

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:

Alex Oberle (Geography) has received a Service Learning Fellowship from the American Democracy Project/Office of the Provost to engage his Regional Analysis and Planning class in grant writing for communities and agencies in the Cedar Valley.

Tara Opsal (Criminology) has published an article in *Women and Criminal Justice* titled "Women on Parole: Understanding the Impact of Surveillance."

Jay Lees (History) and **Julie Lowell** (Anthropology) have received a grant from the Max and Helen Guernsey Charitable Foundation to help fund their Iowa Tornado Project. They will produce a documentary film and set up an archival record of the devastating tornado that struck Butler County in 2008. Video interviews of some 120 survivors and first-responders of this storm will provide the basic material for the film and the archive.

Cindy Juby and **Laura Kaplan** (Social Work) presented "Postville: The Effects of an Immigration Raid" at the Council of Social Work Education annual program meeting in November. Juby's article of the same name will appear in a forthcoming edition of *Families in Society*.

Annette Lynch (Textiles and Apparel) received a Department of Justice award to provide national certification training in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program for 30 faculty and staff from UNI, ISU, and UI. Training was conducted February 10-12 on the UNI campus.

Jian Li (Anthropology) was recently elected to the status of Fellow by the Society for Applied Anthropology. Li also published an article, "Socioeconomic Barriers to Biogas Development in Rural Southwest China," in *Human Organization*, which is the flagship journal of applied anthropology.

Andrey Petrov (Geography) is part of a group of Arctic scientists awarded an NSF Grant to hold an International Conference on the Impact of National Politics, Economics and Culture on the Practice of Arctic Science and Technology in the Twenty-First Century. The conference will take place in Naryan-Mar, Russia, in June 2010.

John Somervill (Psychology) was recently honored with a 2010 UNI Diversity Matters Award for his many years of enhancing diversity across campus.

Ramona McNeal (Political Science) has a new article, "Disclosure of Campaign Finance Information: Divergent Interests in the States," that appears in this month's *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi and **Jillissa Moorman** (Interior Design) will be facilitating a UNI summer camp on interior design. The sessions are targeted to students in grades 9-12 and high school instructors.

Helen Harton (Psychology) gave an invited talk entitled "Communication and the emergence of culture: From neighborhoods to world regions" at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology preconference on culture last month.

John Johnson and **Donald Shepardson** (History) were interviewed on KUNI's Talk of Iowa in November 2009 on "The End of the Cold War."

Fred Besthorn (Social Work) has a forthcoming article entitled "Revisiting Confidentiality: Observations from Family Therapy Practice" in the *Journal of Systemic Therapies*. The work was a collaborative research effort between Besthorn and faculty at the University of Calgary, Canada.

Chris Larimer (Political Science) has been announced as the recipient of the 2010 University Book and Supply Outstanding Teaching Award for nontenured faculty.

Elaine Eshbaugh (Family Services) has been named to the Adele Whitenack Davis Professorship in Gerontology, just one of two endowed professorships in CSBS.

Xavier Escandell (Sociology) recently published an article, "Transnational Lives, Travelling Emotions, and Idioms of Distress Among Bolivian Migrants in Spain", in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, which is the flagship journal in his area of specialty. He coauthored the article with Maria Tapias.

Otto MacLin (Psychology) testified this fall as an expert witness in eyewitness identification. The trial, which also included DNA evidence, overturned the wrongful conviction of a Wisconsin man who had served half of a 12-year prison sentence for sexual assault.

Katherine van Wormer (Social Work) has authored a number new of books, including *Working with Female Offenders: A Gender-Specific Approach* (Wiley and Sons) and *Death by Domestic Violence: Preventing the Murders and the Murder-Suicides* (Praeger).

In other news...

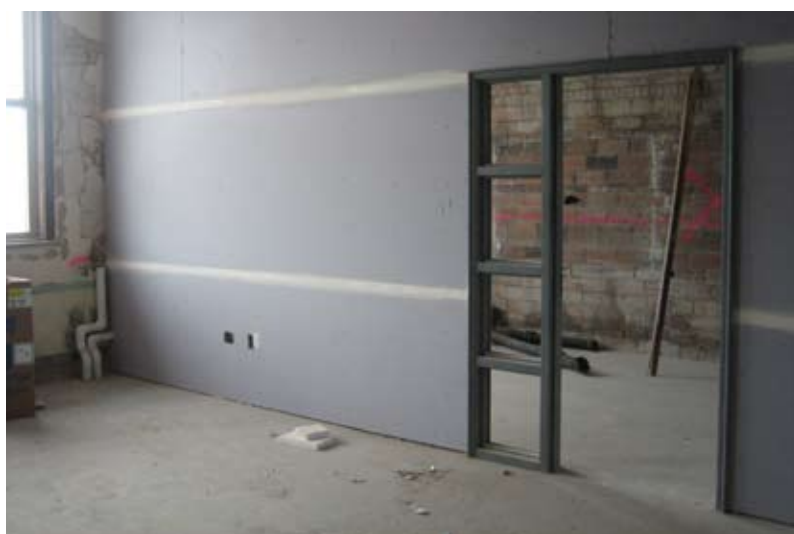
A \$1.4 million gift for the benefit of UNI's textiles and apparel program has been given to the UNI Foundation by Lectra as part of its Education Partner Program. The gift includes software and upgrades that will enable student designers to create textile weave, knit, and print patterns and apply the patterns to apparel designs, along with many other creative possibilities.

Journal of Contemporary Ethnography Volume 39, No. 1, is published and will soon be available online. Co-editors are **Kent Sandstrom** and **Marybeth Stalp**, and deputy editor is **Carissa Froyum**, all from the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology. Megan Tesene, sociology graduate student, is the managing editor. *JCE* is the top journal in ethnography and is currently ranked 29th among sociology journals.



Left: The south-facing windows in the Political Science faculty offices will now overlook the interior four-story atrium. The space below, which was previously the top half of the lecture hall, will be the home of Social Work faculty offices.

Below: Some areas of the building have been framed and have new drywall already installed.



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