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## Greetings!

As we come to the close of another academic year, I want to thank everyone for their outstanding work. While we once again have challenging budget news swirling around us, I want to focus on the continued level of excellence that our faculty, staff and students have exhibited. In these difficult times, I want us to remain focused on our key goals within CSBS: provide an excellent education for our students, contribute to the scholarship within our wide array of disciplines, support efforts in diversity and inclusion, and elevate our efforts in student and community engagement.

First, I want to highlight some significant milestones within the college:

- The Center for Social and Behavioral Research celebrated its 50th anniversary by hosting the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO). CSBR has a presence in all 99 Iowa counties through a range of projects and continues to raise the bar in survey research methodology.
- The Textile and Apparel Program held their 25th Catwalk Fashion Show, an annual event entirely led by students, from development to implementation, that provides students with real-world experience melding the design, business and science aspects of the textile and apparel field. Congratulations to the student and faculty team on another successful show!

We also had numerous noteworthy faculty achievements. Just a few highlights include:

- Elizabeth Lefler, psychology, spent spring semester in Krakow, Poland, on a Fulbright Award.
- Roberto Swazo, counseling, will spend part of next fall at the University Palermo, Italy, on a Fulbright Specialist project.
- Jayme Neiman, political science, received one of this year's University Book & Supply Awards for excellence in teaching.

We are also excited that our new college and department websites are live. Please share your feedback and questions as you use the sites! We will continue to improve as we go along but wanted the new sites to go live as soon as possible.

Please read the rest of this latest edition of Kudos to learn of the many other achievements of our faculty, students and staff, retirement news and memorials for two colleagues who will be dearly missed.



# FACULTY ACCOLADES

**ANNETTE LYNCH** (SAHS) traveled to Taipei this past October as part of a collaboration between the National Chengchi University M.A. program in counseling and guidance and the SAHS graduate program in counseling. The collaboration will include both faculty and student exchanges in the coming years along with the possibility of expanding international internship opportunities.

**ANDREY PETROV** (geography) was interviewed about the ARCTICenter's reindeer project and featured live on air at the BBC World News.

**KENNETH ATKINSON** (history) recently published the book: "A History of the Hasmonean State: Josephus and Beyond," (London: Bloomsbury T and T Clark, 2016). Atkinson also delivered a paper on ancient Hebrew, Greek and Syriac grammar at the National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. He also published articles on ancient Middle Eastern history in the book "Septuagint, Sages, and Scripture" and in the journal Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia.

**CHARLES HOLCOMBE'S** (history) book, "A History of East Asia," is in its second edition.

**WALLACE HETTLER'S** (history) book, "Confederate Homefront: A History in Documents," was released by Louisiana State University Press in April 2017.

**RAMONA MCNEAL** (political science) was named to the editorial review board for the Journal of Global Information Management.

**KEVIN B. SMITH** and **CHRISTOPHER W. LARIMER'S** (political science) third edition of "The Public Policy Theory Primer" was published in 2017.

**DONNA R. HOFFMAN** and **CHRISTOPHER W. LARIMER** (political science) have a forthcoming book chapter on "Iowa's First Congressional District: Anomaly or New Normal?" which will appear in "The Road to Congress 2016."

**EVAN RENFRO** (political science) has an article in Cultural Studies titled "The 'Affective Security Curriculum': Breeding JB's Through the Marriage of the Academic and the Jingoistic."

**RAMONA MCNEAL** (political science) is the co-author on two book chapters: "Internet Pharmacy Cybercrime: State Policy Mitigating Risks 2000-15" (with Mary Schmeida) and "Smartphones and Their Increased Importance in U.S. Presidential Elections" (with Mary Schmeida and Lisa Dotterweich Bryan).

**CHRISTOPHER LARIMER** (with Rebecca Hannagan and Matthew Hibbing) (political science) published "Sex Differences, Personality and Ideology: A Deeper Investigation via Contexts in a Study of Local Politics" in Politics, Groups and Identities.

**DONNA R. HOFFMAN** (with Alison Howard) (political science) published a book chapter on "Bush and the Faith-Based Initiative: Foregoing the Role of Chief Legislator."

**CATHERINE DESOTO** (psychology) published a paper, "Speculations on Vitamin K, VKORC1 Genotype and Autism," in the journal Medical Hypothesis, November 2016. The publication led to an invitation to be a featured plenary speaker at a conference in Paris this past spring for a talk titled "Nature, Nurture and Vitamin K: Speculations Regarding Neurodevelopmental Effects of VK Genotype."

**CATHERINE DESOTO** (psychology) participated in National Speech and Debate Education Day. The designated 2017 Big Questions was "Free Will," with scholars from across the country urging students to explore the big question in preparation for debate. DeSoto was the featured neuroscientist, discussing the topic "Resolved: Science Leaves No Room for Free Will" along with UNI philosophy professor Jerry Soneson.

**HELEN HARTON** (psychology) is the program moderator of the 2017 Midwestern Psychological Association conference. As conference moderator, she is responsible for inviting presenters and workshops and overseeing the review, selection and placement of almost 900 submitted presentations.

**HARRY BROD** (sociology) was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Masculinity Studies at St. Norbert College (Wisconsin), the first semester-long visiting scholar appointment in the college's history. Brod was also quoted in a Christian Science Monitor article on sexual consent as well as on NPR's "All Things Considered" for the DVD "Asking For It: The Ethics and Erotics of Sexual Consent," used in sexual assault prevention education around the country and internationally.

**LAZARUS ADUA** (sociology) just had an article accepted for publication: "The Growth Machine Across the United States: Business Actors' Influence on Communities' Economic Development and Limited-Government Austerity Practices" in City & Community.

**MARYBETH STALP** (SAC) completed the Teach UNI teaching certificate, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (2017).

**JAMES MCCULLAGH** (social work) published the book "Cherokee National Female Seminary Graduates 1879-1910: Biographical Sketches of Career Single Women and their Families."

**PETER COTE** (social work) gave a community presentation in November 2016 on "A Dialog Between Solution-Focused Therapy and Domestic Violence Within the African-American Community" with Amani Community Services.

**KATHERINE VAN WORMER** and **LAURA PARKER** (social work) submitted a book chapter for "Strategies for Work with Involuntary Clients," 3rd Edition titled "A Field in the Midst of Change."

**LAURA PRAGLIN** (social work) was the CSBS representative for the American Democracy Project. This year's topics included: Constitution Day, Black Lives Matter, National Election Analysis, Privatization of Medicaid, and Immigrant and Refugee Issues.

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## FACULTY PROMOTION & TENURE

### PROMOTION TO FULL PROFESSOR:

**BRIAN ROBERTS** (history)

**DONNA HOFFMAN** (political science)

**GAYLE RHINEBERGER-DUNN** (criminology)

## NEW FACULTY

**LAURA PARKER** (faculty; social work)

**EVAN RENFRO** (faculty; political science)

## CSBS MOVEMENT

**JANETTE MCCULLEY** (staff; Department of Geography to Department of Social Work)

**JUDY BUTLER** (staff; CSBS Dean's Office to Department of Geography)

**SUSAN SEELHAMMER** (staff; DOT's Metal Casting Center to CSBS Dean's Office)

## FACULTY AWARDS:

**GA-YOUNG CHOI** (social work) has been approved for a 2017 Summer Fellowship Research Project: "How do Korean Undergraduate Students Majoring in Social Work Perceive Cultural Diversity and Cultural Competence? Implications to Korean and International Social Work Education."

**QINGLI MENG** (criminology) was awarded the 2017 CSBS Tenure Track Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity.

**JAYME NEIMAN** (political science), assistant professor, won the University Book & Supply teaching award.

**KENNETH ATKINSON** (history) received the "Helping Students Succeed Commendation" award from the UNI Division of Student Affairs (January 2017).

**EMILY MACHEN** (history) received the UNI Panther First Award for Service Excellence. The Panther First Award identifies and rewards employees for excellent customer service in the UNI community. Emily was nominated and received this award for her work as part of an exemplary student recruitment team that also includes Bill Henninger (family services), Rowena Tan (psychology/CSBS scholarships) and Jon Thompson (ROTC).

**KENNETH ATKINSON** and **BRIAN ROBERTS** (history) have been awarded Professional Development Assignments for the coming academic year. Ken's PDA fall 2017 project is titled: "The Psalms of Solomon: A Commentary on the Greek Text in Light of Semitic Languages." Brian's PDA spring 2018 project is titled: "Killing Bambi: Sport Hunting and American Culture, 1880-1950."

**ROBERTO SWAZO'S** (counseling) Fulbright Specialist project at the University Palermo, Italia, has been approved for fall 2017. Administered by World Learning, the project will aid in building new connections between the people and institutions of the United States and Italy.

**HEATHER KENNEDY** (family services) was selected for a four-week UNI 2017 Summer Fellowship for a research project titled "Legal Marriage Recognition and Influences on Well-Being for Non-Married Same-Sex Couples in the Midwest."



**ELIZABETH LEFLER** (psychology) has been in Krakow, Poland, this spring semester as part of her Fulbright Award, teaching two classes at "Uniwersytet Jagiellonski" in the "Instytut Psychologii." Lefler is teaching one of her regular UNI class offerings under a slightly different title, "Abnormal Child Psychology," and a specialty seminar called "Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," her primary area of research. Lefler is also in the process of obtaining ethics committee approval to collect data while in Krakow on Polish perceptions of mental illness, including ADHD, and hopes to compare it to an American sample upon coming home.

# RETIREEES

## MARY BOES | SOCIAL WORK

Mary Boes received her DSW in social work in May 1990 from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She began teaching as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Work at UNI in fall 1994 and received tenure with promotion to associate professor in 1998-1999. Boes served as director of the undergraduate program from fall 2007 until January of 2015. She retired December 2016.

## TRUDY EDEN | HISTORY

Trudy A. Eden, who joined the Department of History in August 2000, retired from UNI in December 2016. Her primary research focus was in the cultural history of food, with secondary interests in the history of science, medicine and material culture. While at UNI, she offered several courses in the liberal arts core as well as a variety of challenging undergraduate and graduate courses in the history of the United States. She also served the department for a time as graduate coordinator and as coordinator of the public history tracks in history's undergraduate and graduate curricula. In her leisure time she enjoys spinning textiles, gardening and involvement in the Cedar Falls arts community.

## LT. COL. GLEN KEITH

### MILITARY SCIENCE/ ROTC

Lt. Col. Glen Keith, UNI professor of military science, will retire after 20 years of service as an officer in the Army. Glen graduated from Tennessee Tech University in 1997 and entered the Army as an officer in the Transportation Corps. Prior to his assignment as the professor of military science, he served in Germany, Fort Drum in New York and Fort Carson in Colorado, and had operational deployments to both Afghanistan and Bosnia. In 2007, Lt. Col. Keith received his Masters of Military Studies at the Marine Corps Command Staff College and Masters of Administration from Central Michigan University in 2008. Keith, Lt. Col., has had tremendous impact as a developer and educator of future leaders not only in his program here at UNI but across Cadet Command, having trained and educated hundreds of Cadets across the country. In his time as the professor of military science, the UNI ROTC program has commissioned 82 officers and was recently recognized as No. 1 in the Midwest for Recruiting and Retention.

## ANN THILL | SOCIAL WORK

Ann Thill began her career at UNI in 1982 serving as a secretary in the Department of Psychology. She joined the Department of Social Work as the departmental secretary in 1989. Ann retired in January of 2017 after serving approximately 28 years in the Department of Social Work.

## PAT GROSS | FAMILY SERVICES

Patricia Gross will be retiring in July 2017 after a total of 13 years of service to UNI. Pat received her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 1994 and took her first academic position at UNI in that same year. In 1998, she accepted a position at Northwest Missouri State, followed by a position from 2005 to 2008 at Central Washington University. In 2008, Gross was recruited to and rejoined the family services faculty at UNI.

Teaching and top-notch student advising are hallmarks of Pat's 20 years of contributions to UNI. Her colleagues in the school will miss her service contributions to leadership of the student organizations, the scholarship committee and her mentorship of young faculty. In the words of Heather Kennedy, a new faculty member hired in 2015, "As a brand new faculty member to UNI, Pat has been instrumental in helping me and providing mentorship in all areas of academic life. She is not only a mentor, but a friend." We will all miss Pat and wish her all the best in her retirement.

## KAY WELLER | GEOGRAPHY

Kay Weller came to UNI as an assistant professor of geography in 1996. Kay's interest and expertise focused on geographic and social science education and the historical geography of African Americans. During her years as Geographic Alliance of Iowa director she worked with teachers from across the state to develop curriculum and improved geographic education. Kay also brought over \$2 million of external funding to UNI and received two Fulbright awards. Throughout Kay's career, students always came first. She has remained dedicated to not only teaching, but advising and mentoring students. What she loved most was watching students grow into leaders throughout their time at UNI. In her words, "Just seeing their success is such a joy. That is what I will miss the most in the next few years. Students in general simply make me happy." Following retirement Kay plans to catch up on writing, continue traveling and devote time to her other passion as a church organist.



# IN MEMORIAM



## DONALD E. SHEPARDSON

Professor Donald E. Shepardson, of the Department of History, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Don was born May 14, 1936, in Port Huron, Michigan, son of Francis and Florence Fleming Shepardson. He graduated from Mattoon High School (Illinois) in 1954, served in the U.S. Air Force, received his B.S. degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1961 and his M.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1964, where he also received his Ph.D. in 1970. Don joined the faculty of the University of Northern Iowa in 1970 and was very proud of the fact that he was in his 47th year as a professor of History. He taught Humanities as well as a wide range of upper-level history courses, most recently Military and Diplomatic history. He cared deeply about his students and his colleagues in the department and across the university. Don said on many occasions how lucky he felt to have been a part of the UNI community. Don also observed now and then that "nobody is irreplaceable," but for many of us who worked with him or had him as a teacher, he will be irreplaceable.

He received the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award in 1995 and the Regents' Award for Faculty Excellence in 1999.

"Don rested his dreams for the future in liberal arts education, keeping the faith that ideas make a difference in the world. His passion for history was infectious, and students have described him as an incomparable lecturer," stated fellow UNI history professor Wally Hettle.

From Dean Bass, "In addition to being an excellent faculty member, Don was a kind and generous soul. I know that I have personally been enriched through knowing him and will greatly miss my hallway and periodic office-visit chats with him. I could always count on Don for an insightful observation on life, education or the university. He will be missed."

Don is survived by: a sister, Margaret Dodd of Anderson, Indiana; a nephew, David (Shelley) Dodd of Anderson, Indiana.; a niece, Brenda (Richard) Ambrose of Anderson, Indiana.; a great-nephew, Tyler Ambrose; and three great-nieces, Samantha Dodd, Sarah Ambrose and Danielle Dodd.



## RAMANATHAN SUGUMARAN

Professor Ramanathan Sugumar, who most people knew as "Sugu," professor of geography, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at his home.

Sugu was born into a wonderful and loving family in Nathavadi, India, on March 25, 1968. He was a dedicated and caring son, father, husband, brother and friend. He graduated with Ph.D.s from Baroda University in 1996 and from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in 2000. Sugu had developed his passion for research when working as a research faculty at the University of Missouri - Columbia from 2001-2002. He then became a faculty member in the Department of Geography at the University of Northern Iowa in 2002. During his time at UNI, he created and led the GeoTREE center, which was a deep source of pride and fulfillment for him, and served as professor and director of the NASA-Iowa Space Grant Consortium. Later, he was briefly at the University of Iowa as a professor of geography from 2012-2013. Since 2013, his transition to a position with John Deere in Moline, Illinois, where he was responsible for defining and promoting the Strategic Innovation Roadmap for the company in Big Data and Analytics, strongly resonated with his love for farming and technological innovation.

As an educator, author, colleague and mentor, he was well known for his creative ideas, wit, excellent and persuasive presentation skills, and zest for innovation. He was most happy when he shared his vision for a brighter and better future, whether it was at work or at home with his family. He enjoyed life, connected with people in unique ways and deeply cherished his friends. He was an avid gardener who tended to his plants with deep care. He also enjoyed reading, cooking and spending time with his family and friends. He was especially attached to his grandfather in India with whom he enjoyed his childhood.

Sugu is survived by: his wife Vanitha; two sons, Sriram and Srivishnu; parents, Chandra and Ramanathan; a brother, Ezhilmaran, and sister, Chitra; and other family in India. He leaves behind a large network of friends who will miss him very dearly.

# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS



## MILITARY SCIENCE:

### ARMY ROTC RECEIVES FIRST PLACE FOR MIDWEST RECRUITING AND RETENTION

The University of Northern Iowa Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Panther Battalion achieved first place for Recruiting and Retention out of 42 Army ROTC programs throughout the Midwest.

This is the third year in a row that the UNI ROTC achieved recognition for Recruiting and Retention. The program received second place in the previous two years. The program was also recognized as the third best overall program in 2013 and first place for administration in 2015 out of the ROTC programs in the Midwest. This award recognizes the health and culture of a successful ROTC program that brings in the best students to become cadets and retains them as cadets while ensuring their success as college students, college graduates and future Army officers.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION:

### WE THE PEOPLE SHOWCASE

On Friday, Jan. 13, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences hosted a We the People Showcase event for middle school and high school students from across the state. The event was organized by Chad Christopher (social science education) and sponsored by CSBS, the Iowa Bar Association and the Iowa Department of Education.

During the showcase, students participated in a simulated congressional hearing. Students testified as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees scoring the groups through a performance-based assessment. Each hearing began with a four-minute opening statement by students and was followed by a six-minute period of follow-up questioning during which judges probed students' depth of knowledge, understanding and their ability to apply constitutional principles. Interim Provost Brenda Bass provided the welcome and three faculty members from the political science department, along with one retired faculty member from the history department, served as judges.

## TEXTILES & APPAREL:



### TAPP PARTNERS WITH WATERLOO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR KID'S FASHION SHOW

A kid's fashion show was held Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Waterloo Public Library. Kindergarten through fifth-graders were invited to join University of Northern Iowa Textiles and Apparel students and faculty in a unique fashion show. As a part of community outreach efforts, the kids learned about fashion, used clothing donated by Plato's Closet to design a one-of-a-kind piece and walked the runway.

## SAC & INTERIOR DESIGN COLLABORATION:

### NEW FACULTY BUSINESS LEADS TO CSBS SCHOLARSHIPS

When **MARYBETH C. STALP** and **GOWRI BETRABET GULWADI** saw a need for more scholarship opportunities for students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, they stepped up to create a product that would not only represent the legacy of UNI but that could help develop additional financial opportunities for their students. They created Fabricate, LLC in January 2015, and designed a UNI licensed product that could embody the spirit of UNI and be sold to the public. Their design uses a modernized image of the instantly recognizable Campanile and can be used on a multitude of items, including a note card and postcard.

Marybeth and Gowri worked with Copyworks to print the cards, Doug Johnson at University Book and Supply to sell them, and Leslie Prideaux with the UNI Alumni Association to advertise to alumni and students as part of their mission to support the UNI and College Hill community. While part of the sales go back to the university and towards royalty fees, a portion of the proceeds goes to creating student scholarships for students in CSBS. Marybeth and Gowri's commitment to the UNI community and students has given the UNI community a way to connect with the campus on a symbolic level while providing valuable scholarship opportunities for current and future CSBS students.

UNI Campanile postcards are available for purchase at University Book and Supply in the Alumni Collection.



## GEOGRAPHY:



### ARCTICENTER RUSSIAN TENOR CONCERT

The ARCTICenter hosted a recital performance by Russian tenor Pavel Suliandziga on Thursday, Jan. 26, as part of its cultural exchange and outreach effort. Pavel, a graduate of the Russian Academy of Music, is currently studying at the Mannes School of Music in New York and visited UNI on the invitation of the ARCTICenter and the School of Music. His recital, *An Evening of Russian Music*, was accompanied by pianist Polina Khatsko, instructor in the School of Music, and included classical and folk music.

The cultural exchange was supported by the Jim and Connie Schuerman U.S.- Russian Collaboration Fund in the Department of Geography (PROGRUS) and UNI School of Music.



### UNI GEOGRAPHY HOSTS STATE GEOGRAPHIC BEE

The UNI Department of Geography once again hosted the Iowa Geographic Bee this past March. 103 student participants, along with their families and teachers, came from across the state of Iowa. Competitors (4th – 8th grade) earned their spots in the state competition through local events held across the state. The 10 finalists showed amazing poise in the last competition round on the stage, answering difficult questions prepared by the National Geographic Society. Grant Pedersen from Cardinal Middle-Senior High School in Eldon won first place and will represent Iowa in the national finals in Washington DC. Adler Hanson from Valley Elementary-NFV Middle School in Elgin placed second and Jackson Barker from Franklin Middle School in Cedar Rapids placed third. This year UNI awarded scholarships to the top three finishers in recognition of their outstanding academic accomplishments at such an early age.



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### TAPP & GEOGRAPHY COLLABORATION:

#### RUSSIAN INDIGENOUS DESIGN COLLABORATION

TAPP student **MADDIE MEYER** and geography graduate student **VARVARA KORKINA** have partnered together to create a new fashion line inspired as a modern twist on indigenous Russian designs. Students presented their work at a Russian fashion show as well as the SV Popular/American Culture Association Conference this past spring.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE:

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016-17

- Several members of the Department of Political Science presented a forum "Election 2016: What Did it Mean?" for the university community.
- The annual Bipartisan Women in Politics benefit was held in the fall and featured speaker Linda K. Neuman, first woman to be a member of the Iowa Supreme Court.
- The Department of Political Science sponsored "Elect Her" on campus for the third straight year to prepare college students to think about running for student government and other elective offices.
- The Department of Political Science sponsored a debate watch for the third presidential debate (fall).
- The department hosted the Congress to Campus program that brings two former members of Congress to campuses across the U.S. Former Iowa Rep. Berkley Bedell and former Illinois Rep. Tom Ewing visited in the fall.

## CENTER UPDATES

### CSBR CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

In 2017, the Center for Social and Behavioral Research (CSBR) celebrates 50 years of service to the University of Northern Iowa and the broader community, state and region. CSBR's commitment to applied social science and rigorous survey methods research dates back to that first year, which included the "Study of Mailed Questionnaire Validity." In the last decade, CSBR has continued to spread its methodological wings and has embraced new modes of data collection, including cell phones, online and SMS (text) survey modes. To date, CSBR has completed over 760 projects ranging in size from less than \$100 to over \$11 million – many with UNI faculty partners, which have resulted in interviews and data collected from more than 550,000 Iowans by telephone interviews, face-to-face interviews, mailed questionnaires, focus groups, in-depth and web interviews. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we honor those who laid the solid social and behavioral science research foundation and moved us along our journey. We look forward to the next 50 years of academic excellence as we dedicate ourselves to the mission of advancing, applying and facilitating high standards of social and behavioral research practice that informs scholarship and public policy decision-making.





# A YEAR IN REVIEW:

**CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION:** This past fall, the Center for Violence Prevention (CVP) was awarded \$50,000 from the O. Jay and Pat Tomson Foundation. This award will support student scholarships for local, state and national internships, which focus on bullying and gender violence prevention programming and evaluation, serving victims of violence and abuse, and public policy around domestic and sexual violence.

In December 2016, the CVP-GOBP was awarded \$5,000 from the Kind World Foundation to support a statewide task force of school and community stakeholders to conduct a needs assessment on bullying and gender violence prevention strategies and initiatives across the state of Iowa and to then report on recommendations for a pre-k through 16, multi-level and systemic approach moving forward. A report titled, "A Community in Motion: Preventing Bullying and Gender-Based Violence," is expected to be completed by August 2017.

Finally, in January 2016, the CVP received a \$50,000 grant from the National Sexual Assault Resource Center to train Iowa high school coaches utilizing the Coaching Boys into Men™ program. The CVP is collaborating with the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Violence on this project and has as its aim to reach 5,000 high school male athletes - eliciting their leadership and influence to support healthy, non-violent relationships among peer groups.

**ARCTICENTER:** The ARCTICenter at UNI strives to serve as a national hub and host institution for research coordination in Arctic social and sustainability sciences. As the headquarters for two major NSF Research Coordination Networks (RCN) in Arctic Sustainability (Arctic-FROST), and Arctic Coastal Resilience (Arctic-COAST) we worked with approximately 300 scholars from 20 countries. In the summer and fall, we organized two RCN research conferences: one in Murmansk, Russia, aboard the nuclear icebreaker "Lenin," and another in Vienna, Austria. In the spring, 40 Arctic scientists descended on campus to participate in a national workshop under the NSF Arctic Horizons program aimed at defining NSF funding priorities for Arctic social sciences and hosted by the ARCTICenter.

This year, the ARCTICenter partnered with George Washington University, University of Virginia, MIT and foreign institutions as a part of the NSF Partnership in International Research and Education (PRIE) grant on Arctic urban sustainability (\$3.8 million in total funding). Concurrently, a new research grant awarded by NSF last year devoted to the study of wild reindeer migration in the Russian Arctic (TAMARA) is now underway.

Internationally, we established collaborative relationships with Tongji University in China, State Hydrometeorological University and Murmansk Arctic State University (both in Russia). The center also hosted several visiting scholars and artists from Russia and China.

Research projects housed at the center include broad participation from UNI and external faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students. In the prior year, we involved 10 graduate and undergraduate students on UNI campus, 13 other graduate students and early career scholars off campus, and more than 50 faculty member from UNI and other institutions.

**GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE OF IOWA:** What do hula-hoops, plastic Hereford cows and vintage 1950s Chevrolet sedans have in common? They all have a role in Geographic Alliance of Iowa (GAI) activities for 2016-2017.

National Geographic Society (NGS) Initiatives directed resources towards a common focus across each and every state. Last year's initiative was BioBlitz, an ecology and geography-based citizen science event that celebrated the centennial of the National Park Service. In our state we worked directly with 977 grade 4-12 Iowa students from 13 different Iowa schools in a partnership with county naturalists and the county park system. Hula-hoops had a central role, as students used them to create manageable circular transects to count plant and animal species.

This year's NGS National Initiative led to our wonderful, walkable 15 foot X 20 foot giant traveling map of Iowa, currently working its way through elementary schools across the state. Plastic Hereford cows (and other farm animals and crops), along with mini compasses and an array of colored ropes, accompany the map and the UNI pre-service teacher-created activities that go along with it. As of late March 2017, nearly 1,000 Iowa elementary students have interacted with the map, and we expect to double that number by the time the school year is over.

What about vintage 1950s cars? Well, last summer the GAI sponsored a workshop in Cuba (a country well known for its fifties Americana). The trip is part of a tradition of K through 12 teacher workshops focused on international curriculum development. This summer, the GAI is going to Peru, visiting iconic sites like the Amazon Rain Forest and Machu Picchu.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

In fall 2016, political science students **NATALIE DEAN**, **AMELIA MILLER**, **LUCILLE GEE**, **REAGAN REECE** and **DIANA NG** mentored Burmese refugees to assist them in taking their citizenship exam as part of the EMBARC mentorship program.

**SARAH HOFMEYER** (political science), a McNair Scholar, will be doing research this summer in California.

**SARAH HOFMEYER**, **ERIK VELIZ** and **ALISHA THOMPSON** (political science) attended the 58th Annual Academy Assembly at the United States Air Force Academy over spring break.

**ETHAN SEIDENKRANZ's** (political science) essay, "Income Inequality: Is it Really that Bad?" was selected as an outstanding entry in the annual Lawrence Jepson International Economics essay competition at UNI.

**SUNNY TEELING** (counseling) was awarded a CSI Leadership Fellowship.

**KASEY SEMLER** (counseling) will be the school counselor (grades 4 through 12) at the American Pacific International School located in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**ANDREW EISENMAN** (counseling) will be at the High School Boys College Counselor at the American Creativity Academy in Hawally, Kuwait.

The following students were offered O. Jay and Pat Tomson Internship Scholarships this past year, helping with violence prevention work in the community and across the state: **MORGAN HOLZER** (family services), Center for Violence Prevention, UNI; **HANNAH SEDLACEK** (family services) and **SHELBY SCHRECK** (social work), Riverview Center in Waterloo; **MACKENZIE WHELAN** (family services), Family and Children's Council in Waterloo; and **LINDSEY SUITS** (family services), Cedar Valley Friends of the Family in Waverly.

**JASON FLY** (psychology) presented important research at the capitol on how high baseline cortisol predicting DNA damage is not only relevant to aging but also young adults. Fly and professor Catherine Desoto plan to submit their findings for journal publication by summer.

**DANTE MILLER** (sociology) is on the UNI Debate Team, who qualified for nationals in 2017.

**CHRISTIAN ESPINOSA TORRES** (sociology) just defended his sociology M.A. thesis. Upon graduation, he will be working for the City of Omaha Civil Rights Department.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



### SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTS "THE VOICELESS" DOCUMENTARY

**VANESSA MCNEAL** (MSW) presented her hour-long documentary "The Voiceless" on April 5 at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. "The Voiceless" features the stories of five men and their experiences with sexual violence. The documentary explores taboos, stereotypes, intersectionality and the impact sexual violence has on male survivors. Following the documentary was a panel discussion with Vanessa and subjects from the film. The film was co-produced by PLVTO Productions and was funded by the Iowa Board of Regents, UNI Office of the Provost, Center for Violence Prevention, and Heart and Solutions. Supported by UNI Student Wellness Services, Riverview Center and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

### UNMANNED AIRCRAFT CLASS CONSULTS WITH CEDAR FALLS UTILITIES SOLAR ARRAY

A team of students in the Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft class in the Department of Geography had the opportunity this past November to consult with representatives from the Cedar Falls Utilities solar array. **KYLA PFEILER**, **MEGAN SCHNEIDER** and **WILLIAM CASHIN** met with Ken Kagy from CFU and Andrew Biederman from RER Energy to discuss results of their project. The students collected thermal images of the Cedar Falls solar plant with an unmanned aircraft to assess the efficiency of the panels and test the feasibility of using the technology to monitor the functions of a solar power plant.



## UNI ROTC PARTICIPATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ARMY 10-MILER

UNI ROTC, along with its sister school, the University of Dubuque, had the opportunity this year to participate in the 32nd Annual Army 10-Mile Run. The cadets and cadre visited the nation's capitol in October to run with over 35,000 supporters of the United States Army. The Army 10-Miler is one of the largest 10-mile run events on the planet and continues to bring runners from across the nation and the world to participate.

## SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Three sociology majors presented original research at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in March 2017. They also presented at the CSBS Student Research Conference in April 2017 at UNI.

**YENA BALEKYANI**, "Skin Bleaching in the African Community" (also selected for UNI Research at the Capitol in March 2017)

**RACHEL BRUNS**, "Crime on College Campuses in Iowa"

**JAYCE HOVEY**, "Divine Intervention? The Effects of Income and Religiosity on Happiness Levels"

## PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT NYC CONVENTION

Three clinical science psychology graduate students attended the 50th Annual Convention for the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in New York City. **MARJORIE PERKINS**, **DACIA OBERHELMAN** and **KRISTIN ROOFF** presented a poster during the Special Interest Group Poster Session titled "Group Differences in an ROTC Training Exercise." Perkins was elected co-chair of Communications and Outreach for the Military Psychology Special Interest Group. She also won an award: CROW Forum: Outstanding Graduate Paper in Women and Gender "Gender Differences in Stigma Associated with Combat-Related and Military Sexual Assault-Related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder."



## GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS SWEEP WEST LAKES AAG CONFERENCE

Geography students Dane Atkins, Athila Gevaerd Montibeller, Dylan Nielsen and Peterson Wambuu won awards at the **2016 WEST LAKES AAG CONFERENCE** held in Marquette, Michigan, in October 2016. This is the second year in a row that UNI geography students swept all Masters level poster awards (1st - Dylan; 2nd - Athila; 3rd - Dane). In addition, Peterson received 3rd place for the Masters level oral competition.

## UNI GEOGRAPHY REPRESENTED AT UN EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS

**VARVARA KORKINA** (geography) and professor **ANDREY PETROV** (geography) recently participated in the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights at the UN European headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Korkina and Petrov represented ARCTICenter at the forum and discussed experiences of Arctic indigenous people in dealing with transnational corporations at a session on indigenous rights and business titled "Using Leverage to Forge Leadership: Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Business Operations." The session was widely attended by international delegations and members of the various indigenous groups.

## UNI MODEL UNITED NATIONS COMPETITION TEAM WINS BIG IN 2016-2017

UNI's Model United Nations Competition Team won a best delegate award (**JACKSON AVE**, political science) at the American Model UN competition in Chicago (November 2016). They also received an Honorable Mention for Best Delegation in the Economic and Social Council (**ISAAC ESPERSEN**, political science and **NOELLE TROUTMAN**, political science) at the Midwest Model UN Competition in St. Louis (February 2017).



# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



**JENNIFER VAN HAAFTEN** (history, 1993) recently published an article about Laura Ingalls Wilder's family ties in Wisconsin titled "Re-examining the American Pioneer Spirit: The Extended Family of Laura Ingalls Wilder" in the Wisconsin Magazine of History.



**JAIMIE MILLER-ACKLEY** (political science, 2008) was a Juice YP of the Year award finalist. She is executive director of the Iowa Credit Union Foundation.



The University of Northern Iowa Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) inducted two alumni into the new UNI ROTC Hall of Fame this past October: **COL. PATRICK W. WILLIAMS, '86**, and **JOHN W. WILLIAMS, '83**. Williams and Gallagher were also the first two UNI ROTC alumni inducted into the U.S. Army Cadet Command's ROTC Hall of Fame at Fort Knox, Kentucky, this summer as part of the ROTC's 100th Anniversary celebration.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE & HISTORY TEACHING, 2016 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR:



**JAMES HEITHOFF**  
(history-teaching, 1998)

Iowa U.S. History Teacher of Year for 2016 (Winterset)



**JULIE (BARTLETT) ORNELAS**  
(social science, 1996)

New Mexico U.S. History Teacher of the Year for 2016 (Albuquerque)

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**RHIANNA GALEMA** (family services, 2016) who volunteered for service learning in the Strategies & Issues class (Fam Serv 2060), is now supervising our current students in the class who are volunteering at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

**ZACH OWENS** (textiles & apparel, 2014) is currently working as a product developer at Powers Manufacturing Co and developing his own fashion line, shown at the Iowa Fashion Project's Sleigh the Runway Show and UNI BSU's Fashion for Action.

**BEN HAMMES** (political science, 2015) is the communications director and spokesperson for Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad.

**JUSTIN JENSEN** (political science, 2012) is the regional director for Congressman Rod Blum, working in his Cedar Falls office.

**DRAKE SWANSON** (political science, 2016) is a Rural Housing Tech for USDA Rural Development, working with low-income families to help them obtain affordable housing that is safe and sanitary.

**KATIE KOPP** (psychology, 2003) is in Colorado Springs and works as a civilian clinical psychologist with army personnel.

**KATIE CORKER CURRAN** (psychology, 2007) Corker is an ambassador for the Open Science Framework (OSF), an online project sharing and collaboration initiative developed by the nonprofit Center for Open Science.

**ELLIOT HOFTS** (MSW, 2007) is a mental health and substance abuse counselor at the Department of Veteran's Affairs, providing resources to homeless veterans in Waterloo, Dubuque and Decorah.

**INGRID SENSOR** (anthropology, 2007) is a senior consultant at Booz, Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C.

**TAYLOR ANDERSON** (criminology, 2016) is a 1st Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Residential Officer.

**SARAH BRANDT** (sociology, 2008) is the Assistant Attorney General in the Iowa Attorney General's Office in Des Moines.

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