

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:

Fred Besthorn (Social Work) co-chaired the coordinating and planning committee for the first International Conference on Ecology and the Helping Professions held in Calgary this spring.

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi (Interior Design) earned the designation of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional this summer. LEED is a "green" building certification system designating that a building was constructed using strategies aimed at promoting sustainability.

Ruth Chananie-Hill (Sociology) is co-author of an article that appeared in *Sociology of Sport Journal* entitled, "Big Freaky Looking Women': Normalizing Gender Transgression through Bodybuilding."

Robert Dise (History) has published a multimedia course "Ancient Empires Before Alexander" (The Teaching Company, 2009).

Trudy Eden (History) was curator for "Slow Food to Fast Food: The Way Iowans Ate," at the UNI Museum this summer. This popular exhibit explored the transformation of Iowans' eating habits from 1870 to 1970.

Elaine Eshbaugh (Family Studies) presented research at the state Rural Aging Conference this spring. She has also developed inservices for area nursing homes on improving the exercise programs for their residents.

Joe Gorton and **Keith Crew** (Criminology) are evaluating the Tri-County Drug Enforcement Taskforce's Methamphetamine Initiative, which conducts major drug investigations in Black Hawk and Bremer Counties.

Al Hays (Public Policy) led a group of 20 students on a study tour of Northern Ireland this summer. He had spent the fall 2007 semester on a Fulbright in Belfast.

John Johnson (History) has co-authored a new book: *Affirmative Action* (Westport, CT:

Greenwood Press, 2009) is part of Greenwood's "Historical Guides to Controversial Issues in America" series.

Chris Larimer (Political Science) has co-authored a book, *The Public Policy Theory Primer* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2009). He also had several articles and a book chapter accepted for publication or published over the last year.

Alex Oberle and **Kay Weller** (Geography) received a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program grant to fund a four-week curriculum development program in Chile this summer. Focusing on the theme of population change, the project explored similarities between Chile and Iowa/the Midwest, particularly topics that relate to depopulation, urbanization, and immigration.

Andrey Petrov (Geography) is the principle investigator of a National Science Foundation Arctic Social Sciences Grant entitled, *Creative Arctic: Creative Capital for Regional Development in the Arctic (A spatial analysis)*. He has also been a collaborator with the International Polar Year Arctic Social Indicators Project, endorsed by the Arctic Council.

Laura Praglin (Social Work) received a 2008-09 Pforzheimer Research Support Grant from the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University. She traveled to the Schlesinger in early September to present the results of her archival research to staff, faculty and other researchers.

Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn (Criminology) and **Marybeth Stalp** (Sociology) have been named co-presidents elect of the Iowa Sociology Association. UNI will host the annual meeting of the ISA in April.

Dhirendra Vajpeyi (Political Science) presented a paper, "The Politics of Transfer of Nuclear Technology in South Asia: Beg, Borrow or Steal," at the 21st World Congress International

Political Science Association in Santiago, Chile, this summer. He also was elected chair of its research committee on technology and sustainable development.

Katherine van Wormer (Social Work) and **Clemens Bartollas** (Criminology) have co-authored a new book, *Women and the Criminal Justice System* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall). Dr. van Wormer has published three more books in the past year and Dr. Bartollas six.

Linda Walsh (Psychology) is a member of a small group of faculty members from across campus who are teaching freshman-only LAC classes this fall, as a first move toward developing a "first-year experience program" to share resources and approaches to better serving the needs of the first-year students at UNI. This effort grew out of the Foundations of Excellence study, particularly the Transitions component.

Right: Kudos to the crews continuing the renovation of Sabin Hall. The extensive interior work can be seen here, looking north from what was formerly the podium in classroom 107. The building is scheduled to open in late 2010.



Kudos to the CSBS Faculty who earned tenure and promotion for this year.

Brenda Bass (Family Studies) and **Lou Fenech** (History) were each promoted to the rank of Professor.

Gary Gute (Family Studies), **Laura Kaplan** (Social Work), and **Scott Peters** (Political Science) were all granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Kudos to CSBS Award Winners. Recipients were honored at the State of the College address on October 5.

University Book & Supply Outstanding Teaching Award for Untenured Faculty: **Gary Gute** (Family Studies)

CSBS Outstanding Service Award: **Kim MacLin** (Psychology) and **Michael Licari** (Political Science)

CSBS Outstanding Teaching Award: **Helen Harton** (Psychology)

CSBS Outstanding Scholarship Award: **Ramanathan Sugumaran** (Geography) and **Otto MacLin** (Psychology)

Davis Research in Gerontology Award: **Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi** (Interior Design), **Elaine Eshbaugh** (Family Services), and **Otto MacLin** (Psychology)

Regents Award for Faculty Excellence: **David Walker** (History)

Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching: **Kim MacLin** (Psychology)

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