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Dean's Corner: Dean Lorene H. Stone

Spotlight on 2007



As the leaves fall in southwest Missouri, it's a bustling time of the semester in the College of Humanities and Public Affairs. Since our last newsletter, a number of significant events have taken place. For example, we have hosted an international conference on Taiwan and Asian Affairs, served as the host school for a new homeland security curriculum designed to train members of the National Guard as first responders in times of emergency, and welcomed a number of new faculty members – each of whom will help to enrich the educational experience of our students. We recently celebrated homecoming weekend with a variety of activities including the annual CHPA Scholarship Banquet which brought donors and scholarship recipients together, as well as alumni dinners staged by the departments, and, of course, our alumni tent at Bearfest village prior to the football game. If you did not make it to homecoming this year, we hope that you will put it on your list for next year.

Besides fulfilling our teaching mission, the College faculty, as you will see in this issue of the Newsletter, has been very productive and busy - traveling to various points around the world, doing research and writing, and speaking in both professional and informal contexts. With the assistance of external grants as well as funding opportunities provided by the University and the Dean's office, they are expanding their research activities and drawing our students into experiences like the "Freedom Ride" tour to Atlanta, participation in regional disciplinary conferences, and serving as research assistants for on-going archaeological projects.

As you look through the pages of this newsletter, I hope that you will take time to check out the web pages of the departments in the College so you can see the fine array of programs that we offer and keep in touch with us as we continue to grow. We would also appreciate it if you would please send us your current address information, using the online alumni survey (<http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/8934.htm>), so we can insure that you receive our newsletter.

As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We hope to see you soon at an alumni event. And remember....let's all count our blessings this Thanksgiving! •

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Dean's Office Awards \$143,000 in Research Incentive Awards



Both the faculty and the students of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs recently benefited from a special source of research funding. This fall, Dean Lorene Stone set aside a general fund of \$200,000 for a special one-time research incentive award competition. Proposals were solicited for projects designed to enhance programs or areas of study represented by all of the disciplines in the College of Humanities and Public Affairs and that complement the university mission in public affairs. More than 30 faculty joint and individual proposals were submitted for a wide variety of projects ranging from requests to host international conferences, to other funds solicited in order to aid in matching other requested grant funds. The review committee recommended awards totaling approximately \$143,000 for 27 projects including innovative research projects, and other proposals that enhanced departmental teaching and learning goals and assessment of college programs. Several other grants were awarded to fund both faculty and student researchers to attend conferences and field trips which enhanced the educational outcome of CHPA courses. The remaining \$57,000 will again be set aside for a second round of research incentive awards this coming January. •



CHBE Approves Anthropology Department's New Master of Science Program in Applied Anthropology to Begin Next Fall



The newly approved M.S. degree in Applied Anthropology offers postgraduate training in the application of anthropological skills and knowledge to the needs and problems of society today. The degree is intended to be a terminal, practice degree, although it will also be helpful preparation for a Ph.D. program. The program will emphasize the cultivation of professional skills such as quantitative analysis, computer applications, technical writing, and public speaking. There are many facets to applied anthropology, but the current focus of this program will be the study and preservation of cultural heritage through archaeology and ethnography. •

New CHPA Dean's Fellow for Research appointed for 2007-2008

Dean Stone is pleased to announce that **Dr. Patrick Gartin (CRM)** has been appointed as the CHPA Dean's Fellow in Research for 2007-2008. Pat will serve as the College's research coordinator, as well as assist faculty members in external grant-writing. Patrick R. Gartin received his Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland in 1992. Dr. Gartin joined the faculty of Missouri State University in 2007, and currently holds the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology. His research interests lie in criminal justice policy and program evaluation, primarily in the areas of law enforcement and drug abuse. Prior to his academic appointment at Missouri State University, Dr. Gartin held faculty positions at the University of Florida and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He has also served as a sworn Reserve Deputy Sheriff, and most recently held a senior-level position in the U.S. Department of Justice as the Chief of Statistical Services with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Photo to left. •

CHPA**International
Outreach**

CHPA Brings Asia Close to Home!

Scholars from around the world, as well as students, members of the Springfield community and government officials congregated at Missouri State University on September 29 and September 30 to assess the evolution of Taiwan and China's democratization. The conference entitled *Taiwan, China and Democratization in East Asia* was held on September 29 - 30 in the Plaster Student Union Parliamentary Room. Panelists examined Taiwan's path to democracy, village elections in China, lessons learned from Taiwan's democratization and the implications that democratization holds for the external relations of both Taipei and Beijing. The conference was organized by **Dr. Dennis Hickey (PLS)**, Director of the Graduate Program in International Affairs and Professor of Political Science and sponsored by the Missouri State University Provost Research Incentive Program, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and the Taipei Economic and Cultural office in Kansas City. The event was covered on local television and the Central News Agency (Taiwan) published a story on the conference

One of the highlights of the meeting was a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Wu, Taiwan's representative (ambassador) to the United States. He delivered the talk during the conference banquet that was held at Ocean Zen restaurant on September 29. Dr. Wu also met with Governor Blunt while in Springfield. Spirited debates and lively exchanges between panelists and members of the audience—particularly Chinese students and visiting scholars—kept the energy level high throughout the conference.

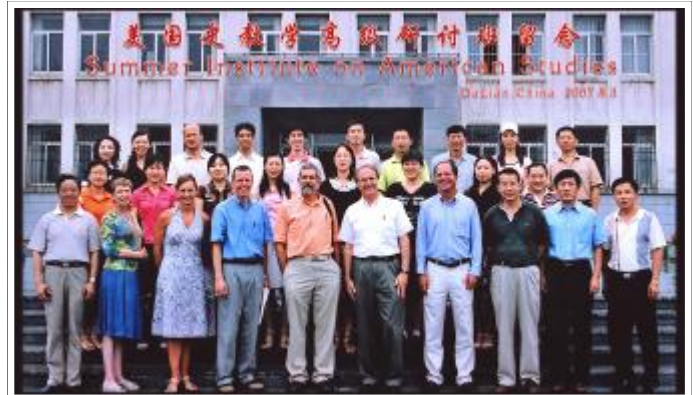
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Missouri State History Faculty Conduct Teaching Institute in China

From July 30 to August 5, 2007, three Missouri State history faculty members were accompanied by three eminent scholars in the fields of United States constitutional history, business history, and diplomatic history to Dalian, China, to hold a summer institute on teaching United States History. Held at Liaoning Normal University at the branch campus of Missouri State University, the institute aimed to exchange knowledge and build relations with Chinese faculty of higher learning. The three members of the Missouri State team included **Drs. Michael Sheng (HST)**, department head and principal investigator of this project, **Thomas Dicke (HST)**, business historian, and **Craig Smith (HST)**, constitutional historian. Also invited as guest lecturers on the project were Dr. Thomas Zeiler, chair of the History Department at University of Colorado at Boulder and executive editor of the journal *Diplomatic History*; *Dr. Austin Kerr, emeriti Professor at Ohio State University and former President of the Ohio Academy of History*; and *Dr. Michael Les Benedict, also emeriti Professor at Ohio State University and visiting professor at M.I.T. and Yale Law School*.

The goal of the institute was to enhance Chinese participants' knowledge of American experiences in the three focus areas and then use their enhanced knowledge in their classrooms. Twenty-six Chinese instructors of American history or American Studies participated in the seven day program. The institute was divided equally between the three areas of study, with each of two days beginning with a lecture presentation by one of the invited guest speakers followed by afternoon discussion groups led by members of the Missouri State team. In addition to producing a 300 page reader of relevant subject material for the participants, the American facilitators coordinated daily web-surfing and networking via e-mail correspondence with the participants, which assisted in Chinese to English communication. The final day of the institute featured showcase lectures by the Missouri State team, highlighting pedagogy and online resources. The participants were then encouraged to consider graduate study at Missouri State through the history department's new American Studies program.



CHPA AND THE HISTORY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENTS TO CO-HOST THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INQUISITION STUDIES IN FEBRUARY 2008

The first Academic Conference on Inquisition Studies (*Inquisition & Empires*) organized by the International Society for Inquisition Studies, CHPA, the History and the Religious Studies Departments will be held in Springfield, Missouri February 8th to 10th, 2008, in conjunction with the Second International Seminar on the Inquisition and Ecclesiastical Justice which is co-sponsored by a grant from the Ministry of Education of Spain, the Department of History at Missouri State University, and the University of the Basque Country (Spain).

Since the 1990s, scholarship in Inquisition Studies has expanded exponentially, as has ethnohistorical, sociological, religious studies, and anthropological research focused on using Inquisition sources for uncovering marginal and subaltern histories. To date, with the digitization of massive amounts of previously inaccessible Inquisitorial and ecclesiastical materials, greater interest in Inquisition Studies has resulted in an explosion in research and publications. This first Academic Conference on Inquisition Studies will provide a new public presentation venue for the ever-increasing scholarly output of a new generation of Inquisition specialists. By hosting this conference and scholars from around the globe, CHPA and MSU will both benefit from a wider exposure as centers of research excellence. •

Inquisition & Empire



Would You Like to Contribute?

Would You Like to Contribute? The size of scholarships at both the graduate and undergraduate levels needs to be augmented, as does the outside speaker (Warren) lecturer fund. In addition, while Strong Hall is quite lovely and is equipped with state-of-the-art projection systems, it still lacks artistic decoration such as paintings and sculptures. If you would like to send a donation to help the College of Humanities and Public Affairs aid its undergraduate and graduate students or in other ways enhance our educational mission, please print out this form and send it to: Missouri State University Foundation, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897-0089.

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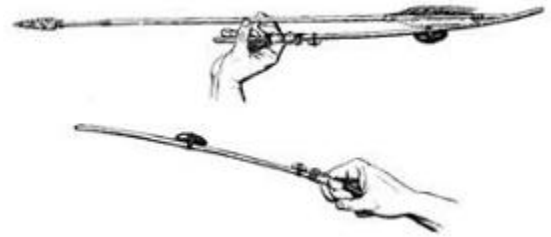


Activities

Missouri Archaeology Month Presentation Gives the Public an intimate look at an Ancient Weapon

Dr. Elizabeth Sobel (ANT) organized and directed a public event for *Missouri Archaeology Month* sponsored by the Missouri Archaeological Society, Missouri State University Center for Archaeological Research, and Missouri State University Department of Sociology, Anthropology &

Criminology. The event entitled *Atlatl Demonstration and Use* gave participants hands-on experience in understanding one of mankind's earliest projectile weapons. The atlatl or "spear-thrower" (in the Aztec Language) is an ancient weapon that was once used for hunting and combat by humans around the globe. Dr. Sobel discussed the role of *atlatls* in past societies and then, along with several other individuals, demonstrated how this weapon is used. Attendees then spent the rest of the program using atlatls. Everyone had a great time learning how to use the weapon. Over the course of the three two-hour programs, a total of 90 people attended. Attendees included members of the general public as well as MSU students, staff, and faculty. The three two-hour sessions were held on September 13-15, 2007. •



Native American Heritage Month Activities

In recognition of Native American Heritage month, Missouri State University and CHPA will present a month-long celebration entitled, "A Native Prescription: Balancing Mind, Body and Spirit." The celebration began November 7th with a presentation by Dr. W. Raymond Wood, emeritus professor of anthropology at the University of Missouri, entitled, "Images of Missouri: Native Americans." Other events organized by **Dr. William Meadows (ANT)** include a discussion on "Plastic Shamanism and White Hobbyist" by American Indian Student association (AISA) president Stephen Fullerton on November 13th and a Kiowa Handgame demonstration by the Yellowhair family of Oklahoma on November 15, as well as the 4th annual Native American Heritage Month Powwow to be held from November 17-18. Currently the College also has a series of Native American heritage displays on the second and fourth floors of Strong Hall which will be on available for viewing



throughout the month of November. •

Hispanic Heritage Month Activities



Missouri State University's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month lasted from September 15th through October 15, 2007. The office of multicultural student services along with various departments in the college hosted numerous events for persons interested in learning more about Hispanic culture and customs. The theme for this year's celebration was "Discovering the History of Our Diverse Roots." As a particular contribution towards focusing on the theme of this year's month long celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, CHPA created a display case exposition of the multi-racial and multi-cultural heritage of Hispanic America on the second floor in Strong Hall. The display included many artifacts and original colonial documents from the 17th and 18th centuries which chronicled the development and complexities of the inter-cultural origins of Hispanic heritage in the Americas. •

Faculty Research & Publications



Two Recent Faculty Publications place both the Bible and the Culture of the Ancient Israelites into proper historical and cultural perspective

Dr. Victor Matthews (Associate Dean and Professor of REL) recently published two books on the history, culture and religion of the Ancient Israelites. His first book, *The Prophets of Israel* (Paulist Press, 2007) provides easy to understand answers to commonly asked questions. In some cases this means going into depth on a biblical narrative such as “Why do the 70 Elders prophesy in Num 11:25-26?” In other cases, the reader is provided basic information with background or social world details, such as “Why does Na’aman consult Elisha for a cure for his leprosy (1 Kgs 5)?” For the smaller prophetic books, there are brief summaries of their basic themes, and for the major prophets there are several entries that step through the prophet’s message, methods of delivery, and historical setting. Rounding out the collection are questions on different types of prophecy, including ecstatic and enacted. The answers are designed to aid the layperson, minister, or religious professional to more quickly gain a basic understanding of the biblical world and the role of the prophets.

Dr. Matthews second book, *Studying the Ancient Israelites* (Baker Academic, 2007) concludes that the Old Testament was not written in a vacuum, but rather it was written by and to a specific people who lived within specific social, historical, political, and literary contexts not only of their own culture but also of the surrounding peoples. Matthews argues that an understanding of ancient Israel and the ancient Near East is essential for proper interpretation of the Bible. With this as a goal, *Studying the Ancient Israelites* provides a guide to the tools, methods, and goals used by scholars in their the study of ancient Israel. The book also examines the insights that can be gained from historical geography, archaeological excavations and the examination of artifacts, literary study, sociological and anthropological methods, and historiography. In addition to explaining these fields of study and providing examples from biblical and extra-biblical literature, he also details the limitations of each of these disciplines in interpreting the Bible. •



CHPA Researcher in the Center for Archaeological Research Publishes Valuable Guide to Understand the archaeological remains in the Ozarks

Jack Ray (CAR) recently published an important major resource guide describing the chipped stone archaeological remains found in the Ozarks. Ray’s new book, *Ozarks Chipped-Stone Resources: A Guide to the Identification, Distribution, and Prehistoric Use of Cherts and Other Siliceous Raw Materials* (2007) is a product of more than 25 years of research on the various raw materials in the Ozarks that prehistoric Native Americans used to make chipped-stone tools. The purpose of the book is to provide a reference source or guide to the bewildering array of chipped-stone (knappable) resources available in the Ozarks.

The book is divided into two parts which consist of chapters that provide a background to the discussion of chipped-stone resources in the Ozarks, including a historical sketch of chert research in the Ozarks, terminology related to various types of lithic resources, methods used to procure and organize collected field samples, and a discussion of modern flintknapping and potential negative consequences of this ever-growing hobby/industry. The second part of the book details the more than 60 types of chipped-stone raw materials that are found in the Ozarks. The descriptions of local Ozarks resources are divided into six chapters arranged chronologically by geological era and period. This second part is followed by three appendices, including one with 28 color illustrations of the major types and varieties of cherts and other lithic resources that were used in prehistoric times. Another appendix is a glossary, containing definitions of geological and archaeological terms used in the book.

This book is intended for professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, geologists, and other researchers and laypersons who may be interested in studying cherts and other chipped-stone resources in the Ozarks. •

Faculty Research & Publications Continued

The Center for Social Sciences and Public Policy Research (CSSPPR) conducted several research projects last year. CSSPPR is operated by the CHPA and conducts applied social research for both public and private organizations. CSSPPR is directed by **Dr. Gary Brinker**, who also teaches in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology. Located in STRO 402, CSSPPR boasts a state-of-the-art computer-assisted telephone interviewing system. This software manages the sample, monitors interviewer productivity and facilitates rapid, high quality data collection.

This summer, CSSPPR completed a three-year evaluation of the Teaching American History Grant Program, a federally funded initiative directed by Dr. Marc Cooper and designed to provide opportunities for regional middle and high school teachers of History and social science to earn Masters Degrees working online during the school year and at seminars during the summer.

In August of 2006, CSSPPR conducted a survey of Springfield residents for the Community Partnership of the Ozarks to assess the effect of a community intervention to increase awareness of underage drinking and methamphetamine use.



In March of 2007, CSSPPR completed a study for the Missouri Partnership on Smoking, a special public service organization with the goal of reducing the negative impact of tobacco use on public health. CSSPPR surveyed 690 random adult residents of Missouri to measure their opinions on the use of settlement money from State sponsored law suits of the tobacco industry and why they may have voted for or against taxation of tobacco products to help pay for their negative health effects on the population. The results were used to formulate future strategies for addressing this health issue. Also in March of 2007, CSSPPR completed an evaluation of a federally funded grant obtained by the Southwest Missouri Office on Aging to develop a services directory for area senior citizens. CSSPPR did a panel study of a random sample of seniors to measure their satisfaction with the format and content of the directory, how often they used the directory and to what extent they shared the directory with friends and family.

In May of 2007, CSSPPR conducted a program evaluation of the Research Experience for Undergraduates in Mathematics. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, this program allows undergraduate math majors from around the state to travel to MSU and work with faculty in the Mathematics Department on cutting edge research projects. This evaluation will continue through two additional cohorts in the summers of 2008 and 2009.

Currently, CSSPPR is conducting a statewide survey for the Education Round Table, a group of prominent educators who work to enhance public education in Missouri. The survey measures opinions on the use of public funds to support private education in Missouri, as well as general opinions of the quality of public schools in their areas and for Missouri as a whole. •

We are seeking alumni contact information:

If you are a graduate of one of the Departments in the College of Humanities and Public Affairs, we would like to know **where you are and what you are doing**. If you would like to update your information, please click on the link below that will take you to an on-line form. We respect the privacy of our alumni and use this information only for correspondence and/or news from our College.

Click here for on-line form: [Update the link <http://www.missouristate.edu/CHPA/form.htm>]

Thanks for helping us do a better job of keeping up with our alumni! •

CHPA Faculty



Activities

Anthropology Professor attends faculty development summer seminar in Japan

Dr. William C. Meadows (ANT) attended a CIEE (Council for International Educational Exchange) Seminar this summer from June 23 through July 1 in Tokyo, Japan. The seminar was held at International Christian University and Sophia University and focused on contemporary and pop culture of Japan. Seminar lectures included topics on Japanese literature, Japanese Manga and animation, the Meiji Period (1868-1914), ethnic and racial issues in Japan and Okinawa, and Japanese archaeology. The seminar also included visits to the Great Buddha at Kamakura, the Tokyo National Museum, the Ginza shopping district, the Tokyo Kabuki Theater, and Harajuku. Meadows remained in Japan after the seminar to conduct ethnographic fieldwork in the Osaka area and to visit archaeological sites and museums. Data gained from the seminar and his fieldwork will be incorporated into a new class (ANT-330) entitled "Peoples and Cultures of Japan", which he will offer in fall 2008. •



MSU Archaeologist and Anthropology Students engage in Research Project on Chinookan People of Coastal Washington State



During July and August, **Dr. Elizabeth Sobel (ANT)** spent six weeks conducting anthropological field work at Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, located on the southern coast of Washington State. This field work is part of a project funded by an MSU Faculty Research Grant. The research component of her project explores the cultural continuity and change among the Chinookan people, a Native American cultural group, of Washington and Oregon. A management component provides information critical for the US Fish and Wildlife to effectively protect cultural sites on Willapa Refuge. The outreach component involves documenting and synthesizing information about cultural heritage for the Chinook Indian Tribe and Shoalwater Tribe. The work conducted this summer included archaeological field survey, oral history interviews, and archival research. Liz was assisted by two students – Chris Cotter and Travis Scheele - both Anthropology majors. Throughout the project, Liz and her students worked closely with members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Chinook Indian Nation. Liz is currently analyzing the data collected in summer 2007, and plans to conduct additional fieldwork relating to this project in 2008. •

History Professor gives presentation on the importance of the Border in U.S.-Mexican Relations



As part of the academic presentations presented during Hispanic Heritage month, on September 26, 2007, **Dr. John F. Chuchiak (HST)** presented a public presentation in the parliamentary room of the Plaster Student Union entitled "¿(Un)Friendly Neighbors? U.S.-Mexican Relations in Historical Perspective: Understanding the Differences of Proximity." Chuchiak's talk focused on a current issue of central importance to both the U.S. and Mexico: the Border. The border between the United States and Mexico represents the greatest division between the standards of living that exists between two neighboring countries. His presentation chronicled the historical background of U.S.-Mexican relations and it concluded that although U.S.-Mexican relations have been largely negatively characterized by border disputes, drug trafficking, and illegal immigration, a new era of U.S.-Mexican relations is only now beginning. What was once a relationship easily dominated by the United States is now developing into a bilateral relationship of increasing importance to both nations. •

Faculty Activities Continued



History Professor Gives Presentation to start off Celebrations for LGBT Month Celebrations

Dr. Holly Baggett (HST) gave a talk for LGBT month Oct. 8 on "An Analysis of Oral Histories from the Ozarks and Lesbian Gay Archives." (OLGA) The Archives was established in 2003 and are housed in Special Collections of the Meyer Library. As of this date some 45 oral histories from area. LGBT individuals discuss coming of age in the Ozarks, as well as their religious social and political beliefs. Small town and rural America is considered the cutting edge of lgbt studies. Professor Baggett also gave a talk on the Ozarks archives at the National Oral History Association meeting in Oakland in October. •

Dr. William Wedenoja and MSU's Anthropology Club Continue to Provide Financial Assistance to the Bluefields School in Jamaica



Religious Studies Professor attends the 11th International Congress for Luther Research in Brazil

Dr. Austrá Reinis (REL) presented a paper, "Preaching and Lutheran Confessionalization: The Sermons of Aegidius Hunnius (1550 -1603)," at the 11th International Congress for Luther Research held in Canoas, Brazil, July 22-27, 2007. The congress in Brazil was the first to be held in South America. Topics covered in seminars included "Care for the Poor and Ill in Civil and Ecclesiastical Orders of the Reformation," and "Reception of Luther in Third World Contexts." An excursion into the countryside offered the opportunity to visit a museum showcasing German Lutheran immigration into Brazil, which began in the early nineteenth century. After the conference Dr. Reinis toured religious sites in Argentina, including the San Ignacio Miní Jesuit mission founded in the 17th century and the Cathedral of the Virgin of Lujan, Argentina's patron saint. Photographs and impressions gathered from these visits have enriched Dr. Reinis' courses in Fall 2007: REL 100 Introduction to Religion and REL 340 Christianity. •



For the past five years, the MSU's Anthropology Club has been providing financial assistance to the Bluefields Basic School in Jamaica. The Basic School is a pre-school, enrolling 3-5 year olds, and is operated by the Bluefields Peoples Community Association. This project was started by MSU graduate Stephanie Finley (2005), who went to Jamaica with **Dr. William Wedenoja (ANT)** in 2003. The proceeds of club's fund-raising events have gone to pay the lease on the land for the school, scholarships for students, and the renovation of the school's kitchen. Last spring, the Club raised \$800 from a book and bake sale and this past summer Dr. Wedenoja had the pleasure of handing a check from the Club to Joy Baker, principal of the school. The School is currently in the process of adding electricity, lights, and outlets to all three buildings, thanks from another \$2000 contribution from *One World Relief*, a nonprofit organization started by anthropology major Jason Shepard. •

In the photograph to the left, anthropology student Kara Pagel and Dr. William Wedenoja present the check to Joy Baker and to the basic school students.



CHPA Grants & Awards

Political Science Professor Receives two external Grants to Host International Conference on Democratization in China and Taiwan

Dr. Dennis Hickey (PLS) received two external grants during the summer in order to help fund on-campus international conference on China and Taiwan. Hickey received a grant of US \$11,000 from the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and a grant of US \$10,000 from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City to help fund the September 29-30 International Conference on democratization in China and Taiwan. •



Religious Studies Professor awarded prestigious regional scholar award from the Society for Biblical Literature



Dr. Leslie Baynes (REL), Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies (REL) was given the prestigious regional scholar award for the Central States Region of the Society of Biblical Literature in March for her research paper entitled "Publish and Perish, or 'Bad Books' in the Similitudes of Enoch." Once identified as a Regional Scholar, Dr. Baynes will receive further recognition for her scholarship at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and will join recipients from other regions around the country for a dinner and the chance to network with major scholars in their field. •

Graduate & Alumni Activities & Achievements

MSU Economics Students Present Original research at a Major Research Conference for the First Time



With a grant provided by the College Incentive Initiatives program, a group of economics students at MSU presented their research papers at a session comprised of MSU students at the Missouri Valley Economics Association conference held at Kansas City from October 25-27,

2007. This was the first time that MSU economics students presented their research at a professional conference.

A unique aspect of the students' presentations was that the session they presented at was the only undergraduate student session at the conference. The session was organized by **Dr. Sharmistha Self (ECO)** from the department of economics who also chaired the session. Other than being the only undergraduate session at the conference, this was the only session where all of the presenters came from a single university. This allowed for four students from the economics department to present their papers together. The papers were selected from an excellent pool of submissions and responses to a call for papers organized by Dr. Self in late fall of last year and in early spring this year.



The presenters were Preston Kyle Harmon (CO₂ Emissions and Income: Examining the "Inverted-U Hypothesis"), Ashley Newton (An Evaluation of Individual Savings Accounts' Collective Impact on Personal Financial Security and National Growth), Chrisy Lam (China's Growth and its Effect on Vietnam's Trade), and Doug Brown (The Effects of Steroid Use on Major League Baseball Attendance). These students presented original research papers which served as excellent examples of the depth of research being done at our university as well as a wide range of topics students are currently researching. The papers were very well received by the discussants as well as others who attended the session.

The papers were discussed by Economics faculty from Southeastern Louisiana, Wichita State, Texas Tech, and University of Northern Iowa respectively. Self had contacted the discussants in advance when she sent them the students' papers. She had informed them that the presenters were undergraduate students. However the depth of the research and the professionalism of the presentations took the discussants by surprise. Each of the discussants made special mention of how impressed they were with the papers and the presentations. Other than the presenters, several other economics students from MSU also attended the conference and the student session.

On one final note, the conference president contacted Professor Self after the conference to let her know that he had met with several of the students and was very impressed by them. This session gave MSU in general and the economics department in particular a lot of positive exposure.

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Graduate & Alumni Continued

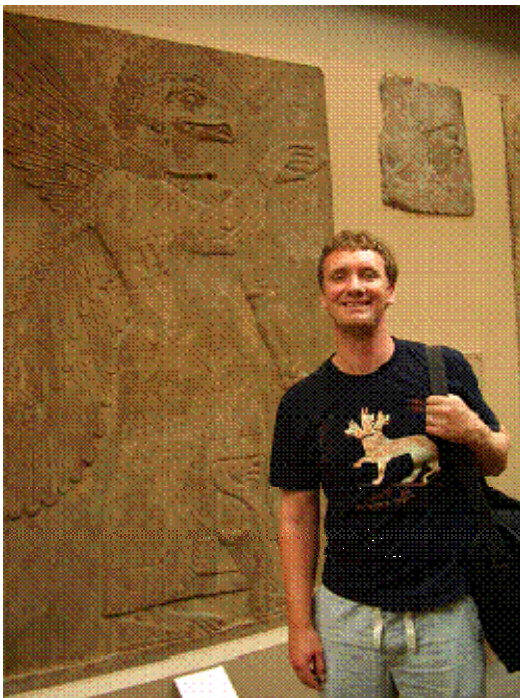
Three MSU History Graduate Students take special non-credit course in learning the Ancient Aztec Language (Classical Nahuatl)

This semester three History M.A. graduate students, Cody Wilson (HST), Erika Nelson (HST), and Tim Scego (HST) are participating in a non-credit intensive weekly workshop with **Dr. John F. Chuchiak (HST)** in order to learn the Classical Nahuatl language. Classical Nahuatl was the language spoken by the ancient Aztecs of Mexico in the days of the Aztec Empire. Before the arrival of the Europeans, Classical Nahuatl was written by a partially ideographic writing system. After the arrival of the Spanish, the Spanish priests devised an alphabet based on the letters of Spanish and Latin, and that orthography, or some specialized version of it, is still used by many who study and write about Classical Nahuatl.

At the time of contact with the Spanish, Classical Nahuatl functioned as a lingua franca for other, non-Nahuatl-speaking ethnic groups. It is also particularly important to scholars because it is the earliest form of the Aztec language in which we have written documents and of which we have contemporary descriptions. The study of Classical Nahuatl has occupied philologists and historians over several centuries, and much work continues to be done on it. These three MSU graduate students have chosen to study this language in order to pursue graduate research for their M.A. Thesis projects. •



Religious Studies M.A. Graduate Student's Passion for the Study of Religion Leads him to Harvard



Since graduating from Missouri State University in 2004 with an M.A. in Religious Studies, Brian Doak has had many exciting academic and personal experiences. He and his wife moved from Springfield to Somerville, MA so that he could begin Ph.D. studies at Harvard University (Hebrew Bible, through the department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations).

Although his current Ph.D. advisor Professor Peter Machinist has been an excellent guide on many levels, Brian found out that in every class he has taken at Harvard, the work he did at Missouri State during his two years of graduate study and two subsequent years of per-course work as an instructor in the Religious Studies and Classics departments gave him a strong competitive edge vis-à-vis the other students in his program. Although he lagged behind others in terms of ancient languages mastered before entering Ph.D. work, the theoretical background in the sociology/anthropology of religion and history of religions that he learned at MSU generally has been a tremendous asset in helping him understanding the methodological problems that are so vital to our discipline.

Brian credit's Professor Steven Berkwitz's excellent REL 610 class as largely being responsible for this. Brian continues to maintain his connections with MSU and the Religious Studies faculty. He commented that he has been grateful to be able to continue to communicate with Victor Matthews, Jim Moyer, LaMoine DeVries and John Strong about his current research. He stated that Victor, especially, has taken

the time to proofread and give suggestions for several of my papers over the past few months, for which he was very grateful. In summary, Mr. Doak notes that he is extremely thankful for my educational background at Missouri State and he looks forward to continuing his relationship with MSU as an active alumnus. •

• *New Faculty Members* •

Center for Archaeological Research

Katherine (“Kitty”) Roberts (Ph.D., Washington University 2006) was recently hired as a Research Archaeologist at the Center for Archaeological Research. She specializes in paleoethnobotany, particularly of the Lower Mississippi Valley and the midwestern United States. Her theoretical interests include optimal foraging theory and prehistoric plant domestication/use. Not pictured. •

Lisa Haney (B.A., Anthropology, Missouri State University 2004) became the first Program Manager of the Missouri Archaeological Society in the fall of 2006, after serving as Laboratory Supervisor at the Center for Archaeological Research for two years. Lisa has interests in both prehistory and history, as well as the culture of the Ozarks region. Photo to left. •



Gail Emrie (M.S., Resource Planning, Missouri State University 1986) was hired in early 2007 to replace Ms. Lisa Haney as Laboratory Supervisor at the Center for Archaeological Research. Gail has interests in collections management, regional historic archaeology, and historic architecture. Photo to right. •



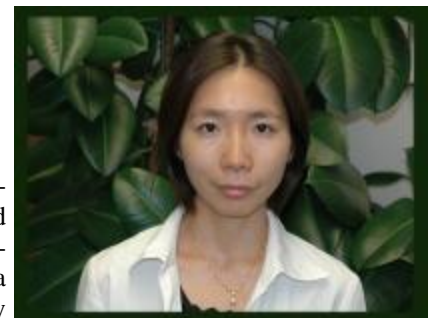
Defense and Strategic Studies Department



Dr. Robert G. Joseph served most recently as the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. From 2001 until 2004, Dr. Joseph served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Proliferation Strategy, Counterproliferation, and Homeland Defense at the National Security Council. From 1992 until 2001, Dr. Joseph was Professor of National Security Studies and Director/Founder of the Center for Counterproliferation Research at the National Defense University. Prior to that, he was U.S. Commissioner to the Standing Consultative Commission and Ambassador to the U.S.-Russian Consultative Commission on Nuclear Testing, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Forces and Arms Control Policy. Dr. Joseph received his M.A. from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University. •

History Department

Dr. Akiko Sugiyama is Assistant Professor of History at Missouri State University. She received her Ph.D from the University of Hawaii in 2007. She specializes in social, cultural and intellectual history of Southeast Asia, history of the family, and comparative history of colonialism and nationalism. Countries of her primary research interests are Indonesia (Java), Burma and Thailand. She is currently revising her book for publication entitled "Making the Family Modern, Making Java Indonesia: Ideas about the Family, Colonialism and Nationalism in Javanese Society, 1900-1945." •



• *New Faculty Members* •

Philosophy

Matt Goodwin joins MSU this fall. Matt received a B.A. from Ohio University, an M.A. from the University of South Carolina and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. At U.S.C. Matt worked primarily in German Idealism, Hermeneutics and recent French philosophy. He wrote an M.A. thesis on Immanuel Kant's concept of the sublime and its interpretation in recent French philosophy. At S.I.U.C. Matt focused on phenomenology and 20th century French philosophy and he also became acquainted with American Pragmatism. His dissertation advances Maurice Merleau-Ponty's phenomenology as an aesthetic method that uses artists to develop philosophical themes. Matt's current research focuses on developing the aesthetic phenomenological method, promoting a philosophical dialogue between artists and scientists, and investigating issues in perception and creativity. •



Andy Johnson has also just joined the Philosophy Department. He will be teaching Ethics and Contemporary Issues, Business Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion. Andy earned his B.A. in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Initially an engineering major at Notre Dame, he got hooked on philosophy his first semester by an Introduction to Philosophy course. By the end of the semester, he had declared philosophy his major and expected to have answers to life's fundamental questions by the time he graduated. Instead, he discovered that more inquiry raises still more questions, but learned to value the wisdom that comes with knowing how much one doesn't know. Andy's graduate studies concentrated on ethics and modern philosophy. His dissertation, written under the supervision of Kantian ethicist Thomas Hill, Jr., critically examined Kant's Categorical Imperative. Between completing his graduate studies and coming to MSU, Andy lived and worked in Germany for four years and taught philosophy for two years at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Andy's current research interests focus on issues in Kant's moral philosophy, applied ethics, and the philosophy of religion. •

Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology

Patrick R. Gartin received his Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland in 1992. Dr. Gartin joined the faculty of Missouri State University in 2007, and currently holds the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology. His research interests lie in criminal justice policy and program evaluation, primarily in the areas of law enforcement and drug abuse. Prior to his academic appointment at Missouri State University, Dr. Gartin held faculty positions at the University of Florida and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He has also served as a sworn Reserve Deputy Sheriff, and most recently held a senior-level position in the U.S. Department of Justice as the Chief of Statistical Services with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. •



• *New Faculty Members Continued. . .* •

Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology

Mike Stout is an assistant professor of Sociology. He completed his B.A. in sociology from Temple University in 2000, his M.A. in sociology from Penn State University in 2003, and will have his PhD in sociology from Penn State in December of 2007. He joined Missouri State's Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology in the Fall of 2007. Mike's research interests are in the area of stratification and civic engagement. His doctoral dissertation examined social trust and how it facilitates social action, the diffusion of civic resources through social networks, and the effectiveness of community organizations in facilitating political participation. Working in collaboration with Constance Flanagan and Les Gally at Penn State on the Social Responsibility and Prevention Project (funded by the National Institute of Health), Mike has conducted research on the developmental foundations of social trust, the prevention of school violence, adolescent health beliefs, and the transmission of social capital from parents to their children. •



Brett Garland is a native of Indiana and received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2007. His research interests are in the areas of Correctional Management and Staff, Offender Rehabilitation and Reentry, Gangs, Hate Crime, and Terrorism. Brett recently completed a study of job satisfaction and organizational commitment among educators, caseworkers, psychological staff, and medical personnel in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He has also studied the burnout of mental health staff in adult prisons and assisted with an evaluation of the *Nebraska Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative*. Brett's publications can be found in *The Prison Journal*, the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, *Corrections Today*, and *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management* (forthcoming). He is currently refining a co-authored theory of civil litigation and white supremacist violence (under review in *Theoretical Criminology*) and exploring research opportunities with the Missouri Department of Corrections. •

Paula Rector received her graduate degree from Northern Arizona University in 2002. She was also an Instructor at Northern Arizona University where she taught Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology Theory, and Human and Cultural Relations in Criminal Justice. She also has experience teaching courses in Race and Ethnicity and Domestic Violence. Paula also worked with domestic violence survivors at a transitional housing facility in Flagstaff, Arizona. Paula's research interests include feminist criminology, race, class and gender inequality, and the criminal justice response to pregnant drug users. She has published a chapter in "Vulnerable Populations" and is currently working on two chapters for a book entitled "Investigating Difference: Human and Cultural Relations in Criminal Justice." •



• *New Faculty Members Continued. . .* •

Ms. Yarckow-Brown received a M.S. in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis in violence, sex crimes and restorative justice, from the University of North Texas in 2003. Since that time she has completed additional graduate courses in the field of leadership and public administration and has attained numerous credits towards a Ph.D. in Criminology. In 2005, she became an honorary member of Alpha Phi Sigma. Ms. Yarckow-Brown has had two recent publications. She authored an Instructor's Manual to accompany the text *Criminal Justice in Action*, with a publication date of 2007. "Restorative Justice with Serious Offenders," as an essay, along with several other components, were included within the textbook *Restorative Justice in the United States*, with a publication date of 2008. •



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Richard and Doris Young with Carrie Swopes, recipient of the J.C. and Sarah Edna Young Scholarship.



Jim and Bobbi Moyer sitting with Dianne Juby, recipient of the Moyer Family Scholarship.



Above: Mr. Tom Strong stands with some of the students who received The Strong Family Graduate Scholarships: Diana Jolly, Michelle Roam, Samantha Ro-haus, Sarah Parry, Ryan Jackson and Nathan Dunn.



Above: Elizabeth tenZythoff standing with Heidi Morgans and Tim Perkins, Scholarship Recipients.



Right: Don and Lea Landon stand with Nick Moseley, recipient of the Donald D. Landon Public Affairs Scholarship in Sociol-ogy.



Left: Tony & Lyn Foster stand with Amanda Nichols and Rebecca Nowak, Robert A. Foster Scholarship recipients.