The College of Humanities and Public Affairs Newsletter continues in its new format with the addition of a downloadable PDF version starting with this Spring 2007 issue. The links in the shaded area to the left of the page contain pathways to each of the featured stories within the Newsletter. Again, we hope that you enjoy this new format. Please send us feedback on the newsletter and what you would like for us to include at chpa@missouristate.edu.

Dean’s Corner: Dean Lorene Stone

Greetings from Missouri State’s College of Humanities and Public Affairs!

My goodness, where has the semester gone? It seems like only last week that the start of the semester was delayed due to the historic ice storm. As you will see in this newsletter, we have been incredibly busy and productive. It has been a challenging time as we work to maintain quality academic programs for our students, partner with organizations and businesses in the community and state, implement a new pay-for-performance evaluation system for faculty and staff, and institute a number of new and exciting College initiatives. The faculty has been active in organizing conferences and other scholarly activities for both our campus and local community. Highlights include the many interdisciplinary activities developed for African American Heritage Month and Women’s History Month, as well as the Political Science Department’s international conference on the Middle East. The History Department once again hosted the History Day competition for local middle school and high school students, and the Religious Studies Department organized a photo exhibit on “Religious America in Government Photography: 1935-1943” in the Duane G. Meyer Library, in addition to a presentation by religion and public policy expert Heidi Rolland Unruh. The College will also be well represented during the upcoming Public Affairs Conference on campus. You can learn more about the College by checking out the links on the CHPA Home Page (http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about any of the activities in the College (or for more information, see our on-line activity calendar: http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/8305.htm).

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As the Dean of the College, my schedule over the past few months has been enriched by travel to several out-of-state alumni events, as well as two international trips. In December I led a delegation of MSU students and Dr. Muhamed Olimat to Kuwait as part of a cultural exchange experience. In April I travel to China where I will visit with MSU students participating in our study abroad programs and sign an agreement designed to increase educational opportunities for both our students and those from China.

With all the changes taking place on campus this year, it has been our intention to make the operations of the College as transparent as possible to faculty, staff, and the public. You can learn more about the College by checking out the links on the CHPA Home Page (http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about any of the activities in the College (or for more information, see our on-line activity calendar: http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/8305.htm). We are always pleased to hear from alumni and friends of the University.
New Master of Science in Criminology Program Created

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology will begin offering a new Master of Science in Criminology degree program in Fall 2007. The Master of Science in Criminology degree program will provide graduate students at Missouri State University with the opportunity for advanced knowledge and understanding of issues involving criminal behavior, the operation of the criminal justice system, crime control policy initiatives, and the use of theory and research methods for criminal justice program evaluation, all within the framework of the University's public affairs mission. The program provides credentials for moving into management positions in criminal justice agencies, assuming jobs in criminology/criminal justice research centers, and serves as a springboard to Ph.D. programs at other universities.

Plans Progress for the Creation of a New Master’s Degree Program in Archaeology

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology also recently created a proposal for a Master of Science in Applied Anthropology. This newly proposed degree program, if approved, will draw heavily from the faculty and resources of the Center for Archaeological Research and emphasize cultural resource management, public archaeology, and cultural ethnography. The CHPA newsletter will keep you posted on the progress of this proposal as it makes its way through the curricular approval process.

History Department Adds New Masters Degree Tracks to Its Existing Program

To update and revise the Master of Arts program in History, the History Department’s Graduate Studies Committee recently added several new “tracks” to the existing M.A. program in order to better reflect and focus student research and course work along more Global and International areas of emphasis. For more information on these new “tracks,” please contact the History Department by calling 417-836-5511 or visiting their website at http://history.missouristate.edu/Graduate_Program/

New Intercollegiate Global Studies Program Will Begin in Fall 2007

Global studies can broadly be defined as the study of global issues (for example, population growth, poverty, diseases, environmental degradation, conflicts) and trends such as globalization and interdependence in their economic, political, cultural, and social dimensions, area studies, and the acquisition of foreign language skills. As such, students pursuing a major in Global Studies and, for example, a minor in one of the area studies programs (see http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa), will become familiar with these issues, trends, and areas, and strive to acquire a high level of proficiency in a foreign language. More broadly, it means understanding the increasingly global nature of every aspect of life and how this affects the local environment in the United States as well as in other countries.

The Major in Global Studies offered by Missouri State University is inherently linked to the state-wide mission in Public Affairs in that students will be educated as globally aware citizens. In an increasingly interdependent world, students must be aware of and educated in political, social, economic and cultural aspects and, combined with
necessary language skills, be able to live and work as citizens in such a world. The Major is thus a logical extension of public affairs at the international level. For more information on this new program, see http://www.missouristate.edu/mcl/34701.htm.

**Dr. John F. Chuchiak (HST) Appointed as the Dean’s Fellow for the College of Humanities and Public Affairs**

Dr. John F. Chuchiak (HST) was appointed as the first CHPA Dean’s Fellow of Public Affairs. In an effort to streamline the duties and responsibilities of the changing role of the current Dean’s office as a cost center, Dr. Lorene Stone created the new position of Dean’s Fellow in order to redistribute several of the duties and responsibilities of the Associate Dean and free up that position to work more fully on new administrative priorities. The CHPA Dean’s Fellow in Public Relations is charged with the responsibility of maintaining and regularly updating the CHPA web site, including CHPA Calendar Events, writing the CHPA on-line Newsletter (two issues per academic year), and maintaining other College web sites. The fellow will also to work with University Communications on press releases on College-sponsored events and faculty/staff accomplishments. In addition, the Fellow will coordinate, organize and be responsible for the creation of appropriate displays in the two display cases on the 2nd floor of Strong Hall. Any information concerning CHPA faculty and Alumni accomplishments and activities should be forwarded to the Dean’s Fellow at chpa@missouristate.edu.

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CHPA in Kuwait

Dr. Lorene Stone and Visiting Professor of Political Science, Dr. Muhamad Olimat, led a delegation of three graduate and four undergraduate Missouri State University political science students on an outreach trip to Kuwait for ten days in December, 2006. The trip was sponsored by the Kuwait Information Office (KIO) in Washington, D.C. and the Ministry of Information for the State of Kuwait. According to Dr. Muhamad Olimat, this trip was the first time that the Kuwait Information Office sponsored a trip for students outside of the North East.

The trip was initially organized as part of an intercession class on American-Kuwait relations. Professor Olimat explained that the purpose of the trip was to enhance connections between the College and our University with the people of Kuwait. Olimat stated that, “Kuwait is a close ally of the United States in the Middle East and we wanted to familiarize our students with the special partnership between the two countries.” The object of the trip focused on promoting an international and a multicultural outlook among Missouri State students and the organizers hoped that the delegation could help to build a partnership and possible exchange programs with Kuwaiti universities and Missouri State.

The itinerary for the trip included visiting the Minister of Information, Kuwait University, Kuwait Parliament, the U.S. Embassy and the Kuwait Stock Market. The delegation also had the opportunity to tour Kuwait City and meet Kuwaiti families.

College of Humanities and Public Affairs Dean Lorene Stone headed the Missouri State delegation. She stated that she believed that the trip offered both the student and faculty participants a terrific opportunity to be exposed to the culture and people of Kuwait. Stone emphasized that fostering positive relations with Kuwait is essential, especially now when the Middle East is in transition. Dean Stone commented that our students gained an excellent experience of emersion in “an Arab society that is a strong ally and one that is interested in democratic ideals.”

ABOVE: MIAA graduate students, undergraduate political science students, and Dean Lorene Stone in Kuwait.
LEFT: On site in Kuwait.
International Conference on “East-Central Europe at the Crossroads: Russian, American and European Union Interests and Policies”

November 30–December 1, 2006

This conference, hosted by the Political Science Department and held from November 30 to December 1, was the second conference that Missouri State University co-sponsored as part of a series of three international conferences which resulted from an agreement between Missouri State and the Slavyani Foundation of Bulgaria. Dr. Beat Kernen (PLS), Political Science department head, stated that “The first conference took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, in 2005, and was organized by the Slavyani Foundation of Bulgaria. The third conference will take place in St. Petersburg, Russia, and will be organized by the Gorbachev Foundation in Moscow, Russia, and St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia. The main focus of the Springfield conference is to focus on global aspects affecting Eastern Europe.”

Many high-ranking government officials and academic leaders from Australia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Macedonia debated several diverse global topics during the two-day conference. Topics discussed during the conference included themes that focused on America and NATO and their relationship with Russia, discussions of the European Union and Russian and European relations, as well as a central theme concerning the building of democracy and a market economy in East-Central Europe.

The government officials attending the conference included: Dr. Zahari Zahariev, president of the Slavyani Foundation and former minister of culture of Bulgaria; Dr. Vanya Doreva, deputy minister of education and science of Bulgaria; and Dr. Nikola Kljusev, academician and head of the Center for Strategic Research at the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts and former defense minister of Macedonia.

Academic leaders from the global community who attended include: Dr. Peter Shearman, professor of political science at the University of Melbourne, Australia; Dr. Rayna Terzieva-Petrova, general secretary of the Slavyani Foundation of Bulgaria; and Dr. Janos Barabas, president of the Josef Attila Foundation of Hungary.

Participants from Missouri State University included: Dr. Beat Kernen, who served as the conference chair and moderator; Dr. Dennis Hickey, professor of political science and director of the Master’s in International Affairs and Administration program, who gave a presentation on U.S. foreign policy towards Russia and Europe; and Vladislava Petrova, a political science visiting faculty member, who served as the executive assistant and a presenter at the Conference.

Conference on "America, Islam and the Middle East Conference: Building Bridges Between the Great Divide"

April 2–3, 2007

This two-day conference on America, Islam and the Middle East, held on April 2-3, 2007, focused on the discussion of issues of a critical nature pertaining to America’s foreign policy toward the Middle East and the Islamic world. Dr. Muhammad Olimat, organizer of the conference, stated that "Our purpose is to discuss strategic issues as they pertain to America's foreign
policy toward the Middle East.” He noted that the intent of holding the conference in Springfield was to help "educate our community on issues related to America's presence in the Middle East and American, Arab, Islamic relations, as well as to promote the issue of peace in the Middle East."

Conference participants included Imam Mahdi Bray, Executive Director of the Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation; Dr. Any David, Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Midwest; Dr. Mohamed Ben-Ruwin, Texas A & M University; and Dr. Roger Fontaine, Senior Vice President of the Choate Partners and Tom Clany International. The major topics discussed included: Islam and the West, Muslims in the American public-square, Islam and terrorism, America's foreign policy in the Middle East, America’s presence in Iraq, war on terrorism, Islam and women, Islam and democracy, and clash of civilization. More information on the conference can be found at: http://www.missouristate.edu/aime/default.htm

2007 Public Affairs Conference
“One World, Many Voices”

April 17–20, 2007

Missouri State University, along with its presenting sponsor, The Springfield News-Leader, will host the third annual Public Affairs Conference, themed “One World, Many Voices.” The event will be held April 17–20 and will bring a variety of noteworthy speakers from around the world to the Springfield campus. The conference is free and open to the public.

The theme of this year's annual conference is "One World, Many Voices." The conference will bring together some of the world’s foremost experts to discuss issues relating to immigration, women in the Arab world, Africa in the 21st Century, Hispanic population growth in the US, China and the Global Community, American Business, Diversity in Higher Education and the Middle East and the World. The full program for this year's Public Affairs Conference at Missouri State University—the only university in Missouri with a state-wide mission in public affairs—can be found at: http://publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/conference/.

During the conference, panels will present discussions that offer perspectives from business, entertainment, education, politics, religion, health and other subject areas. Keynote speakers scheduled at the conference include Egyptian physician and writer Nawal El Saadawi, MTV and VH1 co-founder Les Garland, and teacher/activist/author Jonathan Kozol, along with Missouri State University President Emeritus John Keiser, who will deliver his address on the West Plains campus. Keiser also serves as the Public Affairs Conference chair emeritus.

“The conference’s theme, ‘One World, Many Voices,’ is part of Missouri State’s long-range plan goal of taking the public affairs mission globally,” said Dr. Ken Rutherford, Provost Fellow for Public Affairs at Missouri State. “Over the past decade, we have done a good job of implementing the public affairs mission on campus, locally, regionally and, to some extent, statewide.”

The conference is being expanded to four days to accommodate several new activities and off-campus presentations. “Immigration in a Shrinking World” will be presented at 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the Greene County Library Station; Mexican musician Paco Padilla and an ensemble will perform at 6 p.m. April 18 in Plaster Student Union Theater; and “The Paradox of Globalization: Rising Global Interdependence and Rising Global Conflict” will be presented at 4 p.m. April 20 in Melton Hall Auditorium on the Missouri State University-West Plains campus.

In addition, this year's conference will feature a “high school day” April 19, with Missouri high school students, including students from the St. Louis area, attending panel sessions and Garland’s keynote address at 12:30 p.m., as well as taking optional campus tours. New York Times foreign correspondent Robert Worth will speak to the students during lunch, which will be provided to them compliments of the New York Times.

Others scheduled to participate at the conference include: Mexican Senator Judith Martinez; Xianjian Li, the
president of Henan University of Finance and Economics, the largest college in the most populated province in China; Golden Thread Theatre founder and artistic director Torange Yeghiazarian, an Iranian-born theatre artist of Armenian heritage who writes, directs and performs for the company that is dedicated to the theatre that explores Middle Eastern culture and identity; Lindsey Pollak, a writer, editor and speaker specializing in career advice for young professionals; and Annie Gill-Bloyer, the Faith Outreach Organizer for the ONE Campaign supported by Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world’s hungry people by educating decision makers scheduled to participate at the conference include: Mexican Senator Judith Martinez; Xianjian Li, the president of Henan University of Finance and Economics, the largest college in the most populated province in China; Golden Thread Theatre founder and artistic director Torange Yeghiazarian, an Iranian-born theatre artist of Armenian heritage who writes, directs and performs for the company that is dedicated to the theatre that explores Middle Eastern culture and identity; Lindsey Pollak, a writer, editor and speaker specializing in career advice for young professionals; and Annie Gill-Bloyer, the Faith Outreach Organizer for the ONE Campaign supported by Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world’s hungry people by educating decision makers.

African American History Month Activities

The department of sociology, anthropology and criminology hosted Dr. Timothy Baumann who gave a public presentation entitled “From Slavery to Freedom in Missouri’s Little Dixie: An Archaeological Perspective” at 7 p.m. on February 14, 2007 in Strong Hall.

Dr. Baumann is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Missouri Valley College and President of the Missouri Association of Professional Archaeologists. He has conducted extensive research on the archaeology of African Americans in Missouri.

In 2006 he received the John L. Cotter Award from the Society for Historic Archaeology for his work at Arrow Rock State Historic Site, and he is currently engaged in a six year project on the life and neighborhood of Scott Joplin at the Scott Joplin State Historic Site in St. Louis. In his presentation, Dr. Baumann covered the history of African Americans at Arrow Rock, Missouri, from plantation slavery to the present.Specializing in African American Archaeology in Missouri, Baumann is a past recipient of the Exemplary Public Service Award from the Society for Historical Archaeology.

Women’s History Month Activities

March 2007

Missouri State University honored the past and present achievements of women during a month-long celebration of Women’s History. Throughout March, the progress of women around the world was examined in a series of films, plays, panel discussions and lectures. The month’s celebrations kicked early off with a Women’s fair (organized by the student group Jane D.O.E.), at which community and campus groups hosted tables to provide students with information and free gifts related to a range of goods and services targeted at women. The campus also saw the return of the “Vagina Monologues,” which ran in late February, followed by an open forum on the performance. Throughout the month of March, Dr. Holly Baggett (HST) hosted a weekly film series featuring films focusing on a number of different gender-related issues and follow-up discussions with experts in the area of the films’ themes.

In addition to the running engagements, many other performances and presentations took place across the campus and community, including a theatrical production celebrating the lives, times and works of four powerful African American women produced by the office of Multicultural Student Services; presentations on the topics of international sex trafficking by Vladislava Petrova (PLS), a visiting lecturer at Missouri State University, gender development, institutions, and economic development by Dr. Sharmistha Self (ECO),
and media images of the female athletes by Dr. Martha Wilkerson (SOC). The full calendar of events can be found at: http://www.missouristate.edu/gst/33251.htm.

Annual National History Day Contest

March 10, 2007

The Missouri State History Department once again hosted the Region 7, 2007 History Day Contest. Co-chairs for this event were Dr. John Chuchiak and Dr. Ahmed H. Ibrahim. History Day is a national contest designed to give students in grades 6 through 12 the opportunity to research, prepare, and present projects in competition with their peers. All entries were required to relate in some way to a central theme, which changes yearly. Each year roughly 500,000 students from across the United States compete in History Day. Participants are divided into a Junior Division (grades 6-8) and Senior Division (grades 9-12). There are seven categories in each division. Categories are grouped by presentation type. Students may create individual or group (2 to 5 students per group) performances, documentaries, or exhibits, or they may submit an individual historical paper. The top three winners in each category at the regional are invited to enter the state contest, which will be held on the campus of the University of Missouri at Columbia. The theme for this year’s competition was “Triumph and Tragedy in History.” Over 135 performances, video presentations, and poster displays created by area high school and middle school students were judged by the faculty.

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Recently Translated Book by CHPA Faculty Member Illuminates Pivotal Role of Buddhism in Sri Lankan Society

Dr. Stephen Berkwitz (REL), associate professor of Religious Studies at Missouri State University recently published a book entitled, “The History of the Buddha’s Relic Shrine: A Translation of the Sinhala Thupavasma.” Dr. Berkwitz’s work is a 300-page translation from a 13th century Sri Lankan text. “With the guidance of a professor of linguistics in Sri Lanka, I went page by page, translating every single word,” Berkwitz said. “It took about a year and a half to translate, and it’s a very laborious process because there is no Sinhala/English dictionary available for this ancient form.”

The text Berkwitz translated is unique because it is both literary and historical. The “Sinhala Thupavasma” was originally composed by Parakama Pandita in the 13th century and is an important example of a Buddhist chronicle. It is among works that inform public discussion and debate over the place of Buddhism in the Sri Lankan nation state and the role of Buddhist monks in contemporary politics.

The primary focus of Berkwitz’s book, published by Oxford University Press, centers on the description of how a Sri Lankan relic shrine – Thupa – was built in the second century B.C. to enshrine parts of the Buddha’s bodily relics (believed to be a bushel of his cremated bones). The book also contains a descriptive account of how Buddhism spread outside of India.

Berkwitz has been studying Buddhism for more than a decade. In 2005–06, he received a Fulbright U.S. Senior Scholar Award, which allowed him to travel to Sri Lanka for seven months to conduct research on early colonial-era Buddhist poetry – particularly literature written in the Sinhala language—and to lecture at the University of Colombo regarding the status of Buddhism in the United States.

Reforming Early Modern European Concepts of Death and Dying

Dr. Austra Reinis (REL), assistant professor of Religious Studies at Missouri State University, in her recently-published book, “Reforming the Art of Dying: The ars moriendi in the German Reformation (1519-1528),” examined how Luther instigated a radical transformation in the public’s attitudes towards death and dying. According to Dr. Reinis, during the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther and his followers strove to restructure all aspects of Christian life - and the end of life was no exception.

In the late 1990s, Reinis was searching for a dissertation topic when an adviser suggested she take a deeper look into the topic of mortality. "I discovered there were such things as handbooks teaching people how to die in the Middle Ages, and I wondered if there were handbooks teaching people how to die in the Reformation," said Reinis.

Indeed, such Protestant handbooks existed, and Reinis’ book focuses on the earliest of them, beginning with Luther’s 1519 "Sermon on Preparing to Die" and ending with Jakob Otter’s 1528 "Christlich leben und sterben." [A Christian Life and Death]. The early Protestants, Reinis discovered, proposed a much gentler view of God and the afterlife than their medieval Catholic counterparts.

Reinis said the book will appeal not only to academics, but also to physi-
cians, nurses, hospice workers and others who deal with death and dying in their profession. "I think the book is accessible to any college-educated reader, and the topic, obviously, is of interest to any human being." •

**Political Science Professor’s Newest Book Reveals Insight into Taiwan’s Approach to Foreign Policy**

Dr. Dennis Hickey (PLS), professor of Political Science, recently published a new book entitled, “Foreign Policy Making in Taiwan: From Principle to Pragmatism,” published by Routledge Press, which thoroughly examines Taiwan’s approach to foreign policy by focusing on several considerations that shape the island’s external relations: the international system, governmental structure, societal forces and individual factors.

“A possible war between China and Taiwan remains a major flashpoint in East Asia,” Hickey said. “Some claim it is a greater threat to peace and stability than the stand-off on the Korean peninsula. As some of Taiwan’s foreign policy initiatives (for example, the drive to return to the United Nations) have put the island on a collision course with China, it makes sense for us to understand why the government in Taipei is doing these things.”

During numerous visits to the island over the past several years, Hickey met with Taiwan’s Foreign Minister Mark Chen and former President Lee Teng-hui, as well as academics, government officials, business and opinion leaders.

Hickey’s research and teaching interests include international relations, Asian politics, and foreign policy. He has published approximately 40 scholarly articles and book chapters. In addition to this book, he has also authored three others – all of them addressing issues involving Taiwan and China. •

**Two Missouri State Professors Publish Revealing Series of Essays on Food and Utopia in America**

Dr. Martha L. Finch (REL), an assistant professor of religious studies, co-edited and contributed with Dr. Etta M. Madden (ENG) to a new volume entitled “Eating in Eden: Food and American Utopias, published in by University of Nebraska Press (October 2006). As the editors argue in their comprehensive introduction, perennially viewed as both a utopian land of abundant resources and a fallen nation of consummate consumers, North America has provided a fertile setting for the development of distinctive foodways reflecting the diverse visions of life in the United States.

As the contributors to this volume argue in their essays, immigrants, from colonial English Puritans and Spanish Catholics to mid-twentieth-century European Jews and contemporary Indian Hindus, have generated innovative foodways in creating “new world” religious and ethnic identities. The Shakers, the Oneida Perfectionists, and the Amana Colony, as well as 1970s counter-cultural groups, developed food practices that distinguished communal members from outsiders, but they also marketed their food to nonmembers through festivals, restaurants, and cookbooks. Other groups—from elite male dining clubs in Revolutionary America and female college students in the late 1800s, to members of food co-ops; vegetarian Jews and Buddhists; and “foodies” who watched TV cooking shows—have used food strategically to promote their ideals of gender, social class, nonviolence, envi-
Missouri State Anthropology Professor Publishes Course Materials and Laboratory Manuals used in Physical Anthropology Courses Internationally

Dr. Suzanne Walker, an associate Professor of Anthropology at Missouri State, recently published one of the only existing Laboratory manuals and Instructor’s resource books for the teaching of Physical Anthropology. Through examples and hands-on exercises, this laboratory manual offers a basic, yet thorough, background in the main areas of an introductory physical anthropology lab course: genetics, evolutionary forces, human osteology, forensic anthropology, comparative/functional skeletal anatomy, primate behavior, and paleoanthropology. The book has also been used as a text for an introductory laboratory course in physical or biological anthropology. It has also been adopted as a supplementary text or workbook for a lecture class, particularly in courses that have an absence of a laboratory offering.

Dr. Walker has published primarily on the locomotor behavior, ecology, and evolution of New World monkeys, but also has research interests in forensic anthropology and medical anthropology. Currently, she is conducting a study of the health and medical needs of Hispanic immigrants in Southwest Missouri.

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For more information please contact Bob Beumer, Director of Development, College of Humanities and Public Affairs at 417/836-4547 or rfb131t@missouristate.edu
Dr. William C. Meadows (ANT), assistant professor of Anthropology, has been invited to serve as one of the keynote speakers for the recent Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, Native Words, Native Warriors, developed by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibits (SITES) Program. The traveling exposition is currently touring the country and its displays and interactive media tells the remarkable story of Native American soldiers from the Navajo, Hopi, Comanche, Choctaw, Chippewa/Oneida, Menominee, Mesquaki, Sioux, Pawnee, Muskogee Creek, Seminole, Kiowa, Canadian Cree, and other Nations who served as code talkers in World Wars I and II. The exhibition highlights the cultural backgrounds that made possible their unique and valuable contribution to the war effort.

Dr. Meadows has been contracted by the Smithsonian Institution to attend various public presentations of the traveling exhibition across the United States. As Dr. Meadows succinctly argued in his recent book and articles on the subject, two fundamental components of Native culture—warrior traditions and spoken languages of extreme complexity—were combined to great effect in the code talker programs. Although the U.S. government did not give some American Indians citizenship until 1924, soldiers from a number of Indian nations served the military during both wars. Dr. Meadows believed that the Native Words, Native Warriors exhibit provides an ideal opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate this important but little-reported aspect of American history.

For those interested in this exhibition, Dr. Meadows will be giving an opening speech upon the Traveling Exhibit’s arrival in Kansas City on May 9, 2007.

Navajo code talkers Private First Class Preston Toledo (left) and his cousin Private First Class Frank Toledo, 1943.
In early March, Dr. Dennis Hickey (PLS) was flown to Washington, DC by the US Department of State to appear on the Voice of America’s Television show, “Issues and Opinions.”

This television show was broadcast into the People’s Republic of China “live” via satellite from Washington on 3/12/07 and the entire show was devoted to a discussion of Dr. Hickey’s new book, Foreign Policy Making in Taiwan: From Principle to Pragmatism. The most interesting aspect of the program was the “call-in” portion of the show when viewers in China phoned in and asked questions.

According to Dr. Hickey, the Chinese viewers were surprisingly sympathetic towards Taiwan. After the program, Dr. Hickey and his wife dined with the “unofficial” ambassador from Taiwan, Dr. David Lee, at the Taiwan government’s historic Twin Oaks mansion.

In late March, Dr. Hickey was once again flown to Taipei by Ming Chuan University. At the time, the university was celebrating its 50th anniversary. Dr. Hickey served as a panel chair for a panel entitled, "Politics, Diplomacy and Security," at the International Conference on Governance, Regimes and Globalization, presented at the Graduate School of International Affairs, Ming Chuan University, Taipei, Taiwan, on March 23, 2007.
Dr. John Strong (REL), associate professor of religious studies at Missouri State, wrote a Public Affairs grant that funded an on-campus presentation by the noted Israeli archaeologist and director of the Temple Mount Sifting Project Dr. Gabriel Barkay. Dr. Barkay gave a presentation on February 15 in Missouri State University’s Plaster Student Union Parliamentary Room, which was sponsored by the religious studies department.

The Temple Mount in Jerusalem is considered a holy site in the Judaic, Christian, and Islamic traditions, and because of political tensions, it has never before been subject to systematic archaeological study. Now, because of construction on the site, soil from the Temple Mount is being sifted.

Strong, who met Barkay in Israel in 2005, stated that “Muslims control the Temple Mount area in Jerusalem— it holds the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the famous Dome of the Rock shrine, and is one of the most sacred sites for Muslims.” Dr. Barkay has more than 40 years experience in the archaeology of Israel and in biblical archaeology, and in addition to directing the Temple Mount project, he currently teaches at Bar Ilan University, Hebrew University and Jerusalem University College. During his trip to the United States, Barkay also presented at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Dallas, Wheaton College, and Andrews University.

History Professor Receives $10,000 Caeno Foundation Grant to Host and Enhance the Academic Content of a New Ancient Near East Online Discussion List

Dr. Marc Cooper (HST) spear-headed a group of international scholars who recently came together to create an on-line successor to the recently terminated Ancient Near East Discussion List originally hosted by the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago.

The new Ancient Near East Listserv (called ANE 2) is a moderated academic discussion list that focuses on topics and issues of interest in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, from the Indus to the Nile, and from the beginnings of human habitation to the rise of Islam. It is intended to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on these topics between and among scholars and students actively engaged in research and study of the Ancient Near East.

ANE 2 is international in scope. Listmembers are expected to be able to read postings in English, French and German. Participants are free to post in any of these languages, and, upon occasion, in other languages used in the study of the Ancient Near East.

The ANE-2 Discussion List is currently housed on a free Yahoo list-server. Dr. Cooper played an instrumental part in salvaging the ANE-2 project when he recently wrote and received a grant of $10,000 from the Caeno Foundation to cover the construction and hosting of the new ANE-2 Listserv, as well as three years of the server’s maintenance. The Caeno Foundation supports historical and physical research pertaining to the chronology of events, epochs, and ancient civilizations.

The new Ancient Near East 2 project will bring the discussion list to a dedicated server hosted by Missouri State University in order to enhance the academic nature of the list. Besides Dr. Cooper, who will serve as the webmaster and central moderator, other ANE-2 moderators include Dr. Trudy S. Kawami, Art History & Archaeology Director of Research, Arthur M. Sackler Foundation at Columbia University; as well as Dr. N. P. Lemche, Professor in the Department of Biblical Exegesis at the University of Copenhagen; and Dr. Robert Robert Whiting (University of Helsinki); Dr. Charles E. Jones (The American School of Classical Studies at Athens); and Dr. Jeffrey B. Gibson, (Oxon).
Religious Studies Professor Receives the Prestigious John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award for his Contributions to the Field

Dr. James Moyer (REL), professor and Head of the Religious Studies Department, received the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies 2007 John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award. The award is given in order to honor noted scholars in the field of religious studies in the Southwest and to recognize their work. The Commission funds an annual John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award and the recipient receives a $2,000 cash award. Persons who have been nominated and receive the John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award are ordinarily scholars recognized by their peers nationally or internationally for the quality and importance of their work.

In her remarks to the business session of the Commission, President Sharon Dowd of Baylor University noted Moyer’s over 25 years of service to the Southwest region in a variety of capacities, including his leadership of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) section and his past role as President of the Commission. She also noted his distinguished record as a scholar of Hittite culture and his extensive publications on the pedagogical aspects of teaching the Hebrew Bible. As part of his responsibility as Gammie Scholar, Moyer will be expected to give invited lectures to member schools of the Commission.

History Professor Selected for Prestigious Cameron Fellowship at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland

Dr. Eric Nelson (HST), assistant professor of History, was selected as a Cameron Fellow at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. The Cameron fellowship is one of the most prestigious fellowships in Reformation research in the world. Dr. Nelson, whose studies focus on peace-making after religious violence and the intersection between physical and spiritual space, is currently using church account books to reconstruct the ritual and physical space of rural churches in France from 1500–1700. He will present his findings in a seminar at St. Andrews in the spring. Dr. Nelson stated, “My specific interest is in how the sacred landscape is reshaped by the permanent schism in the Western Christian church with the Protestant Reformation.” Dr. Nelson has previously completed a fellowship at Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England.

One of the Two New Young Honors College Professorships awarded to Member of CHPA

A recent gift commitment from Rich and Doris Young currently provides annual funding for the appointment of two faculty members as Honors College Professors for terms of three years. Rich Young (a CHPA alumnus), graduated from Missouri State in 1961 with a B.S. in economics and received the Missouri State University Outstanding Alumni Award in 2005.

The University’s Honors Committee recently selected Dr. John F. Chuchiak (HST) as the recipient of one of the two Young Honors College Professorships. The Honors College Professors will be expected to develop and engage in special activities critical to the Honors College curriculum and students. For example, they might serve as mentors to students applying for national/international fellowships or develop special sections of current courses, departmental honors courses or honors study abroad courses.

Dr. John F. Chuchiak was also nominated by Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and awarded the Outstanding University Faculty Award for 2007 from the National Pan-Hellenic Inter-fraternity Council.
HPA Graduate Students Present Papers at the Midwest International Studies Association Conference

Several CHPA Graduate students recently presented papers at the Midwest International Studies Association Conference that was held in St. Louis over the weekend of November 3-5, 2006.

Ms. Kim Wilson presented the paper, "Relative Progress: A Comparative Study of the Status of Women in the PRC and ROC," on the panel entitled "Economics and Politics in East and Southeast Asia." Dr. Hickey chaired the panel and also served as the discussant.

Ms. Lilly Kelan Lu (PLS), presented another paper entitled, "Can the China Lobby Effectively Promote Beijing's Interests in the US" in the panel "Domestic Influences on Foreign Policy." Ms. Lu is from Qingdao, China.

Both papers were well received. This is the first time that graduate students from MSU’s Graduate program in International Affairs participated in the International Studies Associate Midwest Conference.

Support for student’s travel to the conference was provided by the Office of the Provost, the Graduate School, the Political Science Department and the College of Humanities and Public Affairs.

Dr. Hickey and the student participants involved wish to thank CHPA and the other sponsors for supporting this opportunity for our graduate students.

MSU Student Founder of Jane D.O.E. (Daughters of Eve) Organization Honored as “Emerging Leader”

Christin Green, an MSU Language and Literature major with a minor in Gender Studies, recently received the honor of being the first "emerging leader" in the Women of Distinction Leadership Awards program. The founder of Jane D.O.E. (Daughters of Eve), a student organization founded to educate, empower and support women’s issue and rights, Green, 20, is already working to evoke change.

This is the fifth year area women have been recognized during Women’s History Month by MSU and the Ozarks Alliance of Professional Organizations. The aim is to recognize women who are a positive influence in the lives of Ozarks women.

Green, has led the campus’ V-day activities, and supporters say she practically arranged March’s Women’s History Month activities single-handed.

However, Green, a junior from Liberty, has her eye on something larger: a women's resource center, for all women in the area to access—a clearing house offering everything from counseling services to health care education.

"Women don’t connect enough on our own," Green said. "We need a community of other women. We need to embrace one another. A community can help people grow."

Dr. Stacy Ulbig (PLS), assistant professor of Political Science at MSU, said Green is “a force of nature... When
you work with Christin she’s like a strong wind when it comes to getting things done.”

Recent History M.A. Awarded a Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship at Ohio State University to Continue his Research on English Sailors Tried by the Inquisition in Mexico

Michael S. Hale (HST, M.A. 2005), currently a per course instructor of History at Missouri State University has recently been awarded a scholarship and Teaching fellowship in the History Department of Ohio State University.

Under the direction of Dr. John F. Chuchiak (HST), Michael Hale completed an M.A. thesis entitled “Behold these English Dogs!: Englishmen in the Atlantic world before the Holy Office of the Inquisition, 1560-1630.” Hale’s thesis, which utilized colonial Spanish and Early Modern English primary documents, examined the conflicts between England and Spain from 1568-1636 which focused on the continued arrest and persecution of English sailors by Spanish Inquisition officials throughout the Atlantic World.

Excited by his admission to the Atlantic History Ph.D. program at Ohio State, Hale stated, “They said that they want me to continue with my M.A. thesis for the Doctoral Dissertation....” Michael added, “They were as excited as I am about the project, and believe that much if not most of the writing and research for the Dissertation has already been completed.”

Michael plans to continue his research and complete a Ph.D. in the History of the Atlantic World. He is also currently preparing to work with Dr. Chuchiak to co-author a scholarly book on the 1568 Sir John Hawkins Expedition to Mexico and its political consequences in the Early Modern World.

Political Science Graduate Student to Serve This Summer as a Fellow at the Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) in Washington, D.C.

This summer, PLS MIAA Graduate Student Munisa Vahobova (at left) will serve as a fellow at the Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) (www.landminesurvivors.org) in Washington, D.C.

In November 2001, LSN launched the Rutherford Fellowship to honor the work and dedication of LSN co-founder, Dr. Kenneth Rutherford (PLS), who each year, selects one of his brightest and most hard-working students to be a fellow at Landmine Survivors Network.

Munisa will be the sixth PLS student to serve as a Rutherford Fellow at LSN in Washington, D.C.

Two former fellows, CHPA students, Zhanna Son (PLS MIAA) and Judy Kigari (PLS) are currently employed full-time by LSN.

Zhanna Son (PLS MIAA Graduate from 2005), is currently a Special Programs Associate, who has been at LSN for three years. This picture shows her in Geneva, Switzerland, working at the LSN office.
Miko McFarland, a current graduate student in the Political Science Department, has been awarded a summer internship by the Japanese Local Government Center. She will spend the summer of 2007 as an intern in the local government of Okazaki, Japan. The internship provides support for travel and living expenses.

Miko is a first year student enrolled in the Graduate Program in International Affairs and Administration. She is also a graduate assistant in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology. In addition to her academic pursuits, Miko is an active spokesperson for the Study Abroad Program and frequently speaks to undergraduate classes about her experiences studying abroad in Osaka, Japan.

Miko is also the vice-president of the Political Science Graduate Student Association and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha. Upon graduation, Miko intends to pursue a career in U.S.-international relations with Japan and East Asia.

CHPA Student and Alumni Connection

Mr. Nathan Blank, who will graduate in May from the Graduate Program in International Affairs and Administration, has received a full scholarship (covering tuition and living expenses) to continue his studies in Southeast Asian politics at the University of Northern Illinois.

Ms. Lilly Kelan Lu, who will graduate in August from the Graduate Program in International Affairs and Administration, has been admitted to several doctoral programs in the U.S. (some offering a graduate assistantship) and will make her choice later in the semester.

Ms. Kim Wilson, who will graduate in August from the Graduate Program in International Affairs and Administration, has accepted an offer to teach English at Missouri State University’s campus in Dalien, China.

Judy Kigari (CHPA 2005 Graduate), is currently the Grants and Finance Coordinator, and she has been working for LSN for over one year.
Dr. LaMoine DeVries • Religious Studies

Dr. LaMoine F. DeVries, Missouri State University’s specialist in Biblical Archaeology and Biblical Backgrounds for close to thirty years, has enjoyed a long and prestigious career teaching at Missouri State. Dr. DeVries stated, “teaching at Missouri State University has been an exciting venture for me.”

An archaeologist who regularly took MSU students to Israel for field school experiences, Dr. DeVries believes that the study of archaeology has influenced his life and his philosophy of teaching more than anything else. Throughout his career he has been a part of a large number of major archaeological excavations throughout Israel and the Holy Land, and he plans to continue his research and writing interests in the field.

He wrote for this newsletter the following message to the college and our readers: “I am grateful for the opportunity that I’ve had to be a part of the MSU community for the past nearly thirty years. It has been an incredible journey personally and professionally. I am especially indebted to the Religious Studies Department, its faculty, and the Department Head for their support, encouragement, and challenges that helped me develop my skills in teaching, research, and writing. My most exciting experiences came as I worked with students, in the classroom, in my office, or at a cookout trying to help each one see themselves as special and unique and to dream big dreams.”

Dr. DeVries future plans include spending more time with his wife and family; developing a better exercise routine; travel; and the continuation of his research and writing.

Dr. Bertrand P. Helm • Philosophy

Dr. Bertrand Helm came to the Missouri State University's Department of Philosophy in 1966 after having received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Tulane University. He has enjoyed a long career in teaching and research at Missouri State University serving as a mentor and advisor to generations of students interested in Philosophy. His department and the College wish him well with his future plans.

Dr. Jon Moran • Philosophy

Dr. Jon Moran came to Missouri State in 1973, shortly after the school received its designation as a university. He was originally a member of the combined Political Science and Philosophy Department and served as the acting head of that department for two years. From 1991 until 2003, he also served as the head of the free standing Department of Philosophy. Over the years his research and teaching interests have included Philosophy of Religion, American Philosophy and Asian Philosophy. After he retires he is interested in continuing his research and writing. He and his wife are planning to do quite a bit of traveling, both to see the world, and to visit their daughters and their families in St. Louis and San Diego. He is wavering in his belief that he can read the hundreds of books that he has accumulated over the years, but he is going to give it a try.
Once again it is April, Income Tax time is here! CHPA may have a solution to your Income Tax woes. Have you ever thought of endowing a scholarship for a student with academic merit or financial need or giving a gift to support a program or faculty member, but just did not know how you would be able to do it or the best way to achieve the highest tax deduction?

Charitable IRA rollover legislation recently enacted by the federal government may benefit you in the current tax year and help you realize a dream of making a tax free gift to an organization like Missouri State University.

The law allows the owner of an IRA to make a gift directly to a qualified charity and avoid the taxes on the distribution. If you are 70½ years old and interested in learning more about the charitable IRA rollover provision, please contact Bob Beumer, Director of Development, at 417/836-4547 or bobbeumer@missouristate.edu.

Congress has opened a narrow window of opportunity; the provision for a charitable IRA rollover expires December 31, 2007.

**FAQs: Charitable IRA Rollovers**

**Q:** Who can exclude IRA distributions from taxable income?

**A:** The exclusion applies to individuals who have reached age 70½ by the date of their contribution.

**Q:** How much can I give and still take advantage of the tax-free benefits of the new law?

**A:** The maximum amount that can be excluded from an IRA owner’s income is limited to $100,000 per taxpayer per year.

**Q:** My spouse also has an IRA and meets the age requirement. Can we both take advantage of the charitable rollover option in the same year?

**A:** Yes. The amount that can be excluded from income is limited to any amount up to $100,000 per taxpayer. As a married couple you can together donate up to $200,000 provided that each of you owns at least one or more IRAs and has reached age 70½.

**Q:** If I give to Missouri State University Foundation using funds from my IRA, do I qualify for a tax deduction on that amount?

**A:** No. The Charitable IRA Rollover allows individuals to avoid paying income taxes that were never paid when the funds were deposited.

**Q:** If I elect to make a qualified charitable distribution to Missouri State University Foundation from my IRA, will I be required to itemize my deductions at tax time?

**A:** No. If you are part of the nearly 60 percent of taxpayers who elect the standard deduction at tax time, this new giving option will not change that for you. However, if your account includes non-deductible contributions, you may be able to take a charitable deduction on that amount. To guarantee the most favorable tax treatment of your donated IRA assets, please consult your financial advisor.

**Q:** Can I use funds withdrawn from other qualified tax-deferred retirement accounts such as a 403(b) or 401(k) type plan?

**A:** No. The provision only provides a benefit for owners of an IRA or Roth IRA.

**Q:** Do I have to pay capital gains tax on the amount that I give from my IRA?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Can I use the qualified charitable distribution to create a trust or gift annuity or another life income agreement from which I would benefit?

**A:** No. Only outright cash gifts qualify for this benefit.
New CHPA Scholarships

The College of Humanities and Public Affairs received three new scholarship endowments this past fall semester. We want to thank the donors for their generous support of Missouri State University.

Gerald “Pete” McCormick Memorial History Scholarship

Barbara McCormick ('69, Sociology) of Claremont, Calif. has established an endowed scholarship in memory of her late husband “Pete” (67, History). The scholarship will continue one of Pete’s passions in life, civil war history. The scholarship is available to undergraduate students majoring in History with an interest in civil war or military history. Preference will be given to applicants with financial need.

Women in Religious Studies Scholarship

Mary ('73, Elem. Ed.) and Mike Chiles of Springfield have established an endowed scholarship in the Religious Studies department. The intent of the scholarship is to encourage female students in the academic study of religion. The scholarship will be available to applicants majoring in Religious Studies at the undergraduate level, enrolled in the Religious Studies graduate program, or a declared minor in Religious Studies with preference given to female students.

Scott and Gayla Moore Economics Scholarship

Scott ('92, Economics) and Gayla Moore of Edwardsville, Ill. have endowed a scholarship in the Economics department. The scholarship will be available to a sophomore, junior, or senior majoring in Economics with a minimum 3.00 grade point average. Preference will be given to applicants with financial need.

Photograph (August 2000) of Scott and Gayla Moore with Dr. John Hoftyzer (then Department Head of Economics).