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SCHOLARSHIP

Bill Henninger (family, aging, & counseling) received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Taiwan for the spring 2025 semester from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Mick Mack (kinesiology & athletic training) authored the article "Differences in Mental Toughness among Coaching Education Students of Varied Athletic Achievement and Sport Participation," in the *Journal of Sport Behavior*.

Susan Roberts-Dobie (nursing & public health), **Disa Cornish** (nursing & public health) and Jeremy Schraffenberger (languages and literatures) co-authored the article "Accessibility of Public Health Knowledge: The Presence of Public Health Courses in General Education Programs at US Public Universities," in the CDC's journal *Public Health Reports*.

Kudo?

Although we do our best to track down faculty publications, awards and other accolades to include in *Kudos*, we'd love your help!

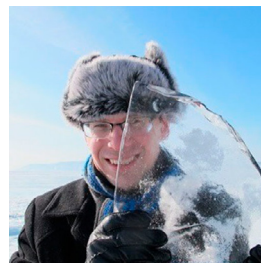
If you or a colleague have an accomplishment to celebrate, please be sure to send our way directly at csbs@uni.edu.

Hope to see you in the next edition!

UNI AWARDS



Alex Oberle
Regents Award for
Faculty Excellence



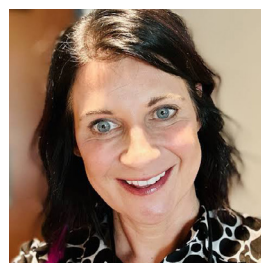
Andrey Petrov
UNI Distinguished
Scholar Award



Kelsey Bourbeau
UNI Outstanding
Teaching Award



Thomas Larsen
UNI Outstanding
Teaching Award



Elaine Eshbaugh
Ross A. Nielsen
Professional Service
Award



**Ashleigh
Kysar-Moon**
Beverly Funk Barnes
Educator Excellence
Award
Student Learning Award



Kelli Snyder
Outstanding Graduate
Coordinator Award



Sue Davis
Outstanding Graduate
Secretary Award



Carissa Froyum
United Faculty
Department Head
of the Year



Scott Peters
Service Learning/
Live Client Project
Award: Analyzing
Eviction Data for
Iowa Legal Aid



Justin Holmes
Presidents' Civic
Engagement
Leadership Award:
Panthers Vote

CSBS AWARDS



**Jen McNabb
Scott Peters**
Inspire Award



**Wendy Christensen
Jenny Becker
Kristin Soppe**
I'm on it! Award



**Eran Hanke
Jayme Renfro
Justin Holmes**
Community Wellness Award



**Faculty in Athletic Training,
Kinesiology and Physical
Education**
Academic Collaboration Award



**Susan Roberts-Dobie
Konrad Sadkowski
Dilbur Arsiwalla**
Connections Award



**Robert Dise
Ken Atkinson
Carolyn Hildebrandt**
Lifelong Learning Award



**Kris Mack
Chuck Holcombe
Gowri Betrabet-Gulwadi
Susie Grover**
Rock of Reliability Award



**Erin Pavioni
Thomas Larsen**
Creative & Crafty Teaching Award

// PROMOTIONS



Gregory Bruess
Professor of History



Ana Kogl
Professor of
Political Science



Rebecca Dickinson
Associate Professor
of Social Work



Terence Moriarty
Associate Professor
of Kinesiology &
Athletic Training



Nathan Taylor
Associate Professor
of Family Studies



James Hall
Associate Professor
of Instruction,
Kinesiology & Athletic
Training

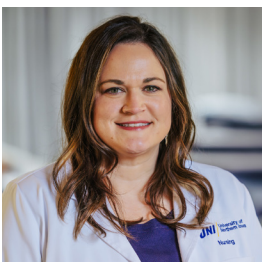


Tammie Collum
Associate Adjunct
Professor, Nursing &
Public Health



Kirk Stuffelbeam
Associate Adjunct
Professor, Geography

// NEW FACULTY



Allison Heit
Clinical Assistant
Professor, Nursing

ROBERT DISE

Robert (Bob) Dise retires this spring after 33 years in the Department of History. A specialist in ancient history (Ph.D., Michigan), he made a lasting impact through popular Humanities courses and key roles in the Western humanities sequence of the Liberal Arts Core. His large lecture courses reached thousands of students, and his four-course ancient history sequence remained a favorite among majors.

He received the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award (2019) and the Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching (2020).

Bob served on numerous university committees, including the Liberal Arts Core Review Committee and the CSBS Senate, where he twice served as chair. He has also served as faculty advisor for Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the UNI Campus Episcopalian Fellowship.

Beyond UNI, Bob reviewed NEH grant applications and founded The Canterbury Forum, a community program exploring religion, society, and culture. His scholarly work includes *Cultural Change and Imperial Administration* (1991) and a Great Courses title, *Ancient Empires before Alexander*. His recent work on the Battle of Little Big Horn inspired a new UNIFI course and forthcoming book.



CAROLYN HILDEBRANDT

After 31 years of dedicated service, Carolyn Hildebrandt is retiring from the Department of Psychology.

Carolyn began her career at UNI as an assistant professor with a joint appointment in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Education, and quickly became a leader in developmental education.

As a co-founder of the Regents Center for Early Developmental Education and co-editor of influential works on constructivist pedagogy, she helped shape early childhood learning both locally and nationally.

Carolyn served as department head for five years and was widely known for her creative and timely courses, including *Psychology of Music and Science vs. Pseudoscience*.

A student-centered educator and trusted mentor, she has left a lasting impact on the many students she taught, advised and guided through research and internships. Carolyn will be greatly missed!



Scott Peters talks civics education on "Iowa Press"

Scott Peters, professor and head of the Department of Political Science, recently appeared on Iowa Press to discuss the urgent need for improved civics education in Iowa and across the country.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/politics-justice/unis-scott-peters-talks-civics-education-iowa-press



UNI Nursing receives education award from City of Cedar Falls

The City of Cedar Falls and Cedar Falls Utilities awarded the UNI nursing program the 2025 John Milton Overman Education Award.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/campus-community/uni-nursing-program-receives-education-award-city-cedar-falls



Kelli Snyder receives Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society Educator of the Year Award

Kelli Snyder, associate professor and program director of athletic training, has received Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society Educator of the Year Award, given to a member who has demonstrated outstanding abilities in educating future athletic trainers either at the high school or college/university levels.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/health/uni-professor-kelli-snyder-receives-iowa-athletic-trainers-society-educator-year-award



Nancy Kertz named to 2025 Great Iowa Nurses

Nancy Kertz, chief academic nurse administrator and head of the Department of Nursing and Public Health, was named one of the 2025 Great Iowa Nurses.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/health/unis-chief-academic-nurse-administrator-nancy-kertz-named-2025-great-iowa-nurses



Bill Henninger receives Fulbright U.S. Scholar award for spring 2025

Bill Henninger, professor and head of the Department of Family, Aging, and Counseling, will participate in a two-week group seminar with reps from universities, private sector agencies and organizations, and select government agencies in Taiwan.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/campus-community/uni-professor-bill-henninger-receives-fulbright-us-scholar-award-spring-2025



A legacy of leadership

ROTC Cadet Colin Spies' commissioning as a second lieutenant marks the continuation of a proud family legacy of military service and leadership, as he follows in the footsteps of his father, retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and fellow UNI alum David Spies.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/campus-community/legacy-leadership



UNI Center for Civic Education hosts naturalization ceremony

Nearly 70 people from 25 countries became United States citizens in the Maucker Union Ballrooms in April 2025.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/campus-community/uni-center-civic-education-host-naturalization-ceremony-april-18



PATCVP hosts inaugural Dan Marburger MVP Advocacy Awards

The Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention honored the legacy of Dan Marburger, the principal at Perry High School who tragically lost his life from gun violence in January 2025, with the Dan Marburger Mentors in Violence Prevention Advocacy Awards.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/campus-community/patricia-tomson-center-violence-prevention-announces-inaugural-dan-marburger



UNI public health students earn top honors at national competition

Three UNI public health students earned national recognition for their outstanding performance at the prestigious National Case Study Competition in Health Education (NCSCHE®).

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/health/uni-public-health-students-earn-top-honors-national-competition



UNI expands access to offer Master's in History online

UNI is now accepting applications for a redesigned master's in history, which features an entirely online format and updated curriculum.

FULL STORY: insideuni.uni.edu/campus-community/uni-expands-access-offer-masters-history-online





ARCTICCenter hosts Arctic Day 2025

UNI's ARCTICCenter, housed in the Department of Geography, celebrated its annual Arctic Day in late Jan. 2025. The event highlighted ARCTICCenter research and accomplishments over the past year, and included comments from virtual guest speaker Martin O. Jeffries, Chair, Polar Research Board, the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, and a virtual and in person Research Symposium.



Arctic exhibit at UNI Museum

"Beyond the International Dateline: Beringia Sled Dog Race in the Land of Volcanoes, Kamchatka, Russia," was on display in the UNI Museum through the spring semester, featuring photography from Victor Gumenuyk and Jan Oelker.

The exhibit was organized by **Aleksandr Pechen**, Visiting Scholar, ARCTICCenter; **Victoria Sharakhmatova**, Postdoctoral Scholar, ARCTICCenter, Department of Geography; and Jess Cruz, Exhibit Coordinator and Museum Outreach Educator, UNI Museum.



UNI Nursing holds White Coat Ceremony for second cohort of students

UNI's second cohort of nursing students celebrated the start of their professional nursing education at a White Coat Ceremony on Feb. 22. The ceremony is an iconic ritual emphasizing the importance of compassionate, collaborative, scientifically excellent care. A keynote address was delivered by Kelly Richards, MercyOne chief nursing officer and senior vice president of patient care.

Watch student athlete **Taryn Wharton** receive her own special ceremony after the UNI Women's Basketball game: facebook.com/share/v/199N9fuRUE.



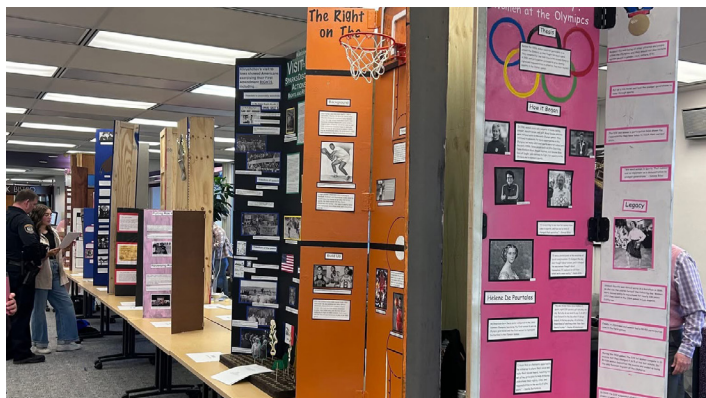
Red Flag, Green Flag: Navigating Healthy Dating Panel Event

The Patricia A. Tomson Center for Violence Prevention, Women's & Gender Studies and the Office of Civil Rights Compliance hosted an interactive panel event featuring dating and healthy relationship promotion experts, including head of the Department of Family, Aging, and Counseling **Bill Henninger**, Riverview Center's **Melody Kosobucki**, '16, and **Vanessa McNeal**, '17, professional speaker and trafficking documentarian. Attendees learned how to identify red flags and green flags in real-life dating situations.



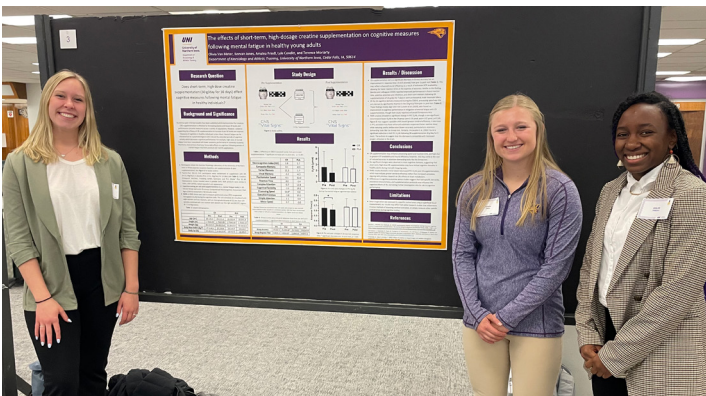
Hearing Voices Simulation

The UNI Student Social Work Association, alongside the Departments of Social Work (**Libby Fry**) and Nursing & Public Health, hosted Hearing Voices Simulations on Feb. 26 and 27, led by Mindspring Mental Health Alliance's **Alex Rohn**, '16. In the simulations, students, faculty, staff and community professionals listened to distressing voices while completing a series of tasks, like taking a mental status exam in a mock emergency room. Afterwards, participants reflected on the experience and discussed lessons and reflections they'd take into their current or future careers. Hear from Rohn and participants at: [facebook.com/reel/1162645021473352](https://www.facebook.com/reel/1162645021473352).



UNI History hosts National History Day

The Department of History hosted the Sullivan Brothers District competition of National History Day on March 24, which brought 73 student competitors to campus to present 44 projects on the 2025 NHD theme, "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Students competed in four categories: documentaries, exhibits, papers and websites, with the highest-ranked entries advancing to the Iowa State competition. This event was made possible with support from Rod Library, Admissions, Fortepan IA and University Archives & Special Collections.



INSPIRE 2025

The 2025 INSPIRE Student Research & Engagement Conference took place April 13-14, showcasing experiential projects from students across campus. A wide array of presentations, posters and multimedia exhibits reflected the diverse interests and expertise of both undergraduate and graduate students. Visit the program at csbs.uni.edu/inspire-schedule to explore individual projects — covering topics such as mental health, law enforcement training, refugee integration, voter behavior and youth advocacy — and see how our students continue to make a meaningful impact through research and community-focused work.



Record turnout at Iowa High School Model United Nations Conference

The Department of History hosted the annual Iowa High School Model United Nations Conference in April, bringing over 25 high schools and nearly 500 students from across the state (plus Platteville, WI) to UNI.

This year came with a bittersweet conclusion, as **Konrad Sadkowski** steps down from his coordinator role for the conference. Watch for a larger story on Konrad's contribution's to IHSMUN over the year's in the upcoming *Statements Magazine*.

// STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Community Engagement Celebration Day awardees

Seed Coalition Presidents' Engaged Campus Award:
Presidents' Student Leadership: Revitalizing Waterloo's
Tree Canopy: **Public Administration Students**

Student Award

Age Friendly 100th Day of School Celebrations:
Hallory Domnick (family services)



SPEAK Out! for Health & Physical Education 2025

Physical education students joined professor **Kim Hurley** for the February 2025 "SPEAK Out! for Health & Physical Education" in Washington, D.C., a national advocacy event that empowers educators, students and supporters to engage with policymakers and champion strong health and physical education programs in schools. The 2025 initiative focused on advancing equity, wellness and academic success through robust legislative support for HPE.

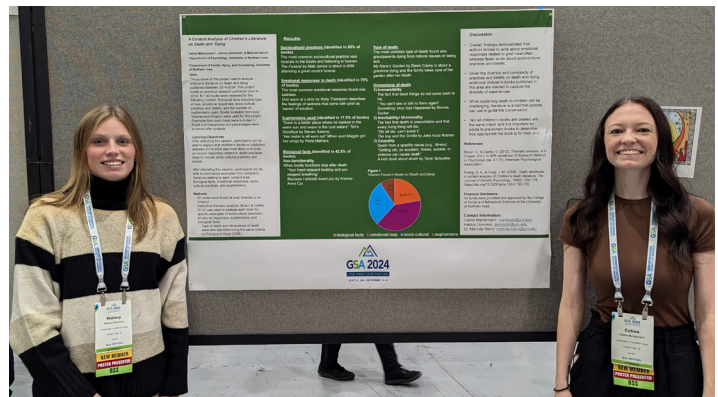


Iowa Sociological Association Annual Meeting

UNI sociology students, supported by Marybeth Stalp, presented research at the 2025 Iowa Sociological Association Annual Meeting and brought home two of the five possible awards:

Arwen Hansen and **Ashlyn Wilkins** were awarded the B. Keith Crew Poster Award for their project "Feminist Trading Cards."

Cassandra Ralson received the Stephen Wieting Award - Integrating Theory and Research, with the project "Friendship with Violence: The Boffer LARPing Community."



Gerontological Society of America

Hallory Domnick and **Celine Manternach** presented two posters at the Gerontological Society of America in Seattle, Washington in November. The work was titled:

"A Content Analysis of Children's Literature on Death and Dying"

"Differences in How Older Adults are Portrayed in Children's Media"



Nursing holds community health screening

UNI Nursing held a health screening clinic in celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Des Moines. Two UNI nursing students, **Taryn Wharton** and **Ryley Goebel**, joined professor **Jimmy Reyes** to screen over 45 Latino/a participants for blood pressure and blood glucose levels and offer health guidance aligned with the Prediabetes Prevention Program guidelines in both English and Spanish.

CSBS students selected for I-RAISE internship program

Two CSBS students have been selected to participate in the second cohort of the NSF-funded Iowa Research Administration Internship Student Experience (I-RAISE) project — a collaborative internship program led by UNI, ISU, Simpson College, Dordt University, Drake University and Central College:

Ben Boezinger, a first-year MA student in kinesiology and sports performance.

Caitlyn Wylie, a junior double-majoring in philosophy and sociology.

This initiative introduces students to the field of sponsored project administration, helping them understand the vital work behind research grants and contracts.

Their experience begins with a 10-week summer immersion at Iowa State, followed by an academic-year placement with UNI's Research and Sponsored Programs office from September 2025 through April 2026.

Student Leadership Awards

The following CSBS students took home high honors:

Darrel O'Doss Boots to Books Scholarship

Kathryn Reyna (nursing)

Trevor Johnson (history)

American Legion of Iowa Scholarship

Tate Hook (kinesiology: exercise science)

Robert J. Hibbs VFW Post 3896

Spouse or Dependent Scholarship

Alexis Nemechek (kinesiology: exercise science)

Dr. Sue Follon Scholarship for Leadership

Briella Curtis (psychology, family services)

Dr. Sue Follon Scholarship for Leadership

ZaKiyah Timmons-Crear (family services, gerontology)

Drake Martin Gold Star Award

Aeris Turner (psychology, family services)

Dr. Charlotte West Scholar-Athlete Award

Brendan Safley (kinesiology: exercise science, pre-athletic training)

Rising Global Star Leader Award

Muhammad Talha (nursing)

Outstanding Officer in a Student Organization Award

Lydia Welch (social science teaching)

Outstanding President in a Student Organization Award

Allie Clark (psychology, social work)

Outstanding President in a Student Organization Award

Jasmine Allison (family services)

Servant Leadership Award

Emma Hastings (kinesiology: exercise science)

Servant Leadership Award

Miranda Lozada (psychology, Spanish)

Diana Espinoza (social work, psychology)

Jake Staack (nursing)

Outstanding Student Leader Award

Sarah Stegge (gerontology, communication disorders)

Catrina Tounjian (public health, biology)

LUX Award

Lizbeth Montalvo (political communication, Spanish)



CSBS *Kudos*, published every semester, highlights accomplishments of faculty, students and alumni of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and makes colleagues in the college and across campus aware of the great things being done in CSBS. By sharing these ideas, interests and contributions, we strive to sustain a sense of community.

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