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CSBS *kudos!*

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Above, from left: Nate Clapham, CSBS development; Brenda Bass, CSBS dean; Lauren Stratton, gerontology student; Gary Gute, Creative Life Research Center; Elaine Eshbaugh, gerontology; Howard Barnes, School of Applied Human Sciences; Annette Lynch, Center for Violence Prevention; Anne Woodrick, anthropology; Rebecca Gronewold, geography student; Mark Grey, New Iowans Center; Malakai Calhoun, CSBR student; John DeGroot, GeoTREE; Ki Park, CSBR; Robert Donley, Board of Regents; Mary Losch, CSBR; and Gene Lutz, CSBR. *Not pictured:* Alan Heisterkamp, CVP, and Julie Mann, social work graduate student working in the CVP.

Below right: TC with Jeff Danielson, state senator and alumnus of the college's bachelors of public administration and masters of public policy programs.

Panther Caucus

UNI Day at the Iowa Capitol was held Monday, February 24. Now in its second year, this event allows UNI the opportunity to showcase to Iowa legislators our state-wide contribution.

Many thanks to the faculty, staff, students, and alumni who supported CSBS at this event!



FACULTY & STAFF *Kudos*

Kudos to the CSBS faculty and staff who have reached the next milestone in their years of service to UNI and were honored at the recent Academic Affairs recognition event.

40 Years

Tom Keefe, *Social Work*

Gene Lutz, *CSBR*

35 Years

Donna Maier, *History*

25 Years

John Johnson, *History*

Taifa Yu, *Political Science*

20 Years

Mary Jane Crew, *CSBR*

Charlotte Wells, *History*

15 Years

Joe Gorton, *Criminology*

Helen Harton, *Psychology*

Mary Losch, *CSBR*

Kristin Mack, *Sociology*

Rowena Tan, *CSBS*

10 Years

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi, *Interior Design*

Laura Kaplan, *Social Work*

Ana Kogl, *Political Science*

Scott Peters, *Political Science*

Marybeth Stalp, *Sociology*



CSBR's Mary Losch, Mary Jane Crew, and Gene Lutz

CSBS Shout-out!

In a new *Kudos* feature, faculty and staff nominate colleagues who are committed to success.

The first CSBS Shout-out goes to Pat Gross of Family Studies.

"The commitment to advising Family Service majors shown by Dr. Pat Gross is commendable. Dr. Gross has over 60 advisees and meets with each at least once per semester to discuss coursework and career goals. She understands the individual needs of each advisee and works with them to help them achieve their goals."

Kristin Meany-Walen (*Counseling*), with graduate student Quinn Bullis, is working on a single-case design research study at the local North Cedar Elementary school. She is providing play therapy counseling services to children identified by teachers as having disruptive classroom behaviors, and she is measuring student behavior and teacher stress.

Allison Martens (*Political Science*) participated in February's campus Darwin Week events as a speaker, presenting "Women's Political Activism: Sisters in Solidarity?" Other CSBS presenters included **Kim MacLin** (*Psychology*), "Snap Judgments in Eyewitness Contexts: Seeing is Not Always Believing"; **Brian Roberts** (*History*), "Popular and Unpopular Forms of Environmentalism"; **John Johnson** (*History*), "The Tinker Case: Three Iowa Kids Question Authority and the Repercussions Are Still Being Felt a Half Century Later"; **Annette Lynch** (*Campus Violence Prevention*), "Porn Chic: Cultural Construction of Sexual Agency in Fashion and Popular Culture in the Millennium"; and **Harry Brod** (*Sociology*), "Pornography: Private Right or Public Wrong?"

Kenneth Atkinson (*History*) spoke at conferences in Jerusalem, Israel; Strasbourg, France; Baltimore, Maryland. He has also published articles in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten*, *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia*, *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, and *Outside The Bible*.

FACULTY & STAFF *Kudos*



Katherine van Wormer (*Social Work*) presented “The Maid Narratives,” stories of women of the Great Migration, for the Black History Month Celebration Event at Highland Community College, Freeport, Ill. She also presented on campus for UNI’s Black History Month events.

Dhirendra Vajpeyi (*Political Science*) presented a paper, “Civil-Military Relations in Developing Countries,” at the annual International Conference of Royal Geographical Society, held at Imperial College in London, England, in August 2013. He was also nominated as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the installation ceremonies for which will take place in August 2014. In addition, Vajpeyi has

co-edited and contributed to a new book, *Civil-Military Relationships in Developing Countries*. Other contributors include departmental colleagues professor **Pita Agbese** and adjunct **Mary Jo Halder**.

Charlotte Wells (*History*) presented a community program on the Jesuits and Pope Francis, the first Jesuit ever elected to lead the Catholic Church. The talk was at the February meeting of the Canterbury Forum, a local group that explores the relationship between religion and culture. The forum’s committee includes **Bob Dise** (*History*) as chair and **Kenneth Atkinson** (*History*).

Mark Grey (*New Iowans Center*) and Michele Devlin (*HPELS*) received their 2013 Immigrant Champion Award at the Immigrant Entrepreneur Summit in Des Moines in November.

Chris Larimer (*Political Science*) presented his research, “A Stranglehold of Power: Explaining Gubernatorial Stability in Iowa,” at the annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Political Scientists.



Kim MacLin (*Psychology*) held her Careers in Psychology Alumni Guest Speaker Series in February and March. The events bring alumni back to campus—either in person or virtually—to speak to students about options in the discipline. The most recent series featured eight alumni on a variety of career paths, including Jacob Dannen, a 2013 graduate currently in law school at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis.



Ramona McNeal (*Political Science*) co-authored a book chapter coming out later this year with a colleague from Kent State. “Online Health Information: Home Caregiver Population Driving Cyberspace Searches in the United States” will appear in *Social Media and Mobile Healthcare Technology*.

Elizabeth Lefler (*Psychology*) has won this year’s Psychology Club teaching award.

Alex Oberle (*Geography*) is the coordinator of the Geographic Alliance of Iowa, whose focus is strengthening geographic instruction in Iowa. In the past five years, the GAI has provided credit-bearing professional development to approximately 400 Iowa educators and on-site professional development across the state.

FACULTY & STAFF *Kudos*

Congratulations to the CSBS faculty awarded 2014 Summer Fellowships from the Graduate College, which are intended to support faculty research, creative activity, and grant applications.

Pita Agbese, *Political Science*: Terrorism and Conspiracy Theories in Nigeria

Darcie Davis-Gage, *Counseling*: Compulsive Hoarding and Popular Media: Implications for counselors

Michael Fleming, *Family Studies*: Professional and Volunteer Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Advocacy:

A systemic examination of factors associated with vicarious traumatization, burnout, and engagement

Don Gaff, *Anthropology*: Reconstructing Prehistoric Cultural Dynamics from Archival Sources

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi, *Interior Design*: Exploring the Potential of University Campus Outdoor Spaces as

Resources for Student Creativity, Learning and Health

Elizabeth Lefler, *Psychology*: ADHD Stigma Among College Students

Augustina Naomi, *Social Work*: Using Photovoices to Understand Accessibility Challenges Persons with

Disabilities Encounter in the Cedar Valley Area, Iowa

The Provost and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs have announced those faculty selected to receive funding through the 2013-14 Capacity Building Grant Competition. The grants support faculty capacity for scholarship, research and creative activities; interdisciplinary work; external funding submissions; and student collaboration with faculty.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Gary Gute (*Applied Human Sciences*): Psychological Complexity Measure Development

Andrey Petrov (*Geography*): Participation in Planning and Implementation off the Socio-Economic Impact

Assessment and Sustainable Development Modeling Project in Yukon, Canada

PROJECT GRANTS — EPSCOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Andrey Petrov (*Geography*) & **John DeGroot** (*GeoTREE*): Aerial Survey of Wild Reindeer in Taimyr: a Pilot

Data Collection and Analysis for Establishing the NSF Taimyr Reindeer Observing Network

Jack Yates (*Psychology*), co-PI: Determine Energy Change Behavior Persistence After Competitions End

PROJECT GRANTS — NON-EPSCOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Leisl Carr Childers (*History*), co-PI: Fortepan Iowa

Steve Onken (*Social Work*), co-PI: Border Crossings of the Heart - Navigating the Transition from Minority

to Majority Cultures: A Pilot Study of Young Hearing Adults of Deaf Parents and Young Heterosexual

Adults of Gay/Lesbian Parents

STUDENT-FACULTY COLLABORATION GRANTS

Steve Onken (*Social Work*), co-PI: Border Crossings of the Heart

Leisl Carr Childers (*History*), co-PI: Fortepan Iowa

Arctic FROST

CSBS is proud to welcome the new project entitled **Arctic-FROST: Arctic FRontiers Of SusTainability: Resources, Societies, Environments and Development in the Changing North**. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the project is under the direction of **Andrey Petrov** of geography and is based at the Arctic Social and Environmental Systems Research (ARCES) Laboratory housed in CSBS. The program will serve as the national center of Arctic sustainability science research for the next five years.

www.uni.edu/arctic/frost/



Andrey Petrov and ice from Lake Baikal in Siberia

STUDENT *Kudos*

Crystal Nye (*Criminology*) was featured in a Waterloo-Cedar Falls *Courier* story in January about her mentoring at Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly.

Jamie Lindstrom (*Social Work*) is a student athlete in track and field. Recent meets have included two first-place finishes in the shot put event.



KaLeigh White (*Public Administration and Sociology*) had a research poster accepted to the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association conference, which will be held in Chicago in April. The title of the paper is "Variation in State Funded Grant Programs: Political and Economic Factors."

Cody Schmidt (*Political Science and Public Administration*) presented his research paper "Industrial Democracy: Working Hard or Hardly Working?" at the annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Political Scientists at Central College in Pella.

Precious Mseba, Megan Vogt, and Xia Wang (*Social Work MSW*) attended Legislative Day at the Capitol—a nationwide social work effort to lobby state lawmakers about social policy—on February 26. The students met with state representative Bob Kressig and talked about the Iowa Juvenile Home and the State Training School for Girls in Toledo, Iowa.

Nekoda Rowell (*Geographic Information Systems*) has been involved in a project with the Grout Museum in Waterloo that has used GIS to bring geography and history together.

The focus of this collaborative project between the museum and UNI Geography was to identify ethnic families in Grant Township of Grundy County, Iowa, and to see how the ethnicity of the township changed and dispersed over time. By using cutting-edge GIS software and some good old-fashioned plat maps, Rowell was able to analyze and display the change of these families—of mostly German, Irish, and Danish descent—from 1900 to 2000. The periods examined for this project were determined by the availability of plat maps and are dated 1900, 1911, 1924, 1965, 1985, and 2000.

The plat maps were digitized using GIS software. This process began by using the GIS to extract Grundy County and Grant Township from the statewide dataset. A tool called 'Fishnet' was then used to create a grid over the township. Although much of the project used sophisticated technology, some of it was completed with simple arithmetic and a ruler.

Rowell says, "By looking at the finished maps over time, one can watch as the ethnic clusters change in size, disperse, and combine over the decades, as well as see other aspects of rural landscape change like the abandonment of some farmsteads and the rise of corporate-owned—rather than family-owned—farms, something that affects most of the Midwest."

He adds, "While the area that was covered in the project was small, I think that geographers and historians have a lot to learn from this. Every town has old documents that are degrading and if we are able to digitize these now, who knows what kind of research may be done in the future. In fact, the Grout Museum would like to use the Grant Township Project as a template with the expectation that the process can be repeated across northeast Iowa."



STUDENT *Kudos*

Zac Lamb (*Criminology*) and **Alec Lovin** (*Criminology and Sociology*) are senior students who meet weekly with twelve young men at the Iowa Boys' State Training School in Eldora, also known as Midland Park High School. Through a collaborative partnership between the UNI criminology faculty, the Center for Violence Prevention, and Ralph Albee, Midland Park transition coordinator, a handful of criminology students have benefited from this "hands-on" learning as a formal part of their academic experience at UNI. "Our students are well received at the school by the young men who reside there. They are viewed as role models and leaders within the broader community," says Alan Heisterkamp, director of the Center for Violence Prevention's MVP Leadership Institute.



Zac Lamb and Alec Lovin



Textiles & Apparel at CROW Forum

Ashton Milliken and **Sierra Klimesh** (*Textiles and Apparel*) presented their concepts of girls' empowerment fashion brands with professor Annette Lynch at the February CROW Forum. The Current Research on Women Forum is held monthly by Women's and Gender Studies. Lynch presented the topic, "Teaching Girls the Power Beyond Sexy: Using Bystander Approaches to Address Self-Objectification." Also part of the event was Melina Blue Gotera, a current Hawkeye Community College student transitioning to UNI next fall, who performed an original poem.

Julie Mann (*Social Work MSW*), **Lauren Stratton** (*Gerontology*), and **Rebecca Gronewald** (*Geography*) attended Panther Caucus/UNI Day at the Capitol to help promote their respective programs. Mann is a graduate assistant in the Center for Violence prevention, Stratton is active as a gerontology major, and Gronewald represented GeoTREE. Thanks to these and all the students who help promote CSBS!



Alan Heisterkamp, Julie Mann, and Jeff Danielson



Congratulations to the 387 students who earned their place on the Fall 2013 CSBS Dean's List, released in February.

www.uni.edu/csbs/deanslist/

ALUMNI *Kudos*

Don Hofsommer (*History BA '60, History MA '66*) is a professor of history at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. He has recently published a new book about changes in America's heartland railways from the 1940s to the 1990s.

Richard Brauhn (*History BA '68, History MA '70*) retired from Dickinson State University in the fall of 2013 after serving at DSU for 21 years as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and President. Brauhn's career in higher education spanned over 40 years and included serving as an instructor at Clinton Community College in Iowa, Dean of Instruction at Wabash Valley Community College in Illinois, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mt. Marty College in South Dakota, and Chancellor of the West Plains Campus of Missouri State University. He resides in Dickinson, North Dakota, and is a professor emeritus of history at Dickinson State, where he teaches part-time.

Bob Hensley (*Psychology BA '90, Psychology MA '92*) has been granted tenure at The College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., and promoted to associate professor of psychology.

Andrew Morse (*Psychology '09*) is an educational policy analyst with the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida. In 2012 he completed his PhD in higher education administration, with an emphasis in educational policy, from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Morse is a former vice president of Northern Iowa Student Government.

Collin Bohlke (*Psychology '13*) is in graduate school at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, Ill., pursuing his masters degree in clinical counseling psychology on the generalist track.

Chad Heiman (*Political Communication '13*) is the communications manager at Marion Economic Development Company (MEDCO) in Marion, Iowa. Part of his role is to oversee and implement the organization's strategic communications plan, which includes social media platforms and marketing materials. Heiman says, "My education at UNI has given me the knowledge I need moving forward in my career and education to be successful. Acquiring the needed analytic, written, and oral skills to communicate with leaders in the business and political world has already paid dividends. Political Communication is a beneficial major for students because it allows a students to approach issues from multiple angles and evaluate how public opinion shapes the policy process. I plan to pursue an advanced degree of some form in the future and I believe my degree at UNI has positioned me well to do that."



← **Meredith Stensland** (*Social Work MSW '13*) is working on her doctorate at the University of Iowa. She won second place in last year's Outstanding Master's Research Paper award competition in UNI's Graduate College.



CSBS in Pictures



1. Professor Mitchell Strauss of Textiles and Apparel receives an "Apple Polisher" award from student Sarah Ormsby. The UNI Student Admissions Ambassadors (SAA) bestow the awards on faculty and staff who have positively contributed to a student's time on campus.



2. CSBS was well-represented at the Panther Caucus at the state capitol, including Rebecca Gronewold and John DeGroot of GeoTREE Center.

3. Lt. Col. Glenn Keith, head of Military Science, and Dr. Phyllis Baker, head of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, at the 2014 UNI-ROTC Military Ball.

4. Again??

5. Students in professor Kay Weller's *World Geography* class participate in an activity based on the Winter Olympics.



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