The first-ever “UNI Day” was held at the Iowa statehouse in Des Moines on Monday, Feb. 11. The purpose of the event was to highlight UNI programs and promote our impact to Iowa legislators.

Thanks to the CSBS staff, faculty, students, and alumni who braved the wintry roads and spent the day at the capitol reminding Iowa’s decision-makers of our value to the state.
On December 5, the college was proud to dedicate the Reverend Dr. Charles E. Quirk Seminar Room in Sabin 207. The room-naming ceremony was possible due to a generous gift on behalf of the professor emeritus of history by his four sons, all themselves alumni of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The event included remarks by Dean Brenda Bass, history professors Robert Martin and John Johnson, and Quirk himself. It was well attended by current and past history faculty as well as those with close ties to the family.

Dr. Quirk joined the UNI faculty as an assistant professor of history in 1965 after working part time since 1963. In addition to his other responsibilities, from 1967 to 1970 he was the director of the honors program on campus. Impacting the lives of his students was his passion and evident in his actions. In addition to his involvement in promoting history programs, he was a tireless scholar and also served as a long-time member of the United Faculty.

The college is grateful for the Quirk family’s gift and feels it fitting that Dr. Quirk’s name now graces a room that promotes active student learning and collegiality.

Emeritus history professor leaves legacy in CSBS

The Quirk family, including sons Wayne ('80), Brian ('84), Robert ('87), and Stephen ('92 and '94); wife Gale; and Dr. Quirk.

2013-2014 Professional Development Assignments
Kudos to the CSBS faculty who received PDA for next year!

Kenneth Atkinson (History):
Galla Placidia: Roman Queen of the Visigoths, Fall 2013

Xavier Escandell (Sociology):
Ethnic Diversity and Support for the Welfare State in Europe, academic year

Michael Fleming (Family Services):
A Multi-Site Evaluation of the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program in High School Settings, Spring 2014

Wallace Hettle (History):
Partners: The Lives of William Herndon and Abraham Lincoln, Spring 2014

Tyler O'Brien (Anthropology):
Artificial Cranial Deformation: the Anthropology of Head Modification in the South Central Andes, Fall 2013

Jack Yates (Psychology):
Using Social Science Strategies to Reduce Residential Energy Use, Fall 2013

Award-winning Faculty
Of the four University Book and Supply Outstanding Untenured Teaching Awards announced recently, three are CSBS faculty. Ruth Chananie-Hill (Sociology), Elizabeth Lefler (Psychology), and Emily Machen (History).

Xavier Escandell (Sociology) was awarded a campus Diversity Matters Award.