of School Administrators; and Missouri State Representative Lincoln Hough. Also in attendance were Missouri State University President Clif Smart and his Chief of Staff, Paul Kincaid (*Pictured above*).



Poli Sci Alumnus Appointed to MSU BOG

MSU Political Science alumnus Stephen Bough (*pictured at right*) was recently appointed to a six-year term as one of Missouri State's new Board of Governors by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, and will represent the fifth congressional district. Mr. Bough, an attorney and founding partner of the Law Offices of Stephen R. Bough in Kansas City, MO, is a 1993 graduate in Political Science from Missouri State. He received his juris doctor degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1997. Congratulations to Mr. Bough!





Religious Studies News



John Schmalzbauer (REL), center, with George Marsden (University of Notre Dame) and Elaine Howard Ecklund (Rice University), during a recent visit sponsored by Rice's Religion and Public Life Program.

Professor Participates in Rice University's Books in Public Scholarship Program

by Dr. John Schmalzbauer

Professor John Schmalzbauer (Associate Professor in Religious Studies and Blanche Gorman Strong Chair in Protestant Studies) was the featured scholar at an event sponsored by Rice University's Religion and Public Life Program. Schmalzbauer and historian Kathleen Mahoney (Conrad N. Hilton Foundation) had their manuscript critiqued as part of the program's Books in Public Scholarship series. Tentatively titled *Religion: A Comeback on Campus*, the book chronicles a religious resurgence in academic scholarship, student life, and denominational colleges. The three principal critics were George Marsden (University of Notre Dame), Julie Reuben (Harvard University), and Amy Binder (University of California, San Diego).

There were over a dozen other readers from Rice, the University of Houston, and the Houston religious community. A professor in Harvard's Graduate School of Education, Reuben called the manuscript a "thorough and balanced state of play of what's going on campuses," adding that "it convincingly shows that, over the last three decades, there's been a revitalization, a renewal, and a diversification of thought about religion, religious thinking, and religious practice." On November 4, Dr. Schmalzbauer participated in an event with local clergy in Houston's Fifth Ward, as well as a visit to Professor Jeffrey Kripal's undergraduate religion class.

Dr. Kathy Pulley Honored as Outstanding Alumna

by Jack Llewellyn

At a reception at the Tower Club on 4 December 2011, Dr. Kathy Pulley, Professor in Religious Studies, was presented an Outstanding Alumni Citation by Abilene Christian University. After earning a bachelor's degree at what was then Southwest Missouri State University, Kathy went on for an M.A. at ACU (in 1980), before completing her education with a Ph.D. from Boston University, and then returning to Missouri State to teach in Religious Studies. The Citation was presented to Kathy by Jack Reese, the dean of Abilene Christian's College of Biblical Studies and Graduate School of Theology. There were also brief remarks celebrating Kathy's accomplishments by Dr. Jim Moyer, long-time department head in Religious Studies; Bruno Schmidt, former Vice President Academic Affairs at Missouri State (with whom Kathy worked for several years as Associate Vice President); and Dr. Micki Pulleyking, who is not only a senior instructor in Religious Studies at Missouri State, but also Kathy's younger sister. Since just five alumni are picked for this citation each year out of 86,000 graduates, this is very high honor for Kathy!



Above, Dr. Kathy Pulley and Dr. Jim Moyer, Professor in Religious Studies

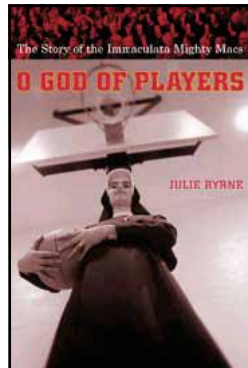


Religious Studies News

The Mighty Macs in Meyer Library

by John Schmalzbauer

It is a privilege to hear an author revisit a good book. Such was the case on Thursday, February 16, 2012, when historian Julie Byrne described what she might have done differently in *O God of Players: The Story of the Immaculata Mighty Macs*. Published in 2003, it chronicles the triumph of the first women's basketball team to win a national col-



legiate championship, the Immaculata College Mighty Macs. Ten years later, Byrne discussed the challenges of "borrowed memories" (a problem for oral historians) and the ramifications of the church sex abuse crisis for American Catholic history. Profiled in a February 11, 2012 News-Leader story, Byrne spoke to a packed auditorium in Meyer Library.

The audience was especially eager to hear former Lady Bears Coach Cheryl Burnett (MSU Director of Development) talk about Byrne's book. She did not disap-

point. Sharing stories about the coaches and athletes featured in *O God of Players*, Burnett offered an insider's perspective on the saga of women's basketball. She expressed her appreciation for the vitality of Catholic women's basketball in Philadelphia. Also present for the lecture was Burnett's predecessor Reba Sims, the very first coach of the Lady Bears.

Byrne expressed appreciation for the interest in women's basketball. As she later wrote on her Twitter feed, "I had not known what another precocious hotspot of girls' hoops SW MO was and is!"

The lecture was sponsored by the College of Humanities and Public Affairs and the Department of Religious Studies.



Pictured above left, former Lady Bears Coach Cheryl Burnett; above right, historian Julie Byrne



Dr. Leslie Baynes Publishes Her Heavenly Book

Over the winter break, Dr. Leslie Baynes (pictured at left) received the first copies of her new book, *The Heavenly Book Motif in Judeo-Christian Apocalypses 200 BCE-200 CE*, published by Brill. Based on the doctoral dissertation that Dr. Baynes completed at Notre Dame before coming to Missouri State, but thoroughly revised, this is the first book-length analysis of the motif of the heavenly book. This motif is found in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, but plays an even more prominent role in other early Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature. Congratulations to Dr. Baynes!





Religious Studies News

Religious Studies Alumni News!

REL Alumna Wins Award at Conference

At the 2012 Midwest American Academy of Religion conference, Sarah A. Riccardi (*pictured at right*), an MSU Religious Studies B.A. alumna and first-year Master's student and Graduate Assistant to Dr. Jim Moyer, won the Marion McFarland Taylor Award for Best Research Paper in the Area of Religion, Ecology, and Sustainability for her paper entitled, "An (Un)Orthodox View of Ethical Kashrut as Social Justice: Examining the ideas of Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz through a Maimonidean Lens." Congratulations to Sarah!



Princeton Scholar Relies on MSU Experience, Resources

by Julie Wrocklage

Rachel Lindsey, an alumna of MSU Religious Studies (2006), completed her M.A. in Religion at Princeton University in 2009. Currently, she is back in Springfield finishing up her doctoral dissertation and will graduate with her Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton in June of this year.

In her dissertation, "In a Communion of Shadows: Vernacular Photography and the Material Archives of Nineteenth-Century American Religion," Rachel takes a material culture approach to looking at photographs as artifacts rather than just visual information. From there, she also looks at census data, newspapers, texts, etc., to determine how these photographs influenced, and were influenced by the broader culture of religion in the nineteenth century. Rachel's dissertation allows her to explore her interests in photography, religion, and history in a unique way.

While in town, Rachel made use of Special Collections in Meyer Library to explore Katherine Lederer's photograph collection as well as the History Museum collections. Though her dissertation is not primarily about race, some of the African-American photos in Katherine Lederer's collection will be used in Rachel's dissertation.

When asked about her undergraduate work at Missouri State, Rachel said of the Religious Studies Department, "The great thing about this department is that it is not just about religion. It models a liberal arts education and prepares you for different types of life experiences. So, you're learning how to think critically, how to apply different reading skills, creativity and that sort of thing." Dr. Martha Finch, Professor of Religious Studies, was a model and mentor to Rachel and instrumental in her decision to pursue graduate work at Princeton.

Rachel intends to take what she's learned at Missouri State and Princeton and pass it along to the next generation through teaching and continued research.

Dr. Hedrick Continues Research, Public Engagement

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies Charlie Hedrick, Sr. (*pictured at right*), will give two talks at the University of California-Santa Clara in April, "Secret Mark: Second Edition or Forgery?" and "Secret Mark: The Scholarly Firestorm That Followed..." The lectures are sponsored by the UCSC Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and the President's Chair in Ancient Studies as part of their ongoing series, "Archaeology and the Ancient World."



In 1973, Columbia University History Professor Morton Smith published an ancient manuscript in which he contended that the author of the Gospel of Mark (part of the New Testament in the Christian Bible), later wrote a longer, second edition of his gospel. The firestorm of criticism prompted by the book eventually led to accusations that Smith had forged the document. Forty years later, the issue remains unsettled.

Dr. Hedrick's son, Dr. Charles Hedrick, Jr., is Professor of History, Cowell College at UCSC and is affiliated as well with the Literature Department and Classical Studies.



Sociology & Anthropology News



Social Science Fair to Feature Students' Work

by Dr. Lisa Hall

The Department of Sociology will host the Societal Issues and Community Services Fair in the Atrium of Strong Hall on Wednesday-Saturday, April 16 at 10-1, April 17 at 11:30-2:30, April 18 at 10-1, and April 19 at 11:30-2:30.

Students in Dr. Lisa Hall's Introduction to Society courses will demonstrate their mastery of sociology fundamentals and their awareness of community services at the social science fair. All MSU students, faculty, staff and guests are invited to the Strong Hall Atrium to peruse an eclectic display of students' projects. Findings from a variety of social experiments, surveys, interviews and fieldwork will be featured, along with profiles of local service agencies. Fascinating topics range from the lived experience of fibromyalgia to youth desensitization to violence. The student-researchers will be present to discuss their projects and answer questions.

Pictured at left, Dr. Lisa Hall; above, Salome Kikvadze, international student and Sociology Major from the country of Georgia



Assistant Professor Named a Top Sociology Tweeter to Follow

Dr. Michael Stout, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Missouri State University, was recently named one of the "50 Sociology Professors You Should Be Following on Twitter" by WorldWideLearn.com. The professors on the list were selected using a wide range of criteria, including number of followers, the quality of their tweets, the universities or colleges they work for, and the most active users.

"As a public sociologist who studies social networks and civic engagement, I've found Twitter to be a useful tool for connecting and sharing ideas with other scholars and civic practitioners," said Dr. Stout. "Twitter also allows me to interact and share interesting sociological facts and information with a broader public audience."

WorldWideLearn.com is an online directory of education information on colleges and universities, which also features education-related articles and other resources. Dr. Stout was chosen to be listed for his tweets about community and the economy. The listing includes multiple department heads, adjunct professors, authors, speakers and even a former secretary of labor.

"There are some very impressive scholars on the list and it is very humbling to be considered alongside them," Dr. Stout added.





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Dr. Robin Amonker Receives Appreciation Award

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Dr. Robin Amonker (*pictured below, right*), Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at MSU, recently received the Missouri State Alumni Association's Award of Appreciation during the Fall 2011 Homecoming activities.

Dr. Amonker joined the Missouri State University faculty in 1968 as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. During his 41 years at Missouri State, he influenced thousands of students through his teaching and his participation in the Missouri-London Program. Dr. Amonker expanded his international experiences by participating in scholar exchange programs in India, New Zealand, Brazil and Switzerland. His service included roles on University, college and departmental committees too numerous to name. As advisor to the Association of International Students, he worked diligently to develop more opportunities for international students. Dr. Amonker also used his academic interests to benefit Missouri State and the local community, frequently partnering with other faculty in research projects, acting as a mentor to new scholars and serving community organizations.

A native of Goa, India, Dr. Amonker earned his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, 1962, University of Bombay; Master's degrees in Education and Sociology, 1966 and 1968, Texas Christian University; doctoral degree in Sociology, 1973, Saint Louis University.

Notable professional activities: President of the Southwest Missouri Asian Association, 1975-2004; president of Planned Parenthood of Southwest Missouri, 1976-79; advisor to the Association of International Students, 1984-2002; established the International Students Annual Banquet and Festival, which supports the International Students Activity Scholarship; treasurer of the Missouri Sociological Association, 2003-08; established the Robin and Alka Amonker Scholarship in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Awards and honors: American Academy of Human Services Outstanding Professional for Human Services award, Missouri State University Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award, Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for Introduction to University Life course, Missouri State University College of Humanities and Public Affairs Awards for Research and Service



Global Studies Student Travel Scholarship Established

Drs. Bernard and Belinda McCarthy (*pictured at left*) have established a second student scholarship fund for Missouri State students interested in Study Away opportunities. This fund is designated for the undergraduate Global Studies program.



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The size of scholarships at both the graduate and undergraduate levels needs to be augmented, as does the outside speaker lecturer (Warren) fund. In addition, while Strong Hall is quite lovely and is equipped with state-of-the-art projection systems, it still lacks artistic decoration such as paintings and sculptures.

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