The College of Humanities and Public Affairs Newsletter continues in its new format with the addition of a downloadable PDF version starting with the Spring 2009 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 Victor H. Matthews

I am pleased to greet you for the first time as the newly appointed Dean of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs. As some of you know, I have served for seven years as the Associate Dean and most recently as the Interim Dean of the College. For those who would like to know more about my background, I encourage you to have a look at my personal website at http://courses.missouristate.edu/VictorMatthews/.

It is my intention to move the College forward, building on the expertise of our faculty and providing an excellent educational environment for our students. I will be articulating my Vision Statement for the College soon and it will be posted on the College website (http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa).

In this spring 2009 issue of the CHPA Newsletter, you will find that the College—its faculty, staff, and students—has been very active in pursuing the University’s mission in Public Affairs. From hands-on experiences with landmine removal to student conferences on Public Affairs in the Profession, we are actively exploring the ways in which the mission is expressed in our classes, our public rhetoric and policy making, and in the ways the University interacts with the community at large. You will also note here that the Dean’s office has funded a number of research and student-oriented initiatives during this past year. The idea behind this was to provide seed money for original research or fieldwork and to give students the opportunity to travel to professional conferences to read papers and to interact with scholars in their field. In every case, the funds advanced our efforts to produce quality research and provide our students with a rich educational experience.

As we move into the summer months, I hope that you will take the time to contact us. It is my wish to feature the accomplishments of alumni in the Newsletter. Please share this information with us by email (CHPA@missouristate.edu), phone (417-836-5529) or fax (417-836-8472). In addition, if you have questions about the faculty, programs, or activities of the College or University, please feel free to contact us. Best wishes for the coming months and watch for our next issue of the CHPA Newsletter.
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Pam Sailors, New CHPA Associate Dean

Pam Sailors was named Associate Dean of the College in mid-April. After earning her B.A. from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia, she came to Missouri State in 1996. While her dissertation addressed questions in the area of Bioethics, her most recent research has focused on issues in the Philosophy of Sport. She has been Department Head of Philosophy since 2003 and will continue her responsibilities in that position. As Associate Dean her duties will include scholastic actions and student affairs, enrollment management including recruitment and retention of students in CHPA, coordinating Area Studies, Student Success, and community college articulation documents, and assisting the Dean with general planning and implementation of college initiatives. In her spare time, she regularly runs many miles, and has completed 12 marathons, most recently the 2009 Boston Marathon.

Tim Stipp, CHPA Budget Officer

Tim Stipp joined the Dean’s office and Missouri State University on January 14, 2008. He worked previously in bank regulation and for the federal government. Tim has an accounting degree and MBA from Missouri State University as well as an Arts & Science degree from the University of Missouri. He is currently one section away from passing the CPA exam and spends much of his free time studying for that last section. Tim has family in the area and is a native of the region but has lived or traveled in other parts the world. He is an avid fantasy baseball manager and enjoys thrashing his associates. Tim is a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Arizona Cardinals and he enjoyed the Cardinals Super Bowl season after their years of wandering hopelessly in the desert.

Teresa Dobson, New CHPA Executive Assistant

Teresa Dobson joined the Dean’s office on February 18, 2009. She has been an employee at Missouri State University for nearly twelve years. Teresa and her husband have been residents of Springfield for the past 40 years and have two grown children and three grandchildren. Teresa enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, doing a variety of crafts and needlework, reading, baking, and being with family and friends.
On January 31, 2009, Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma, the Missouri State University chapter of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, sponsored the 1st Annual Missouri State University Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference. The theme of the conference this year was “Public Affairs in the Profession” and Dr. Robert Taylor, from the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Police Institute of Dallas was the guest speaker.

The conference ran from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Plaster Student Union and highlighted a keynote speech by Dr. Taylor, 2 panels of student presentations, 2 panels of faculty presentations, and 2 panels of community member presentations. A closing ceremony was held with Dr. Mike Carlie giving a closing address, along with awards being presented to the top three student presentations. Throughout the conference, it is estimated that over 300 students were in attendance along with many faculty members, administrators and community professionals.

A second conference is tentatively planned for February or March 2010. Suggestions and support are being accepted by Ivy Yarckow-Brown, Instructor in Criminology and Advisor of Alpha Phi Sigma – Sigma Mu Sigma.

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: http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/8934.htm

Thanks for helping us do a better job of keeping up with our alumni!
Public Affair Activities Continued

“Childhood Obesity Prevention: A Call to Action”

The Master of Public Administration program and the Department of Political Science hosted a conference on “Childhood Obesity Prevention: A Call to Action” on March 27-28, 2009, in the Plaster Student Union on the campus of Missouri State University. The conference was made possible by a grant Dr. Kant Patel received from the CHPA Dean’s Incentive Program.

According to most health experts, childhood obesity has become a national epidemic. In Missouri, between 2000 and 2005, the prevalence of obese middle school students increased by 75 percent, and the prevalence of obese high school students increased by 64 percent. From 1993 to 2002, the prevalence of obese children 2 to 5 years of age participating in the Missouri Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition (WIC) program increased by nearly 58 percent. More than thirty medical conditions are associated with overweight and obesity. Obesity costs Missouri thousands of lives and well over a billion dollars each year.

The goals for the conference were to raise community awareness about the problem of childhood obesity, to share information that aims to improve overall health of youth through education and information that promotes healthy lifestyles, and to promote collaborative partnerships among health professionals that service youth.

The two-day conference included panels on a variety of topics such as healthcare access, chronic conditions associated with childhood obesity, social determinants of childhood obesity, access to affordable healthy food alternatives, promoting healthy activities to children, psychological and behavioral impact of childhood obesity, engaging children in healthy living, and local and state public policies designed to address this problem.

The conference was attended by well over 50 healthcare professionals, policy makers, educators, parks and recreation personnel, food service personnel, physical education teachers, nutrition educators, child care providers, and members of youth organizations. The conference program included over 25 speakers. Carole Garner, assistant professor at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences’ College of Public Health, gave a keynote address at the luncheon on Friday, March 27th. Dr. Charlotte Pratt, Program Director and Health Scientist Administrator at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, gave a keynote address at a luncheon on Saturday, March 28th.

Several community health organizations lent their support to the conference by becoming sponsors for the conference. These organizations include St. John’s Corporate Health and Wellness, Burrell Behavioral Health, Missouri Foundation for Health, Ozarks Public Health Institute and the Master of Public Health program at MSU, Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, WIC Program of Springfield-Greene County, and The Foundation for Springfield Public Schools.

Obesity Conference Speakers:

Carole Garner, University of Arkansas -- Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Public Health

Charlotte Pratt, Ph.D., R.D. Program Director, Clinical Applications and Prevention Branch, Division of Prevention & Population Sciences, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Terry Leet, PhD., MPH.
Saint Louis University School of Public Health.

Dr. Vetta L. Sanders Thompson, PhD., MPH.
Washington University, St. Louis, School of Public Health.
A CHPA incentive grant provided funding for nearly 20 MSU students and staff to receive landmine and munitions explosive in-classroom and hands-on training, and overnight accommodations at Ft. Leonard Wood (located less than 100 miles from Springfield) on November 19 and 20, 2008. Fort Leonard Wood is the premiere US military establishment for the collection of information and the training of U.S. personnel in humanitarian demining operations. It is also the most widely respected international facility for the Engineer School, which houses the Countermine Training and Support Center (CTSC) and the HDTC. The HDTC is the Department of Defense Center of Excellence for humanitarian demining-training and information, and was set up in 1996 in order to expand US efforts in humanitarian demining abroad. The purpose of the HDTC at Ft. Leonard Wood is to train US Special Operation Forces and then to deploy them abroad to train indigenous people how to implement demining programs of their own, so they can live productive and subsistent lives.

Ken Rutherford, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, has developed a close working relationship with the personnel at the training centers and has conducted several demining-training and educational outreach trips with MSU students to the Fort. The in-class learning and hands-on training the students experience on these trips is invaluable to students involved in community engagement both at the local level and also a global level. The introduction and training for the students are tailored to a student or class project, and/or country or area of class assignment. The trainings blend classroom work with hands-on field exercises, resulting in a hands-on experience for the students that will fully equip them to understand better the global challenges presented by landmines.

Classes taught by U.S. Special Forces, U.S. Army Engineers, and Foreign Military Staff included:

1. Introduction to landmines and unexploded ordinance;
2. Different types of landmines and unexploded ordinance;
3. Detailed description of US demining efforts in educating and training indigenous persons how to rid their land of landmines;
4. Demining methods and techniques and the steps involved in training indigenous populations;
5. Hands-on training in classroom.
A Lesson in Landmines continued...

**Hands-On Training:**

1. Students were split into groups to be taken into a minefield (inactive of course) to understand, more fully, the dangers and the skill involved in humanitarian demining;
2. Students use mine detectors to search for mines in U.S. Army designed training lanes;
3. Students suit up in all the protective demining gear and actually get to probe for and dig up mines. (This was undoubtedly the most enjoyable and surreal part of the field trip.) The students use technology and their own senses to detect the presence of both mines and tripwires.

**Field Trip Goals:**

1. Students become aware of the dangers different types of landmines pose to civilians, military personnel, and to the deminers;
2. Students become aware of the extensive use and collection of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines;
3. The minefield simulation tour allowed students to understand the actual layout of a humanitarian demining mission, which was essential to our true understanding of the time and precision involved in this process.
4. The time, skill, dedication, and energy it takes to remove one mine out of the ground will make the students realize that the deminers who trained them are truly amazing individuals and they are doing wonderful things to rid the world of landmines so they walk the world safely.
5. Experience a U.S. military base, which most students have never visited, and honor those serving.
Missouri Archaeology Quest - 2009 Southwest Regional Competition - March 7, 2009

On March 7, 2009, the Southwest Regional Competition of the Missouri Archaeology Quest was held in Strong Hall on the Missouri State campus. Students from High Point and Latham Middle Schools in Missouri participated. Each year a broad theme is selected for the Archaeology Quest contest. Students may select any topic that relates to archaeology in Missouri or in a national or world setting. It may involve either prehistoric archaeology or historic archaeology or a combination of the two, within the limitations of that year’s theme.

Regardless of the topic chosen, each entry must be presented in such a way that the student research and conclusions clearly relate to the annual theme. This year’s competition theme was “Blood, Guts, & Gore: Conflict & Confrontation.”

First place recipients qualify to compete in the upcoming state competition. The event is sponsored by Dr. William Meadows, Southwest Regional Director of the Missouri Archeology Quest. The State competition will be held April 3-5 at the Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake of the Ozarks, in conjunction with the Annual Missouri Archaeological Society meetings.

Entries focused on a wide variety of topics such as famous events like the Boston Tea Party and famous battles such as Pearl Harbor, D-Day, The Civil War, The Battle of Carthage, and the Battle of Towton.
Public Affair Activities Continued

51st Annual Missouri Conference on History

The 51st Annual Missouri Conference on History, held at the University Plaza in Springfield, MO, featured guest speaker, Dr. Virginia Laas, at a luncheon given Thursday, April 16th. The three day conference, “A Place on the Firing Line or in the Petticoat Brigade: Emily Newell Blair’s Search for Women’s Voice and Power in Politics,” was held from April 15-17, 2009 and was hosted by Missouri State University. Dr. Stephen McIntyre, as president of MCH for 2009, coordinated this event. There were 120 people in attendance.

The two keynote speakers, Dr. Virginia Laas and Dr. Kerby Miller, were funded by a grant from the Missouri State University College of Humanities and Public Affairs.

This year’s program featured scholars from fourteen states stretching from New York to Arizona. Twenty-seven different colleges and universities, including twelve in Missouri, were represented on the program, as well as eight historical agencies and three K-12 schools.

Dr. Virginia Laas, pictured to the right with Dr. Stephen McIntyre, was also given this plaque for her retirement from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin.

Dr. Kerby Miller, pictured to the left, was guest speaker at the Friday evening banquet. His topic was “Irish” and “Scotch—Irish” in Ireland and America: Only “Two Traditions?”

Four History Graduate Assistants serve at the registration table. Seated around table: Diana Jolly, Annie Adams, Sarah Myers, and Samantha Rohaus.
About the National History Day in Missouri Program

National History Day in Missouri (NHDMO) is a yearlong history education program, sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia at the University of Missouri. The program encourages young people to explore history and teaches them to understand historical issues, ideas, people and events. Participants conduct in-depth research on individual topics related to an annual theme and present their findings in one of several formats -- exhibit, performance, documentary, website, or research paper -- designed to foster creativity and imagination. These presentations are evaluated at a series of local, state, and national contests.

The Region 7 of National History Day in Missouri was hosted on the MSU campus in March by the History Department. There were 257 middle and high school students registered for the contest. George Hummasti was the Director of History Day and Holly Baggett was Assistant Director.

Annually, more than 2,600 Missouri students in grades 6-12 participate in local and regional competitions throughout the state, with more than 500 advancing to the state contest at the University of Missouri-Columbia in April. This year's theme was "The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies." Each June, 45-50 Missouri students compete with more than 2,000 of the best and brightest from across America at the national contest in College Park, Maryland.
Public Affair Activities Continued

History Day Continued...

History Day Displays
The History Department’s History Bowl quiz contest was held on the Missouri State University campus in March. There were 87 students from 10 high schools who participated in the contest. Bill Piston served as Director of this year’s event and Eric Nelson served as Assistant Director.

Pictured above, Central High School (Ken Elkins, sponsor) won 1st place in the History Bowl. Fran Black with DAMES presented both the 1st and 2nd team with award checks as they do every year. Kickapoo won 2nd place, pictured below.

Purpose

The annual Missouri State University History Bowl is co-sponsored by the Theta-Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and the Missouri State Department of History. History Bowl is designed to stimulate students’ interest in history, current events, and public affairs, while recognizing and rewarding their achievement. History Bowl also strengthens ties between the MSU Department of History and the secondary schools which employ many of our graduates.
History Bowl Continued

Awards and Scholarships

History Bowl team members receive certificates of participation, and the top two teams are awarded both individual and team trophies. The Marie-France Jones Scholarship (approximately $1,300) is awarded to an outstanding senior from any team. Two History Bowl Scholarships (approximately $1,000 each) go to outstanding junior or senior members of the first or second place teams.

History Bowl Sponsor Dr. William Piston gives Ms. Amy Johnson, 3rd place winner from Fair Grove High School, a check from Ms. Jackie Warfel, member of DAMES and DAR.

Fair Grove High School Students
Women’s History Month

**Dr. Susan Hartman**, Keynote Speaker, “Gender and Politics after WWII,” Women’s History Month, March 2, 2009, Ohio State University

**Women’s History Month Featured Speaker: Susan Hartmann**, who teaches U.S. history and women's studies at Ohio State University, and has published extensively on women in the twentieth century, feminism, and women's rights movements, opened the month’s events. Among her books are *The Home Front and Beyond: American Women in the 1940s* (1983); *From Margin to Mainstream: American Women and Politics since the 1960s* (1989); a textbook, *The American Promise* (4th ed., 2008); and *The Other Feminists* (1998), a study of women's rights activism in the 1960s and 1970s. She is a recent fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center of Scholars and has been elected fellow of the Society of American Historians. We were pleased to have such a nationally prominent speaker come to MSU.

The observation of Women's History Month included the scholarship of MSU faculty featured in panels on women and religion, education, and business. Every event was well attended.

The **Woman of Distinction Award** was scheduled to coincide with women's history month and was organized by Sharmistha Self on behalf of MSU Gender Studies and along with the Alliance of Professional Women. Provost McCarthy introduced keynote speaker, Sara Lampe, State Representative, at this event. This partnership affirms CHPA's commitment to reaching out to the wider community and Women's History Month is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill this goal. The Woman of Distinction Award was given to Terri Reed who founded Stone Soup Ministries. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Family Violence Center. The judges for the award included members of the Gender Studies Committee and the award was presented at a dinner hosted by the Alliance.

Pictured to the right: History Graduate Assistants pictured above: Sarah Myers, Diana Jolly, Annie Adams and Samantha Rohaus.
This past February, the Missouri State World Affairs Council attended the Midwest Model United Nations in St. Louis. For this conference, the team represented delegations from Uganda, Armenia and the Mexican news agency, NotiMex. The team participated in simulations of the United Nations General Assembly Environmental Program and 1980s era Security Council. Members of the team successfully passed resolutions that in the real world could have gone a long way toward helping lesser developed nations to cope with environmental, social, and political issues. Judith Rowland brought great success to the team by winning "Outstanding Delegate" and "Delegates' Choice‖ for her portrayal of Uganda in the Historical Security Council. For all the students who attended, the conference provided an opportunity to learn about other cultures, policy making at the international level, and leadership in large group settings. The World Affairs Council would like to thank the College of Humanities and Public Affairs for their support and aid in making opportunities like MMUN a possibility for MSU students.

The WAC (World Affairs Council) team at last month’s St. Louis MMUN (Midwest Model United Nations) conference. The members in the photo are: Weston Bland, Nick Rose, Jarid Kinder, Anna Zadneprovskaja, Kevin Fuchs, Joslyn Kusiak, Katy Reubell, Joshua Snowden, Judith Rowland, Megan Hammer, Madison Wilson, Jessica Johnson, Sobia Abassi, Astghik Angaladyan, Lina Benabdallah, and Sahara Meyer. As usual, the team took home some awards.
Two of the MPA students – Jessica Johnson and Jessica Polk – were selected to participate in the very prestigious Presidential Management Fellows Program for the coming year. Upon completing their MPA degrees this summer, they will start full-year, paid positions with the federal government beginning in August 2009. Both Jessica Johnson and Jessica Polk entered the accelerated MPA program during their junior years and will complete both their bachelor’s and master’s degrees in five years.

Four graduate students presented their research papers at the 17th Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science. Elizabeth Spohn, a graduate student in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program presented a paper entitled, “Implementing Policy: The Patriot Act.” Jeffrey Bernhard, a graduate student seeking both the MPA and Master of International Affairs and Administration (MIAA) degree, presented a paper entitled, “Is Islam a Western Antagonist?” Ahmed A. K. Aljoofy, a student in the MIAA program, presented a paper titled, “Terrorism and the War on Afghanistan – Realist Perspective.” Finally, Astkhik Angaladyan, a student in the MIAA program presented a paper entitled, “Economic Transition in Armenia: From Ruins to Prosperity.” The presentation of papers by graduate students at this conference was made possible by a grant received by Dr. Kant Patel and Dr. Beat Kernen from the CHPA Dean’s Incentive Program. Dr. Patel accompanied the students to the conference.
Dr. Wayne Schroeder was the fourth distinguished speaker this year in the William R. Van Cleave Distinguished Lecture Series. Dr. Schroeder, a graduate of the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, University of Southern California (1982), has served as a senior staffer in the United States Senate and in senior positions in the Department of Defense. He currently serves as the Director of Plans and Policy at Lockheed Martin Corporation in Washington, DC. Dr. Schroeder spoke to a group of students, faculty, alumni and others from the community about the importance of defense resources, budgeting, and planning. He guided the students through the budgetary process to give them a better understanding of the financial resources that underpin national strategy.

Matt Cardin, a graduate of the Masters in Religious Studies program and currently living in Waco, Texas, anticipates the publication of his second book later this year from Mythos Books. The new volume is a collection of both fiction and non-fiction pieces titled DARK AWAKENINGS that explores the intersection of religion and horror. The nonfiction half will include both of the seminar papers that he wrote for his M.A. degree -- a reading of Isaiah and an attempt to wring contemplative spiritual meaning from George Romero's Living Dead movies. Including these articles in his new book allows Cardin to complete the circle on his research and writing interests.

Charles Delaney, a MSU graduate with a degree in Criminology, is currently living in Stockton, MO and working out of Butler (Bates County Children's Division). He has worked for the Department of Social Services for five year and has now been with the Children's Division as a Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator for a year and a half. Delaney notes that he gets “to meet different people and work in a team oriented atmosphere where we all strive to make kids safe.” As he describes it, “There is never a dull moment as we are constantly changing roles from Investigator, to Mediator, to Adviser, to Service Provider, to Community Advocate, to Liaison, and the list goes on and on. I love the challenge.” In his office, he works as a part of a Multidisciplinary Team consisting of Counselors, School Officials, Mental Health Professionals, Juvenile Officers, Deputies, Child Advocates, Victim Advocates, and the Prosecutor. Delaney credits this approach, saying it “makes all the difference in the world when it comes to completing our goals. I think the 27th Circuit has some of the best relationships with other agencies than anywhere in the state and we strive to continue to build these while providing the best services possible.”

Looking back at his educational experience at MSU, Delaney says, “I see my background as a very positive asset in helping me to adapt and stay focused on the task at hand and I am very thankful for the guidance and encouragement that the faculty and staff that I worked with at SMSU (MSU) showed me while I was there. Each of you taught me that it wasn't as much about a class grade but what you learned and took with you out of the learning experience. I would like you to know that everything you taught me and every individual conversation, as well as group discussions, were very meaningful.”

Matt Cardin

Charles Delaney
ACPS Annual Meeting “China after the 17th Party Congress”

The Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) recently concluded a successful conference on "China after the 17th Party Congress." It took place on October 11-12, 2008, at Missouri State University. It was hosted and co-sponsored by the Missouri State University Graduate Program in International Affairs and the Political Science Department.

Scholars from the United States, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada, and Europe, came together to exchange research and findings on the topics related to the broad theme of the changes made at the 17th Congress, and investigated major issues and challenges facing China after the 17th Party Congress. People from the Springfield community and surrounding communities in Missouri also attended the conference.

Professor Deng Zhenglai, Dean of Fudan University’s National Institute of Advanced Studies on Social Sciences (IAS-Fudan), and Professor Yang Dali of the University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, were the featured keynote speakers.

Professor Deng was named an honorary member of the Association in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contribution to China’s social sciences. Three ACPS awards were given to three ACPS members: the ACPS Outstanding Service Award to Dr. Sujian Guo, and the Distinguished Service Awards to Dr. Dennis Hickey and Dr. Jean-Marc Blanchard.

Mahua Barari Mitra has been selected as the Provost Fellow for Public Affairs for 2009-2010. In that capacity, she will be chairing the Public Affairs Conference in April 2010 on evolving economic realities. This annual conference will allow her the opportunity to help shape a broader perspective on the current economic and financial crisis by combining several threads cutting across the academic disciplines. By drawing on the expertise of our faculty and inviting speakers from throughout the nation and the world, the conference provides our students and faculty as well as the community of southwest Missouri a meaningful learning opportunity. It also exemplifies the University’s Public Affairs mission by making it clear that we are part of a global community, that we need to foster ethical leadership in meeting current and future challenges, and that solutions may be found by fostering better cultural understanding.
With support from a Dean’s Incentive Grant, a total of five students from MSU together with Dr. Sharmistha Self, their faculty advisor, attended the Missouri Valley Economics Association conference in October, 2008 in Kansas City. Four of the students presented their original single-authored papers. Papers that were presented at the conference also became eligible for submission to the Journal of Economics where undergraduate student papers are regularly published. Our students did an excellent job and since it was the only session of its kind being represented by a single university, it was well attended. The discussants were very impressed by the professional behavior and research skills of MSU students. Several of the students sent in their papers to Logos, the university’s journal of undergraduate research, and one student sent a paper to the Journal of Economics.

Organizing such a session not only served the college’s mission of public affairs, it also highlighted MSU’s name in the greater community and increased the visibility of the economics program at MSU. This also acted as an incentive to other undergraduate students to take a more active role in their education.

Dr. Self noted that, “This year I was personally contacted by the MVEA conference president requesting me to organize a similar session at the upcoming MVEA conference in St. Louis in October. They have left it up to me to find the right papers. Last year I generated a call for abstracts and selected about ten which I sent in to the conference organizers who then picked four out of these. I have already contacted my students and prospective students via email and encouraged them to send me abstracts of papers. I am certain we will be able to organize a similar session at the MVEA again this year. This was a clear indication of the impression our students made at the conference.”
DSS Associate Professor Bradley Thayer traveled to Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, to teach a short course on “Grand Strategy” as part of the developing cooperation between DSS and the Department of International Studies and European Affairs at Masaryk.

A member of the faculty at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic will in turn come to the United States this summer to teach a course for the DSS program.

On December 19, 2003, Libya announced to a surprised world that it had decided to abandon its nuclear and chemical weapons programs, as well as its longer-range missiles. Within hours, Prime Minister Blair and President Bush made separate but coordinated statements welcoming Tripoli’s decision. Both made clear that Colonel Qadaffi had made this historic choice following months of secret contacts with the United States and United Kingdom. What occurred during those months has never been recorded in sufficient detail to inform the key questions surrounding Libyan motivations or to identify lessons learned from this experience that may apply to other states seeking such capabilities. This case study seeks to fill this void, providing a first hand account of the events that led to what many have called one of the most significant nonproliferation success stories of our time. The author, Dr. Robert Joseph, one of a small handful of officials involved in these events, led the policy discussions with the Libyans and played a central role in the outcome. As only a direct participant could, he describes the central interactions with the Libyans and assesses their implications for both Tripoli’s decision and for the future. In this way, the study makes a major contribution to our understanding of proliferation and its rollback.

Robert Joseph joined the Defense and Strategic Studies faculty in 2007. Previously, he was Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security and Special Envoy for Nuclear Nonproliferation. From January 2001 through November 2004, Dr. Joseph served in the National Security Council as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Proliferation Strategy, Counter-proliferation and Homeland Defense. He received his PhD from Columbia University and his MA from the University of Chicago.
Teaching Workshop in Religious Studies

The Department of Religious Studies started the spring semester with a day-long workshop about teaching introductory courses in field. The workshop was led by Dr. David Ratke of Lenoir-Rhyne University, with support from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. The Center is sponsoring similar workshops around the country, utilizing Barbara Walvoord’s book, *Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses*. Martha Finch and Jim Moyer had attended workshops at regional conferences and successfully applied to bring one to Missouri State. The primary focus of our workshop was on developing ways to teach critical thinking. Faculty worked together on creative approaches to improve our courses.

Anthropology

Over the past several months, Dr. David Byers and several students from the MSU Anthropology Program, in cooperation with local private landowners, have been excavating in several small caves in Wright and Webster counties, MO. These sites contain the remains of prehistoric campsites that date back at least 2000 years into the past. The “School House Rock” cave site (shown in picture) has produced an especially rich collection of stone artifacts as well as deer and turtle bones, and appears to represent an ancient hunting camp. These investigations have only just begun and excavations at these sites will likely continue over the next year.
During 2008 Dr. Holly Jones, Assistant Director and Assistant Research Professor in the Center for Archaeological Research, directed a crew of seven in the mitigation of Horsethief Canyon (14HO308) near Jetmore, Kansas. The site was occupied during the Middle Ceramic Period (A.D. 880-1270) and a large volume of chipped stone tools, projectile points, bone tools, faunal remains, and decorated pottery was recovered. Also found was a decorated turtle shell pendant. A variety of features, i.e., house floors, hearths, and storage pits, were discovered as well. CAR and MSU-Anthropology faculty are currently analyzing these artifactual remains.
Neal Lopinot and Jack Ray in Trinidad

With funding support from the Latin American, Caribbean & Hispanic Studies (LACHS) Program, Neal Lopinot (Director, Center for Archaeological Research) and Jack Ray (Research Archaeologist) spent part of January undertaking archaeological research in the interior of the Northern Mountain Range of Trinidad. This represents the third time that Dr. Lopinot has conducted research at La Reconnaissance, a former cacao plantation dating to the nineteenth century. Established in 1806, it was the home of 70-75 slaves until full emancipation in 1838. Because of ensuing labor shortages, it later became the home of many indentured East Indians. The 2009 field season was spent preparing a map of the entire site and searching for the original foundation to the estate house, which apparently was nearly four times larger than the reconstructed house that exists today.

Following the lead of local gravediggers, Lopinot and Ray also documented the presence of a major stratified prehistoric site. This was quite a remarkable discovery, given that very few prehistoric sites are known from the Northern Range and nearly all are known from the Caribbean coastline. Excavating near the foot of a recent grave in the local village cemetery, Lopinot and Ray recovered a substantial quantity of artifacts, particularly pottery. Although analysis of the materials has not been completed and funding is being solicited for radiocarbon dating, ceramics from the site indicate that it was occupied from around 2,000 to 1,000 years ago by a culture referred to as Saladoid.
William Piston, Department of History, continues to serve on an advisory board for The Library Center, helping to select documents for inclusion in the library’s “Community & Conflict” digitalization project. Funded through a Library Services and Technology Act Digital Imaging Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, in cooperation with the Missouri State Library, “Community & Conflict” is building an on-line archive of material relating to the Civil War in the Ozarks. To date more than 2,000 images have been scanned, the majority of which are letters, diaries, journals, and other primary sources material from the era. When activated in May it will make these items available to both scholars and the general public.

Piston delivered an address, "A Family Affair: The Carter Brothers and Their Raid on East Tennessee, Dec. 1862—Jan. 1863," at "Hoofbeats in the Heartland; A Civil War Cavalry Seminar," sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable, Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 28, 2009. The event was held in conjunction with the display of "Hoofbeats of the Heartland," a traveling exhibit on cavalry in Tennessee during the Civil War. Piston was a consultant in the creation of this exhibit by the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville.
Faculty Research & Publications Continued

History Continued...

**Eric Nelson**, Department of History, has a volume appearing in print that he co-edited with Alison Forrestal (National University of Ireland Galway) entitled *Politics and Religion in Early Bourbon France* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). This book explores the political and religious world of early Bourbon France, focusing on the search for stable accord that characterized its political and religious life. Chapters examine developments that shaped the Bourbon realm through the century: assertions of royal authority, rules of political negotiation, and the evolution of Dévot piety.

Religious Studies

**Stephen C. Berkwitz** published and contributed to a co-edited volume entitled *Buddhist Manuscript Cultures: Knowledge, Ritual, and Art* (London: Routledge, 2009) with Juliane Schober and Claudia Brown of Arizona State University. This volume presents essays in the material cultures surrounding the production of Buddhist texts across pre-modern Asia by leading international scholars of Buddhist manuscripts and art. Berkwitz co-wrote the opening essay: “Introduction: Rethinking Buddhist Manuscript Cultures” and authored an essay entitled “Materiality and Merit in Sri Lankan Buddhist Manuscripts.”

Stephen C. Berkwitz was invited to present a paper at the international conference “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe: Encounters, Notions, and Comparative Perspectives,” hosted by Ruhr-University Bochum in Germany, October 15-17, 2008. This conference was the inaugural event planned in a multi-year research initiative funded by Germany’s Federal Ministry of Education and Research. His paper was entitled “The Expansion of Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia.” The participants in this conference were invited to assist the research consortium in Germany to outline its activities in future years.
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 lecturer (Warren) 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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