

CSBS *Kudos*

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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The faculty of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences continually distinguish themselves in quality teaching, scholarship and service.

CSBS Kudos, published twice every semester, is meant to highlight these accomplishments and make colleagues in the college and across campus aware of the great things being done in CSBS. By sharing the ideas, interests and contributions of faculty, we hope to sustain a sense of community among the teacher-scholars of UNI.

Kudos to:

Laura Kaplan (Social Work) serves on the Council of Social Work Education Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression. She is both the co-chair of the group's education committee and a consultant on the CSWE survey on lesbian, gay, and transgender faculty experiences.

Richard Featherstone and **Steven Briggs** (Criminology) are working with the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office and Pathways Behavioral Services, an area substance abuse and mental health treatment center. The project will use crime mapping to examine whether there is a spatial relationship between violent crime and businesses that serve alcohol.

Carolyn Hildebrandt (Psychology) was the program chair for the Association for Constructivist Teaching conference in Mexico this fall. It was their first international, completely bilingual conference and included Spanish- and English-speaking participants from across the US and Mexico.

Jim McCullagh (Social Work) was recently honored with a special award from the Iowa School Social Workers for his work as editor of the *Journal of School Social Work*. He also continues to head the Iowa Department of Human Services training project at UNI.

Mark Grey (Anthropology) was presented, along with Michele Devlin of HPELS, with a One Iowa Award by Iowa's lieutenant governor. The award recognized the pair's promotion of cultural understanding and mutual respect among Iowa's ethnic populations.

Cindy Juby (Social Work) supervised research students conducting interviews with individuals that were involved in the Postville raid. She subsequently wrote an article and presented her findings at the Council on Social Work Education in San Antonio in November.

Pita Agbese (Political Science), **Carol Cook** (Social Work), and **Xavier Escandell** (Sociology) shared their internationally focused research and service with the President and Provost at the college's annual meeting in October. Agbese

consults on civil-military relations in West Africa; Cook supervises students traveling to Nicaragua to study individual and community development; and Escandell studies the political and social concerns of non-European migrants.

Ramanathan Sugumaran (Geography) has received a grant from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to study real-time predictive framework for mosquito-borne diseases.

Reinier Hesselink (History) received a Japan Foundation Fellowship for study in Japan this year for his book manuscript, *The Rise and Fall of Christian Nagasaki, 1560-1640*.

Donald Gaff (Anthropology) directed the archaeological field school at Hartman Reserve Nature Center in Cedar Falls this summer. This year's students will be organizing and presenting the results at an archaeological symposium this fall. New finds included the remains of a fire pit, some new types of pottery (about 1,600 years old), arrowheads, and other items.

Rob Hitlan and **Cathy DeSoto** (Psychology) will travel with two undergraduate students to the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, held in Las Vegas in January. The group will present two studies: *Social Exclusion and Racial Bias: The Impact of Testosterone Change* and *Social Exclusion: The Impact of Perceived Similarity and Testosterone on Group Relations*.

Lindsay Cohn (Political Science) has a forthcoming article, titled "It Wasn't in my Contract: Civilian Control and the Privatization of Security," in *Armed Forces and Society*.

Laura Praglin (Social Work) received a Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship to conduct research at the Social Welfare History Archives, University of Minnesota.

Linda Walsh (Psychology) serves on the steering committee of the Iowa Teachers of Psychology, which organizes an annual conference for all levels of Iowa educators: high school teachers, community college instructors, faculty from colleges and universities, graduate students.

Kudos to CSBS faculty awarded Professional Development Assignments for 2010-2011!

Trudy Edén (History), Spring 2011: *Botany in Early America*

Annette Lynch (Textiles and Apparel), Fall 2010: *Porn Chic: Exploring the Contours of Raunch Eroticism*

Donna Maier (History), Academic Year: *Rwanda Genocide Witness Testimony in Four Systems of Justice: Evidence as Historical Record*

Scott Peters (Political Science), Spring 2011: *Constraints on Campaigning in Judicial Elections: The Effects of the Canons of Ethics on State Supreme Court Campaigns*

Mitchell Strauss (Textiles and Apparel), Spring 2011: *History of a Small Textile Mill in a Small North Carolina Town—The Intersection of Jewish Entrepreneurship and Textile Manufacturing in Twentieth Century United States*

John Williams (Psychology), Fall 2010: *Development of an Online Teaching and Research Laboratory Using Flash*

Faculty with PDA this year are

Fall: **Cathy DeSoto** (Psychology), **Kim MacLin** (Psychology), **Otto MacLin** (Psychology), and **Dave May** (Geography)

Spring: **Donna Hoffman** (Political Science)

Academic year: **Mark Grey** (Anthropology)



Otto MacLin and **Kim MacLin** (Psychology) recently attended a conference in Ireland where they presented their research on eyewitness

identification to the International Society of Psychophysics. While walking down the street in downtown Dublin, they passed a large bookstore that was displaying the MacLin's textbook in the storefront window. The book is in its 8th edition and has been translated into Turkish, Chinese, and other international editions.



Kudos to those continuing the progress of Sabin Hall! Above: The old lecture hall has been fitted with beams to support a new floor of space for faculty offices. Left: The new lecture hall, moved one floor below its old location, takes shape. The tiered seating will be oriented toward the windows, which face the Union and will be fitted with movable panels to create the projection surface.



If you have a notable achievement you'd like published in an upcoming edition of *CSBS Kudos*, send the information to holly.bokelman@uni.edu. Then watch for the next edition!