Mission Statement for CHPA

The faculty of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs helps students to understand the nuances of social and political structures, criminal justice, culturally-based ethical and interpersonal behavior, religious systems, and economic processes within a global, historical, and contemporary context. CHPA presents the concepts contained in the University’s Public Affairs mission and applies them to real-world problems and situations so that our students will be better prepared to become citizens and leaders.

Dean’s Corner: Dean Victor H. Matthews

I was reminded during a recent Deans’ conference in San Antonio how proud I am to be the Dean of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs. While I listened to Deans from around the country discuss their faculty accomplishments, their civic initiatives, and their research, I realized that the faculty in my college and at Missouri State University are second to none for Masters-based, Comprehensive universities. While we shared our experiences and our administrative headaches, the conversation always came back around to the ways in which the university, whether it was a small liberal arts institution or a massive Land Grant research university, served the needs of their region and the people of their state. Of course, I had the chance to tell the Missouri State story and for those who were unfamiliar with who we are or even where we are located they came away with a new respect for what we are accomplishing. All it takes is to browse through the pages of this issue of the CHPA Newsletter to see why. We have faculty and students who are making a difference in our community and around the world. The faculty are training the next generation of researchers and community leaders, and in every case they are instilling a sense of civic responsibility and cultural awareness. They are exhorting them to follow their passion and in that way they will surely find their place.

With that said, I want to be able to tell your story as well. I am appealing to all CHPA alumni to fill out our on-line alumni survey (http://www.missouristate.edu/chpa/8934.htm) and let us know where you are and what you have been doing. You will find some alumni stories in each issue of the CHPA Newsletter and I want to be able to include yours. Best wishes on the upcoming Holiday Season and come visit us in Strong Hall the next time you are in Springfield.
The College of Humanities and Public Affairs welcomed new and returning faculty and staff at their picnic in August, held in Phelps Grove Park. Great weather, food, and conversation!
CHPA Students
Follow Their Passion,
Find Their Place!

Students and alumni of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs share their success stories with us.

Have a success story of your own? Send your story and photos to VictorMatthews@missouristate.edu.

Aaron Kruse, MSU Master in Global Studies 2014 alumnus, has just been selected to attend the Asia-Pacific Youth Organisation (APYO) Lead Asia Pacific (LAP) Program in Beijing China in November 2014. Aaron will be one of five people representing the United States at this special program for emerging leaders from the twenty-one Pacific Rim countries/economies that make up the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

According to APYO, the objective of its Lead Asia Pacific program “is to provide a high-level platform for 21 young leaders from across the region to research and debate with pressing regional issues with their peers and experience the workings of important regional summits and the leaders that attend them.” Presidents Obama and Xi will be in attendance.

Mr. Kruse is currently a Geography instructor at Liaoning Normal University, Dalian, Liaoning, China.

Missouri State University History M.A. graduate, Sean Wempe, recently had his article accepted for publication in German History, “From Unfit Imperialists to Fellow Civilizers: German Colonial Officials as Imperial Experts in the League of Nations, 1919-1933.” Mr. Wempe is a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at Emory University.

Right, Sean Wempe with a statue of Wilhelm Voigt, the Legendary “Hauptmann von Köpenik,” at Berlin Köpenik.

Missouri State University History student, Caleb Doyle, of Barnhart, Missouri, has been appointed to the Missouri State University Board of Governors as the student representative. Mr. Doyle is majoring in History (BSEd) and is the Campus Events Chair of the Student Activities Council. Congratulations!
As part of her Study Away experience in France last spring, Religious Studies B.A. major, **Bailey Wiles (at left)**, spent a mindfulness meditation retreat at Plum Village. Plum Village is a Buddhist meditation center of the Order of Interbeing in the Dordogne in southern France founded by Vietnamese monk Thích Nhất Hạnh, and his colleague Bhikkhuni Chan Khong, in 1982.

The second week she was there was Great Ordination Week, with monks and nuns from all over the world participating. Thích Nhất Hạnh, the peace activist now in his late 80s, was also present at the ordination week. According to Ms. Wiles, “Thích Nhất Hạnh is truly inspiring. It was such a cool opportunity to be around someone who inspired Martin Luther King, Jr., and who was a strong voice for peace during the Vietnam War.”

Ms. Wiles also visited Normandy and Omaha Beach on the 70th anniversary of D-Day. “It was a moving experience, to say the least,” said Ms. Wiles. “On the hike up one of the dunes to a memorial, a group of reenactors asked me to take a picture of them that looks just like the one taken of the Indian Head division of American soldiers after the D-Day invasion. Here is that picture (right, below) along with my reenactment picture (right, above).”

Now back in the States, Ms. Wiles is finishing her degree and is interning as the KSMU Religion Beat radio reporter. You may hear and read her articles at http://ksmu.org/people/bailey-wiles.

**Sarah Myers (at right),** M.A. in History at MSU, 2009, recently passed her dissertation defense at Texas Tech University, where she will begin teaching this spring. Ms. Myers earned her Bachelor’s at the University of Missouri-Rolla and her fields of study include U.S. History; gender, labor, military history; and female service pilots in the Air Force.

**John Zumbrunnen (at left),** a Political Science alumnus who is now a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, leads the American Democracy Forum which “promotes the study of the principles of the American founding and their continued place in the practice of democracy in the United States.” To learn more about John’s work, click on the following link: http://blogs.missouristate.edu/polsci/files/2014/05/Zumbrunnen.pdf

John is also involved in the Commercial Republic Initiative, sponsored by the Jack Miller Center. This link includes more information about the “partnership across disciplines,” https://adf.wisc.edu/.
Tarina Greer (B.S. in Religious Studies, B.A. in Anthropology, both at MSU), currently in the M.A. program in History at MSU, recently received the Platt Fellowship from the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR). This past summer, Ms. Greer joined the Madaba Plains Project at Tell Hisban in Jordan, her trip partly funded by the ASOR fellowship. She has participated in the Jordan project since 2010 and this summer was the Field Supervisor for Field O.

Ms. Greer has been interested in ancient history from an early age and for her M.A. program, she is focusing on the Islamization of Transjordan and how it is identifiable in the archaeological record. This year, the team successfully uncovered an entire floor plan of a house, as well as whole pieces of pottery.

More photos and information on the Madaba Plains Project at Tell Hisban in Jordan may be found on the ASOR blog, http://asorblog.org/cause-view/madaba-plains-project-at-tell-hisban-in-jordan/

Top left, the Field O Crew having breakfast with workmen; at left, Tarina Greer visiting Jerash.

Jaime Orlando (at right), a Sociology Research Assistant (SOC RA), had the opportunity to present on research currently being undertaken by Dr. Lisa Hall, Ms. Orlando, and Christina Ryder on the impacts and outcomes of labor and postpartum support for new mothers. Ms. Orlando presented at the DONA and Lamaze (both labor support person certification agencies) joint conference in Kansas City on September 19, 2014. In addition to creating a poster that included relevant study information, she discussed the study’s purpose, methodology, and initial outcomes with over 100 people.

This semester four SOC RAs - Adam Bryson, Ernest Crunkleton, Mosies Giron, and Jaime Orlando - are working on various community-based projects including studies on poverty and homelessness, at-risk youth, local religious congregation’s involvement in social service, in addition to ‘The Doula Foundation Impact and Outcomes’ report that Jaime presented on last month in Kansas City. The SOC RA program is designed to directly engage undergraduate sociology majors or minors in applied research, furthering the public sociology mission of the department. If you are a sociology major or minor and are interested in applying for the SOC RA program, the application deadline has passed, but contact Christina Ryder, Assistant Director of the Center for Social Science and Public Policy Research (CSSPPR) at cryder@missouristate.edu for more information.
David DeBruce (at left), recently graduated with a M.S. in Defense and Strategic Studies (DSS) in July 2014. He participated in the 2014 FBI Honors Internship Program and now works for SAIC as a nuclear security analyst. In this position, he supports the DoD and works on interagency working groups focused on foreign and domestic nuclear security issues, including the Global Nuclear Detection Architecture (GNDA). Mr. DeBruce credits the DSS program for his success after graduation. He says that the program’s unique combination of distinguished faculty with real-world experience and breadth and practicality of instruction has allowed him to seamlessly transition from the classroom to actually contributing to defense policy.

We are proud to announce a rare find from Missouri State University Religious Studies M.A. alumnus, Jared Chatfield (shown at right, third from left), who was on a dig in Gezer this summer! Mr. Chatfield, who is studying archaeology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, unearthed a sunken storage vessel, a whole, Iron I vessel with two handles, and with several grinding stones inside. The contents, some fine and dark soil, were collected to be studied. The vessel was probably used for storage of grain in antiquity – a rare find!

Dr. J. Blake Perkins (at left), M.A. in History at MSU and Ph.D. at Virginia University, presented in September on “Ain’t Servin’ Them Ungodly Silk-hatted Fellers: World War I Draft Resistance in the Ozarks,” in September in Plaster Student Union. Dr. Perkins is Assistant Professor of History at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Dr. Blake’s talk was sponsored by the Ozarks Studies Institute and the Ozarks Studies Program.

Dr. Brian Doak (at left), MSU M.A. in Religious Studies alumnus and Ph.D. at Harvard University, recently published his third book, Consider Leviathan: Narratives of Nature and the Self in Job (Fortress Press, 2014). Dr. Doak is Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Faculty Fellow in the William Penn Honors Program at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. He is the winner of the 2012 Aviram Prize for archaeological research and the 2014 George Fox University Undergraduate Researcher of the Year.

Sarah A. Riccardi (at right), who graduated last May with her M.A. in Religious Studies, was accepted into six Ph.D. programs (including a Fulbright to St. Andrews in Scotland) and has accepted an offer to complete a Ph.D. in Sociocultural Anthropology at New York University. In addition to being a MacCraken Fellow, Sarah is also the recipient of the Dean’s Fellowship and a member of the Opportunity Fellowship Program. Her current and future work deals with identity and sensory cultures in American Eastern Orthodox communities.

Sarah graduated with a B.A. in Religious Studies (Honors College) as an Accelerated Masters student and worked as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Jim Moyer.
CHPA Students Follow Their Passion, Find Their Place!

Missouri State Anthropology students have been working on a variety of development projects in the coastal community of Bluefields, Jamaica since 2000. This past spring, the students raised funds for the first “Bear Breaks” immersion trip to Bluefields in May, 2014 to help create a reliable water system for the school, powered by the solar pumps the students designed and built. The project was a huge success and helped the Bluefields school receive a grant to allow the entire school to go solar, providing ongoing savings on energy costs. Read the full story beginning on page 30.

Congratulations to Our CHPA Faculty!

Missouri State’s Homecoming on 18 October provided an opportunity to pay tribute to an exemplary group of Bears for their notable successes. Included in this group of honorees was Dr. Denny Pilant, who received the Award of Appreciation, honoring retired faculty and staff members for achievement in their professional or academic field and loyalty to the University. Dr. Pilant, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, began teaching Political Science at the University in 1966. During those 37 years of service, Dr. Pilant served on community and school committees, including the Bicentennial Committee for the Constitution, Legal Aid of Southwest Missouri, and the Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations. He was also a delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries and the Missouri Conference on Libraries in 1979.

Through his committee work, he helped both Missouri State and the community. He worked on issues such as ensuring legal aid for those who could not otherwise get services, helping seniors stay in their homes, and refining MSU’s system for dealing with students accused of cheating.

You may read an interview with Dr. Pilant for the Missouri State Magazine: http://magazine.missouristate.edu/2014/09/23/award-of-appreciation-2/
Congratulations to Our CHPA Faculty!

Several faculty members from the College of Humanities and Public Affairs received awards during the Spring 2014 All-Faculty Recognition Reception (shown below, left to right, top to bottom):

Stephen McIntyre, History: Missouri State University Foundation Award for Teaching
William Meadows, Sociology and Anthropology: Missouri State University Foundation Award for Service
Lorene Stone, Sociology and Anthropology: Excellence in Community Service Award
Caryn Saxon, Criminology and Criminal Justice: Best Overall in All Categories (Master Online Course Recognition Award)
Brian Calfano, Political Science: CASL (Citizenship and Service-Learning) 2013-2014 Research Stipend Award
Dennis Hickey, Political Science: Honors College Director’s Award for Outstanding Faculty Research
Kathleen Kennedy, History: Mentoring, Support, and Partnership Program
Johnny Washington, Philosophy: Mentoring, Support, and Partnership Program

Drs. John Harms (at right, above), and William Wedenoja (at right, below), have been selected for the 2014 Heartland Conference Excellence in Community-Based Teaching and Scholarship Award for Missouri. This award is given annually at the Heartland Conference to worthy faculty members from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. The Excellence in Community-Based Teaching & Scholarship award recognizes faculty members from a member campus in Missouri who have 1) successfully incorporated service-learning into at least one course with demonstrable outcomes and 2) conducted outstanding research in the field of service-learning and engaged scholarship. Representatives from each campus are nominated based on the work recipients have done to incorporate engaged teaching, learning, and research into the Sociology and Anthropology Programs. The awards were given out at this year’s Heartland Conference in October in Lincoln, NE.
Congratulations to Our CHPA Faculty!

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, Dr. Jim Giglio (at right), along with Missouri State University’s President Clif Smart and alumnus Tom Strong were recognized with the 2014 Missourian Award and honored at a banquet in September in Jefferson City.

A native Ohioan, James (Jim) Giglio earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Kent State University and his Ph.D. at Ohio State University. His only full-time teaching job began at then-Southwest Missouri State College in 1968, where he remained for 39 years.

During his tenure at Missouri State, Giglio excelled academically in three areas — research, teaching and service. He produced eight books, including a study of John F. Kennedy in the prestigious American Presidency Series, published in 1991 by the University Press of Kansas, where it became the series’ best seller. He also published books on Harry S. Truman and Stan Musial.

“I appreciate very much the recognition of my contributions by receiving such a prestigious award,” Giglio said.

The Missourian Award, created by Ralph Slavens and his late wife Corrine, honors the state’s most outstanding citizens who have had a significant impact on their community and on the state’s vitality. To be honored with the award, recipients must have been born in the state of Missouri or become famous in Missouri. Nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to their community, state or nation in one of the following fields: civics, business, arts or politics.

To read about the other recipients, please see the Springfield News-Leader article by Christine Temple: http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2014/08/20/msu-etrio-receives-missourian-awards/14336673/

Dr. C. Patrick Scott (at right), Assistant Professor of Economics, traveled to Kansas City in October for an award ceremony with the Missouri Valley Economic Association. He received the Distinguished Student Paper Award based on his paper titled, “Are Central Bank Preferences Asymmetric When Policy Targets Vary Over Time?”

Dr. Scott also presented a public lecture on 5 November as part of the CHPA Research Forum on “‘It’s Not You, It’s Me:’ The Fed’s Problem with Commitment.” Dr. Scott discussed how the Federal Reserve responds to changes in the economy when its target inflation rate changes over time. He also talked about how to statistically estimate unobserved variables for which data is not available.

From left, David Gutzke, Tim Knapp, Joel Paddock

Three CHPA Faculty Receive 2014 Professors Salary Incentive Program (PSIP)

Congratulations to the thirty faculty who make up the 2014 inaugural cadre of the Professors Salary Incentive Program (PSIP), established by the University to recognize continued excellence by MSU’s professors, including three CHPA Professors: David Gutzke, History; Tim Knapp, Sociology and Anthropology; and Joel Paddock, Political Science.
Dr. Bukola Adeyemi Oyeniyi
Selected to Work With Joseph
Ayo Babalola University,
Nigeria Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowships to support 31 Projects in Africa

Dr. Bukola Adeyemi Oyeniyi (at left), Assistant Professor in History, was awarded a Fellowship by the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program to travel to Nigeria to work at Joseph Ayo Babalola University with Prof. Zacheaus Apatana on Curriculum Co-Development in African History and African Social History, especially Conflict Resolution and Peace Building.

The Joseph Ayo Babalola University project is one of 31 projects that will pair African Diaspora scholars with higher education institutions in Africa to collaborate on curriculum co-development, research, graduate teaching, training and mentoring activities. Dr. Bukola Adeyemi Oyeniyi is one of thirty-three African Diaspora scholars who have been awarded Fellowships to travel to Africa beginning this month to conduct the projects, which span an impressive range of fields across the arts and humanities, social sciences, education, sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

This innovative Fellowship program facilitates engagement between scholars born in Africa who are now based in the United States or Canada and scholars in Africa on mutually beneficial academic activities. The program is managed by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in collaboration with Quinnipiac University, which chairs the Advisory Council, and is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Governors Award Excellence in Public Affairs Recognition

Lora Hobbs (at right), Senior Instructor in Religious Studies, was among those whom the Missouri State Board of Governors last spring recognized for their public affairs accomplishments. The recipients were recognized for successfully inspiring and motivating students in diverse and meaningful civic engagement, developing new and creative community partnerships, and for their leadership roles in seeking solutions to important social and community issues.

Ms. Hobbs was recognized for her public affairs accomplishments, including supporting the creation of an interfaith student organization, serving on the Common Reader Committee, developing the religious studies internship program, connecting students to local and international projects, and developing The Religious Lives of Ozarks Women, where she trains students to document women's impact on religious life in the Ozarks.

Ms. Hobbs is also the creator behind the successful Stomp Out Hunger campaign, a fall semester friendly competition between area colleges and universities to collect used shoes and raise funds to feed hungry families locally and globally.

This year’s campaign was a huge success! Missouri State collected 3,580 pairs of shoes, and the total for all five participating colleges was 5,781 pairs. The community-service project, including MSU, Drury University, Evangel University, Ozarks Technical College, and Southwest Baptist University, embodies the MSU Public Affairs mission as well as the 2014-15 public affairs theme, “The Ethical Citizen: Can You Make a Difference?”

All shoes are donated to Sole Food, a program of Friends Against Hunger (www.fahunger.org), a Springfield non-profit that distributes food to hungry people in the U.S. and around the world. Sole Food, in conjunction with the Shoeman Water Project in St. Louis (http://www.shoemanwater.org/), exports the donated shoes to distributors in developing countries. The Stomp Out Hunger shoe drive will provide 56,150 meals for hungry people around the world.

For more on this Public Affairs event, in cooperation with Sole Food, the Sherman Water Projects, and Friends Against Hunger, visit http://publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/communityengagement/
Missouri State University announces New Diversity Studies Minor

Missouri State University announces a new minor, the Diversity Studies Minor, as part of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs Area Studies programs. The Diversity Studies minor is an interdisciplinary program of study allowing students to develop a broad understanding of the components of diversity in society, which include race and ethnicity, culture, gender, sexuality, religion, language, social class, and aging and disability. This minor is of relevance to any career that involves diverse populations of people, such as business, industry, education, social welfare, health and medicine.

For more information about the program, please contact Dr. Pam Sailors, Associate Dean CHPA: PamelaSailors@missouristate.edu.
Center for Archaeological Research News

MSU Field School at Smallin Civil-War Cave

by Neal H. Lopinot, Director & Research Professor, CAR; Secretary, Missouri Archaeological Society

The Center for Archaeological Research in cooperation with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State University (MSU) offered a three-week summer field course in archaeology from June 9–27, 2014. This 3-week session was held at Smallin Civil War Cave (23CN6), a commercial cave located near Ozark, Missouri in Christian County. The field course was taught by Jack H. Ray, Assistant Research Professor and Research Archaeologist at the Center for Archaeological Research. Florice Pearce, graduate assistant, provided valuable assistance in the field and laboratory. Eleven students received training in archaeological field methods of excavation and mapping and basic laboratory analysis. Students also learned how archaeologists preserve and interpret archaeological materials. Artifacts obtained during the excavations indicate that the site was occupied intermittently over a span of more than 8,500 years, although the primary occupations appear to have occurred during the Middle Woodland period (ca. 2,200–1,600 years before present).

At right, field school students working in 1X1 test units

Summary of Archaeological Activities in Trinidad by the Center for Archaeological Research (CAR), Missouri State University

A variety of activities were undertaken in Trinidad, West Indies in support of archaeological heritage management in March of 2014. These activities were organized by Dr. Neal Lopinot, Director of CAR, and Jalaludin Khan, Chair of the Archaeology Subcommittee of the National Trust of Trinidad & Tobago (TT). With grant funding from the U.S. Embassy in Port-of-Spain, a seminar on archaeology heritage management and a field-training program were undertaken in Trinidad in March 2014. A panel discussion also was held at the National Library the night of March 13, following two days of examining several archaeological collections, including those on the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies (at left).

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The day-long seminar was held at the Chaguaramas campus of the University of Trinidad and Tobago on March 14. The first hour involved relatively brief ceremonial remarks or speeches by various dignitaries, ranging from the President of the UTT Chaguaramas campus to the President of the Senate Mr. Timothy Hamel-Smith. Immediately before Mr. Hamel-Smith’s interesting and encouraging speech, Ms. Kristen Farrell, political officer of the U.S. Embassy in Port-of-Spain, spoke briefly. The Seminar presenters consisted of Drs. Arie Boomert and Willem Willems of Leiden University in the Netherlands, Christopher Pulliam of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Dr. Lopinot. Each hour-long presentation was followed by an hour of questions and discussion.

While Pulliam and Lopinot examined collections and participated in the seminar, CAR Assistant Director Jack Ray and CAR Project Supervisor Dustin Thompson undertook mapping of two Amerindian (or First Peoples) sites and the preparation of one site for fieldwork by the field-training participants. The field-training program was undertaken on March 17–20 and involved two days of survey in the Caura River valley of the Northern Range and two days of excavation at the Clairboy site (SGE-44) by a group of 9–11 individuals, mostly from various ministries of the TT government. Survey in the Caura Valley resulted in the location of an Archaic site, the earliest Amerindian site in the Northern Range. The excavations were focused on the hopeful definition of one or more structures at the Clairboy site, but only scattered postholes were found. Besides completing the excavations at the Clairboy site after the field-training program, Ray and Lopinot were able to map and sample a “window” into another Amerindian site, the La Reconnaissance site (SGE-34) as the result of the excavation of a grave pit in the northwest part of the local cemetery. As it turned out, relatively thick cultural deposits were evident in the walls of the grave pit, but were buried by 42–48 cm of overburden. This was very important new information since previous shovel testing to depths of 30–35 cm in this portion of the La Reconnaissance site failed to find any prehistoric deposits.

Above, participants and staff involved in the field-training program in the Northern Range of Trinidad (note: participants from both Trinidad and Tobago).

Below, Fulbright Scholar Paula Hertefelter from St. John’s University being shown how to excavate a posthole by Jack Ray, with Jalaludin Khan and a trainee from the Town and Country Planning Division overlooking.

Be sure to check out the eJournal issue for spring 2014:
Public Affairs Mission at Missouri State University!

Information and videos on the Stomp Out Hunger shoe drive, as well as other Public Affairs events at Missouri State, are highlighted in the online journal.

SAVE THE DATE: 7TH ANNUAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE “Inside the Criminal Justice System: Characteristics, Challenges and Opportunities” will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 and Thursday, April 9, 2015 in Plaster Student Union. There will be over 20 panel presentations, keynote speakers and an Opportunities Fair filled with organizations looking for interns, volunteers and employees. For further information, please contact the conference coordinator, Ivy Yarckow-Brown at Yarckow-Brown@MissouriState.edu.

A.L.I.C.E. Training, sponsored by Alpha Phi Sigma - Sigma Mu Sigma, will be held Friday, 5 December 2014, in Strong Hall 002 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This free training is provided by the Springfield Police Department and the MSU Public Safety.

A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. Learn what to do if an active shooter incident happens on campus! To register for the training, or to learn more, contact Molly Galen at Galen17@live.missouristate.edu no later than 1 December 2014.

Sigma Mu Sigma Raises Money for Domestic Violence Shelter

Sigma Mu Sigma, Missouri State University's chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, recently completed a fund-raiser during October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, for Harmony House. During their efforts, they were able to collect over $250. All monies received will be used to purchase items for a service project of a full remodel on a room at the shelter. This student organization adopted a room at the shelter approximately four years ago and has cleaned, maintained and updated the room multiple times since the original adoption.

Above, Ivy Yarckow-Brown, Senior Instructor of Criminology and Advisor-Alpha Phi Sigma; Sigma Mu Sigma Coordinator

Below, the Career Center’s Opportunity Fair was attended by Diane Leamy’s GEP 101 students. All of the students in the section have declared majors in CHPA. Pictured at right are the students visiting with Officer Steele of the Springfield Police Department and Paula Tindell of the Victim Center.
Criminology Department faculty and students tailgated for the first time this fall. Perfect weather for a game and food!

At left, members of the Criminal Justice Society participated in the Adopt-A-Street clean-up program. Shown are Daniel Macke, Logan Konopasek, Carrie Rogers, Kaelyn Guinty, Ashley Armstrong, Molly Galen, and Kirsten Spangenberg.

Below left, recent award winners in Criminology: Blake Shepheard (left), won the Scholarship in Societal Studies; Daniel Harvey (right) won the Crime and Society Scholarship; center is Criminology Department Head, Dr. Patti Salinas.

On 27 September, Criminology faculty members Diane Leamy and Patti Salinas (above, left to right), participated in a roundtable discussion on Experiential Learning and internships at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association’s Annual Meeting in Chicago. The panel included Program and Internship directors from Roosevelt University, Illinois State and Western Kentucky.

Dr. Bernie McCarthy (at left), reports that the 8th edition of Justice, Crime and Ethics has been published by Routledge. He is a co-author and wrote a chapter on Justice Crime and Terrorism.

He also chaired a Panel on Cyber Security at FEMA’s 16th Annual Emergency Management in Higher Education Symposium in June.

This November, Dr. McCarthy will attend the US State Department’s Overseas Security Advisory Council’s Annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference is Balancing Security and Privacy Challenges in an Information Age.

Criminology and Criminal Justice students (not shown), were invited to participate in a discussion with Senator Claire McCaskill about Title IX and sexual assaults on college campuses.
Criminology & Criminal Justice News

Welcome New CCJ Faculty and Staff!

Above, left to right: Mandi Muse joins CCJ as the new undergraduate advisor, and the department also welcomes new Assistant Professors Dr. Ethan Amidon and Dr. Michael Suttmoeller.

Economics Professors Present Research in England

Economics Professors Dr. David Mitchell and Dr. Terrel Gallaway (at right, left to right), traveled to England to present separate research at the 2nd annual Artificial Light at Night conference in Leicester, England. Dr. Mitchell's paper examined the economic impact from tourism on dark skies in within the Colorado Plateau. The Colorado Plateau is an area in the Southwest United States of approximately 130,000 square miles that has very dark skies. By protecting the dark skies within the Colorado Plateau, local economies stand to gain $1.7 billion in additional output, 52,000 FTE jobs, and nearly $1.1 billion in additional wages.

For his paper, Dr. Gallaway used satellite data to create an index of artificial light at night for different cities. The index is intended to allow researchers and policy makers to compare the level of light pollution after controlling for a city's size, population, and income level. He was also able to show that between 2000 & 2010, population growth was the main factor driving increases in artificial light at night. At the same time, people are spending a smaller share of their incomes on artificial lighting and this has had an important mitigating effect.

To read more about their research, see the article in MSU’s Mind’s Eye blog: http://blogs.missouristate.edu/mindseye/economics-professors-look-for-value-in-the-night-sky/

Dr. Ardeshir Dalal Participates in Magellan Exchange Program

In June 2014, Dr. Ardeshir Dalal (at left), Professor of Economics, visited the University of Applied Sciences, Aachen, Germany, as part of the Magellan Exchange Program. While in Aachen, Professor Dalal delivered lectures on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and on selected topics in Microeconomic Theory.
Economics News

Greenwood Elementary 5th Graders Learn About Money

by Dr. Kenneth Brown

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Economics Professor Dr. David Mitchell (at left), Director of the Center for Economic Education at MSU, recently spent time with the 5th graders at Greenwood Elementary teaching them a bit about the functions of money through a few interactive exercises.

In one activity, students were given a bag of treats that had different quantities of different things inside. For example, some might have Hello Kitty pencils, Spiderman pens, a slinky, a small flashlight, and assorted candies. Students were asked if they liked everything in their bag and then were given a few minutes to trade with their classmates if they wanted something else. At the conclusion of trading, students were asked how easy or difficult it was to trade and find people who had the items that they wanted and were willing to trade. In short, students were introduced to the problem of the double coincidence of wants. Students were then told how money, as a medium of exchange, solves the problem of the double coincidence of wants.

Students also learned about the need to include anti-counterfeiting measures in money, were shown different currencies from around the world, and were shown a picture of the stone money of Yap, a currency that can weigh up to 3 tons!

Welcome and Congrats to Economics Faculty!

Welcome to new Economics faculty members: Dr. Kenneth Brown (at near right), Economics Department Head, and Dr. Subhasree Basu Roy (at far right), Assistant Professor.

Above, Dr. Kenneth Brown and Dr. Subhasree Basu Roy

And congratulations to Dr. David Mitchell (at far left), and Dr. Sharmistha Self (at near left), who were both promoted from Associate Professor to Full Professor this year!
Economics News

Economics and Athletics Topic of Public Lecture

The Economics Department this fall brought Dr. David Berri (at right), Professor of Economics at Southern Utah University, to give a public lecture at Missouri State University.

Dr. Berri’s talk, “Paying College Athletes: The Economic Implications of O’Bannon v. NCAA,” discussed the recent ruling and its implications for paying college athletes. Dr. Berri testified before the National Labor Relations Board earlier this year regarding the proposed Northwestern University Football Players’ Union.

History News

History Student, Faculty Present at Conference

MSU History graduate student, Steven Houseknecht and former graduate student and current Per Course Instructor in US history, Jason Rice attended and presented their thesis research at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Popular Culture Association and Midwest American Cultural Association. They were joined by Dr. William G. Piston, Professor of History, who also presented his most recent project, and Dr. Kathleen Kennedy, Department Head, who helped organize conference sessions and helped conduct workshops on professional development at the conference.

Here is a list of their presentations:
William Garrett Piston, “A Family Goes to War: Mary and William Bishop Raise a Regiment for the Civil War”

Jason Rice, “The St. Louis Press during the Secession Crisis, 1860-1861”

New Publications from History Faculty

Missouri State University’s History Department is pleased to announce the following publications:

David Roggensees (at left), a Per Course faculty member who received his M.A. from the History Department in 1993, has an article in the July 2014 issue of Missouri Historical Review entitled “A Cherokee Thanksgiving: The Role of Nathan Boone in the Cherokee Crisis of 1845 and 1846.” Mr. Roggensees is the director of the Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site in Ash Grove.

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Matthew J. Hernando (at right), Per Course Instructor in History at Missouri State, recently published his book, *Faces Like Devils: The Bald Knobber Vigilantes in the Ozarks* (University of Missouri Press). Mr. Hernando has contributed articles and book reviews to such publications as the *North Louisiana Historical Association Journal*, the *White River Valley Historical Quarterly*, and the online journal, *Civil War Book Review*.

Dr. Jamaine Abidogun (at left), Professor of History, announced that her chapter, Chapter 5.6, “Creating Havens of Westernization in Nigerian Higher Education,” in *The Changing World Religion Map*, is in publication. The book is part of a five-volume series edited by Stanley D. Brunn (Springer Publishers).

Field Archivist at the Missouri State Archives-Loval Records Program, Office of the Secretary of State, Linda Myers, who along with Holly Baggett, MSU History Professor, is coordinating an internship program with the Missouri State Archives for MSU History students. They took a group of CHPA students to tour the archives at the Historical Society of Missouri, where they met the Secretary of State. The trip was partially funded by the CHPA Student Success Funds.

MSU History alumnus and Ozarks native, Dr. Benjamin G. Rader (at left), one of the most respected historians of American sports, gave talks last spring at Missouri State about his two passions: sports and the Ozarks.

In “Matters of Honor: The Violent Life of Tyrus Raymond Cobb,” Dr. Rader sought to understand Cobb’s violent predisposition in terms other than mental illness—in short, in terms of the honor culture of which he was a product.

In the second talk, “Down in the Hollows: A Tale of Neighborhood in the Missouri Ozarks,” Dr. Rader uses his grandfather’s experiences to explore the differences between two family cultures and the ways in which they responded to their physical environment and the forces of modernity, and the importance of living in the hollows rather than on the Ozark plateaus.

To hear an interview by KSMU with Dr. Rader, visit http://ksmu.org/post/historian-presents-lecture-culture-hollows
Military Science/ROTC News

by LTC Troy S. Wisdom

We have had an exciting and jammed-packed first month back after summer training. The staff and cadets are working diligently to ensure we maintain are consistency by developing tomorrow’s leaders. We all take this job very seriously and we will continue to push ourselves and the community to make this the best ROTC Battalion in Cadet Command.

The caliber of cadets at the Bear Battalion is truly impressive. We have been participating in Ranger Challenge for around 30 years now and the teams this year are looking very strong. The Task Force Competition was held at Fort Leonard Wood 3-4 October. Teams from ten Universities attended from Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas.

This year’s Hall of Fame induction will take place during our Military Ball. We are still looking for nominations and the date for this year’s ball will be on Valentine’s Day (14 February) on the Branson Landing (Hilton Convention Center). Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this great event. Contact us for more information.

Please keep in touch with the program through our webpage: http://www.missouristate.edu/milsci/default.htm, and Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Missouri-State-Army-ROTC/38435527666. We have a lot going on and would like all to get involved. I hope you all check out the great photos our Cadets are placing on Facebook for your viewing pleasure.

Congratulations to our new 2nd Lieutenants Commissioned this August!

(top row, left to right), 2LT Jordan Nathanael Weber (Springfield, MO), 2LT Christopher Morgan Wolf (New Melle, MO), 2LT Trek J. Blackwell (Vienna, MO)

(bottom row, left to right), 2LT Abigail Victoria Clabaugh (Harrisburg, PA), 2LT Ann Marie Robbins (Waynesville, MO), 2LT Grant Matthew Clyde (Joplin, MO)
Poplar Workshop for Critical Inquiry Series Resumes

The Philosophy Department and the Workshop for Critical Inquiry welcomed the first speakers of the 2014–2015 year. Dr. Ethan Kleinberg (at right, top), Professor of History, Wesleyan University, gave a talk on “Not yet Marrano: Levinas, Derrida and the Ontology of ‘Being-Jewish’” to examine the ways that Levinas and Derrida each confront the issue of Jewish identity (the “Jewish-question”) in relation to their own philosophical work but also their respective historical contexts. He concluded by trying to provoke questions about current notions of identity and identity construction.

On 13 November, Dr. Edward Baring (at right, below), Assistant Professor of Modern European Intellectual and Cultural History at Drew University, spoke on, “A Secular Kierkegaard: Confessional Readings of Heidegger before 1945.” Within the context of the reception of phenomenology around Europe, Professor Baring examined how people in the 1930s and ‘40s understood the shift from a religious to an atheistic existentialism. His paper also makes broader claims about secularization.

For more information about the Workshop for Critical Inquiry and upcoming speakers for the spring 2015 semester, contact Dr. Ralph Shain, Associate Professor of Philosophy, at RShain@missouristate.edu

Dr. Pam Sailors Presents at Green Bay Conference

Dr. Pam Sailors (at left, with Muffett McGraw on the right, women’s basketball coach at Notre Dame), CHPA Associate Dean and Professor of Philosophy, presented a paper, “Off the Beaten Path: Should Women Compete Against Men?” at a conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin in May. The conference, “A Mirror of Our Culture: Sport and Society in America,” was co-sponsored by St Norbert College and the Green Bay Packers football organization. While there, Dr. Sailors ran the Green Bay Marathon the day before the conference.

Philosophy Welcomes Dr. Elizabeth Foreman!

This Fall, Dr. Elizabeth Foreman became the newest member of the Philosophy Department at Missouri State. Dr. Foreman was hired earlier this year to replace Professor Joe Martire, who retired the previous spring.

Dr. Foreman received her Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and wrote her dissertation on “Focusing Respect on Creatures.” Before she came to Missouri State, she was teaching in the Philosophy Department at Saint Louis University.

Dr. Foreman will be teaching Philosophy of Law, Philosophy and Public Affairs, and other courses in the area of ethics and values. Her research focus lies primarily with the ethical issues surrounding our treatment of animals.

A food enthusiast and Vegan, Dr. Foreman is working hard to create new recipes in an effort to “veganize” all the foods that she loved growing up.
Political Science

Inaugurates Alice Bartee Speaker Series

by George Connor

Inaugurating an annual speaker series to honor, extend, and enhance the legacy of Dr. Alice Bartee, the Department of Political Science welcomed UMKC Law Professor, Nancy Levit, on September 16, 2014. Professor Levit has been on the faculty of the Law School since 1988. She teaches Defamation & Privacy, Employment Discrimination, Gender & Justice, Jurisprudence, and Torts, and is the faculty advisor to the UMKC Law Review.

In 2012, Professor Levit received the Missouri Governor’s Award for Teaching Excellence. The University of Missouri awarded her a Curators’ Professorship in 2005. She is one of 26 law professors in the country who are profiled in the book by Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz et al., What the Best Law Teachers Do, recently published by Harvard University Press. Professor Levit’s scholarship is principally in the areas of legal pedagogy, constitutional law, jurisprudence, torts, and feminist legal theory. Her book with Doug Linder, The Happy Lawyer: Making a Good Life in the Law, was published by Oxford University Press in 2010. Their sequel, The Good Lawyer: Seeking Quality in the Practice of Law, was published by Oxford this year. She has also written books about feminist legal theory, Feminist Legal Theory: A Primer (NYU Press 2006) (co-authored with Rob Verchick), jurisprudence, Jurisprudence—Classical and Contemporary: From Natural Law to Postmodernism (West Group 2002) (co-authored with Robert L. Hayman, Jr., and Richard Delgado), and sex segregation, feminism, and masculinity, The Gender Line: Men, Women, and the Law (NYU Press 1998).

Professor Levit was the editor of the Kansas Criminal Defense Manual and is presently the editorial associate of the Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Her articles have appeared in the California Law Review, the Fordham Law Review, the George Washington University Law Review, the Georgetown Law Journal, the Hofstra Law Review, the Notre Dame Law Review, the Ohio State Law Journal, the UCLA Law Review, the University of Colorado Law Review, and the Wisconsin Law Review, among other places.

Although Professor Levit and Alice never met, it is clear that they are kindred spirits. Moreover, Nancy is to her students, what Alice was to hers.

To find out more about our efforts to honor Alice, contact Dr. George Connor: GeorgeConnor@missouristate.edu or visit: http://politicalscience.missouristate.edu/alicebarteeendowment.htm
An Evening with the Kazakhstan Ambassador

from Clif’s Notes 12 September 2014

Early this semester, Missouri State welcomed His Excellency Kairat Umarov, the ambassador of Kazakhstan to campus. Congressman Billy Long was instrumental in arranging the visit and the Missouri State University Master of Global Studies Program sponsored the event.

Ambassador Umarov was visiting southwest Missouri to learn about our region and meet with Springfield businesses to explore opportunities for collaboration in the areas of manufacturing, agriculture, education and new technologies.

It was also a terrific opportunity for the Missouri State campus to learn more about Kazakhstan and global affairs. At the event, the ambassador gave a brief presentation and a held a question and answer session. Given his diverse background and experiences, his presentation was well received by those who attended.

About Kazakhstan and Ambassador Umarov

For those who may not know, the central Asian nation of Kazakhstan is the largest of the former soviet republics that gained independence during the dissolution of the old Soviet Union. Ambassador Umarov is now serving his third stint as the nation’s ambassador in Washington, D.C.

One of the many benefits of life on a university campus is learning from the experiences of people like Ambassador Umarov. I look forward to other opportunities as the semester moves forward.

Dr. David Romano Researches Kurdish National Movement

Dr. David Romano, Associate Professor in Political Science, recently co-edited a book with Dr. Mehmet Gurses (Associate Professor, Political Science, Florida Atlantic University), Conflict, Democratization, and the Kurds in the Middle East: Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014). According to the publisher’s website, “While many commentators on the Middle East stress the importance of resolving the Arab-Israeli dispute for achieving ‘peace in the Middle East,’ this book asks whether or not the often overlooked Kurdish issue may constitute a more important fulcrum for change in the region, especially in light of the ‘Arab Spring’ and recent changes in Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria.”

Dr. Romano previously published The Kurdish National Movement (2006), and writes a weekly political column for Rudaw, an Iraqi Kurdish newspaper, and has spent several years living in and conducting research in Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria.
The 2014 May-June Turkey Study Away program was designed to introduce students to the history and politics of Turkey, with a focus on identity politics. By learning about the historical events and personages that become central to the construction of an “imagined community” like the Turkish nation, and then comparing these things to other identity constructions (i.e. alternate nations or identities), students developed a better appreciation for the most powerful motivating ideologies in today’s world. By learning about the identities of others, they also became better able to critically examine their own identity. The main focus for this trip was on Turkish, Kurdish, and Armenian nationalism as well as various religious identities, including secularism.

By actually going to the places where crucial historical events occurred, such as Istanbul, the Gallipoli peninsula, Caldiran, and the foot of Mount Ararat, the issues under discussion moved from the realm of abstraction to a more immediate, understandable, and tangible appreciation. Meeting the people of Turkey from various regions of the country also provided students with an appreciation for the diversity and complexity of identities in existence there. Speaking with business people in Istanbul, Turkish parliamentarians in Ankara, diplomats in the Turkish Foreign Ministry, human rights activists in Van and Kurdish villagers near the Iranian border, for instance, provided many different perspectives.
On May 20, Dennis Hickey, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, traveled to Shanghai to serve as a visiting scholar at Jiaotong University’s Taiwan Studies Center. Jiaotong University covered all airfare, housing, and living expenses. During his month in residence, he traveled to Beijing, Xian and Taipei.

The Thomas Strong Chair in Middle Eastern Studies, the Political Science Department, and the Master in Global Studies Program hosted Dr. Michael Gunter for a public lecture on the current situation in the Middle East, “How to Defeat ISIS via the Kurdish Road.” Dr. Gunter is a Professor of Political Science at Tennessee Technological University.

For more insight into the situation in Syria, Dr. David Romano joins other experts on The Current, a Canadian Broadcasting Company radio program:
http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/popupaudio.html?clipIds=2548374951

Dr. Indira Palacios-Valladares, Assistant Professor in Political Science, was in Washington, D.C. this summer doing some archival work at the library of Congress for her work on student politics in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay. The research trip was funded through a grant from the American Political Science Association.

“How to Defeat ISIS via the Kurdish Road”
Political Science Welcomes New Faculty Members!

At right, left to right:
Dr. Sara Henary, Assistant Professor;
Dr. Samantha Mosier, Assistant Professor; and
Mr. Thomas A. Ringenberg, Visiting Instructor

The Political Science graduate programs (Master of Global Studies and the Master of Public Administration) kicked off the fall semester with a mixer in September at Prima’s Mexican Grill. Good company + great food = wonderful way to begin the semester!

PLS Mixer Begins Fall Semester
Religious Studies News

From Oxford University to Brooklyn, NY: Religious Studies Professor Presents at Summer Seminars

In July 2014 Professor John Schmalzbauer (at left, top) served as an academic consultant for a five day seminar at Regent’s Park College, Oxford. Sponsored by the Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy at Georgetown College, the seminar featured contributions from seven junior faculty and graduate students, as well as Oxford theologian Paul Fiddes and philosopher Roger Ward. Focusing on the theme of “Answering Dystopia,” presentations dealt with contemporary popular culture (Divergent and The Walking Dead), Southern literary life (Walker Percy and Wendell Berry), and American congregations (Atlanta’s Ebenezer Baptist and Orange County’s Saddleback). Dr. Schmalzbauer served as a discussant for the seminar, preparing a paper on the theme of “Answering Dystopia in the Baptist South.” Regent’s Park College is located around the corner from the Eagle and Child, the pub where J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis gathered to discuss faith and literature.

Earlier in the summer, Professor Schmalzbauer presented at a workshop on religion and digital media. Held at the Social Science Research Council in Brooklyn, New York, the event featured eight invited presenters, including faculty from Indiana University, Northwestern University, and the University of Southern California. Professor Schmalzbauer’s remarks focused on the impact of the internet on journalism and academia, including the role of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Founded in 1923 with funding from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Trust, the SSRC sponsors a program on Religion and the Public Sphere. In 2012 Professor Schmalzbauer’s chapter on “Religion and Knowledge in the Post-Secular Academy” appeared in the SSRC’s edited collection, The Post-Secular in Question (New York University Press).

The Blanche Gorman Strong Chair in Protestant Studies, Dr. Schmalzbauer has taught at Missouri State University since 2004. His summer travels were all externally funded.

Above top, Dr. John Schmalzbauer

Above, middle, the Great Tower, Magdalen College, Oxford. From 1929 to 1954, C. S. Lewis served as a fellow of Magdalen College.

Above, bottom, Christ Church, Oxford, where John Locke, John Wesley, W. H. Auden, Lewis Carroll, and William Penn lived and studied. It was also the inspiration for the Great Hall of Hogwarts in the Harry Potter books.

At right, another view of Christ Church, Oxford.
Religious Studies News

Dr. Leslie Baynes Scholar-in-Residence at the Kilns

As part of her 2014-15 sabbatical research, Dr. Leslie Baynes, Associate Professor in Religious Studies, spent a month this fall in Oxford, UK, as Scholar-in-Residence at the Kilns, C. S. Lewis’ home from 1930 until his death in 1963. Living at the Kilns, now owned and operated by the C. S. Lewis Foundation, deepened her appreciation of Lewis’ life and work immeasurably. Dr. Baynes worked in Special Collections at the Bodleian library with handwritten and unpublished Lewis manuscripts, met old friends and made new ones in England and Scotland, and returned to Missouri even more excited about her proposed book on C. S. Lewis and the Bible. Her article “C. S. Lewis’ Use of Scripture in the ‘Liar, Lunatic, Lord’ Argument” was published in the Journal of Inklings Studies October 14.

While in Oxford, Dr. Baynes met with Dr. Michael Ward (C. S. Lewis scholar) and Walter Hooper (literary advisor for the estate of C. S. Lewis) for liturgy at the Oxford Oratory where John Henry Cardinal Newman preached and the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins was curate.

Dr. Baynes will be teaching REL 341, C. S. Lewis, upon her return to campus in the fall 2015 semester.

Religious Studies Welcomes New Faculty Member!

The Department of Religious Studies welcomes new Assistant Professor, Mr. Vadim Putzu, A.B.D., Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Mr. Putzu teaches Judaism, Jewish Philosophy, and Hebrew Bible. His research interests include Jewish mysticism, the Kabbalah, medieval and early modern Jewish history, and science fiction and religion.
The Department of Religious Studies offered two opportunities for Religious Studies students to attend the Passages exhibit, currently in Springfield, MO through December, 2014. Passages is an interactive, living-history exhibit that tells the story behind the Bible's creation and development.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Green family, contains artifacts related to the history of the Bible collected by Steve Green (president of Hobby Lobby), which will later combine with his full collection into a Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. To learn more, visit: http://explorepassages.com/museumofthebible.

Over forty students and faculty attended each visit (May and October). Faculty and museum docents discussed the printing presses, old Bibles, Dead Sea Scroll fragments, Torah scrolls that survived the Holocaust, rare letters, and many other items on view. Thanks to the Passages staff for offering us group rates, as well as CHPA Student Success funds, for supporting this educational opportunity for our students!

Religious Studies graduate student Kimberley Pingatore, faculty member Dr. Martha Finch, graduate student Kyle Maggi, and REL department head Dr. Stephen Berkowitz, in the lobby of Passages exhibit. (photos are forbidden inside the exhibit itself)

Religious Studies Instructor Publishes 39th Book

Mark G. Boyer (at left), Per Course faculty member in Religious Studies for 26 years and a Catholic priest for over 38 years, recently announced the publication of four books.

*Weekday Saints*, reflections on biblical texts assigned to celebrations of saints’ days, was published by Wipf and Stock, Eugene, Oregon.

*Caroling through Advent and Christmas: Daily Reflections with Familiar Hymns* was published by Ligouri Publications. This work offers a daily verse of an Advent hymn or a Christmas carol and reflects upon it in relation to the biblical texts assigned by the Roman Catholic Lectionary for every day of the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Earlier in the year, Wipf and Stock published Boyer’s *A Spirituality of Ageing*, which offers reflections based on sacred texts of world religions that help readers come to terms with their age, using the universal process of denial, rage and anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance.

Boyer’s 1997 book, *Home is a Holy Place: Reflections, Prayers and Meditations Inspired by the Ordinary*, was reprinted with a new cover by ACTA Publications, Chicago. Done in an abecedarian format, this work presents a spirituality of one’s home.

Since 1987, Boyer has written 39 books, some of which have been translated into Chinese, Spanish, and Italian. Besides teaching at MSU, he serves as the director of missions for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and assists the bishop as needed.

At right: On Wednesday, 24 September, the Department of Religious Studies hosted its annual Campus Ministers Appreciation Luncheon at the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center. Dr. Jim Moyer (standing at far right, background), spoke at the luncheon about his 45 years of teaching at Missouri State University.
Sociology & Anthropology News

Dr. William Meadows Attends Code Talker’s Silver Medal Ceremony

In May 2014, Dr. William Meadows (Sociology and Anthropology) visited the Fort Berthold and Fort Peck Indian Reservations in Montana. Dr. Meadows interviewed Mr. Gilbert Horn, an Assiniboine Indian, who used his native language to send coded communications during World War II. Mr. Horn was a member of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), better known as Merrill’s Marauders, a unit of 3,000 American volunteers who landed in Burma and trekked across the Himalaya Mountains to attack the Japanese in Burma from inland, eventually capturing the vital airport at Myitkyina. During that battle Mr. Horn used his native Assinibone language to guide an air-drop of supplies enabling the Americans to recover the ammunition, food, and other items before the Japanese could attack them.

Dr. Meadows also attended the Code Talker’s Silver Medal Ceremony at Fort Peck Reservation, where Assiniboine and Sioux Indians in the 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division, were presented with Silver Congressional medals for the use of their native languages as code talkers during World War II. The 41st Division fought at several locales in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands during World War II. Dr. Meadows has an article on the November 2013 Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Native American Code Talkers, held in Washington, D.C. submitted for publication and is currently working on a book on all Native American Code talks of both World Wars.

November is Native American Heritage Month!
For a list of activities, visit http://diversity.missouristate.edu/HeritageMonths.htm

Students Bring Water and Power to Jamaican School

By Bill Wedenoja, Professor of Anthropology

I have had the pleasure of working with faculty and students on a variety of development projects in the coastal community of Bluefields, Jamaica since 2000. One student, Stephanie Finley, had the Anthropology Club raise funds for a preschool in the community in 2003, and this became an annual tradition. Their efforts have resulted in renovation of the school kitchen, bathroom and playground.
A separate fund-raising initiative by Anthropology Instructor Jason Shepard led to electrification of the three small wooden buildings that served 60 students. A modern 2,400 square foot concrete school house was completed in 2013, thanks to Food for the Poor and a grant of land from the Jamaican government. But the water supply and electrical power proved inadequate.

Ashley Riley, now a graduate student in Applied Anthropology, approached me in fall 2013 about conducting a Bear Breaks Immersion trip to Bluefields in 2014. After conferring with the community, we decided to tackle the very challenging task of creating a solar-powered water supply for the new school. Anthropology GA Christopher Smith did the engineering design and found a contractor in Jamaica to provide materials and technical assistance. Ashley, along with graduate student Emily Hollander, former Bear Breaks Director Patrick Grayshaw, and Bear Breaks GA Amanda Gabbard, planned the trip and recruited eight students, including anthropology majors Caitlyn Eberle and Brittany Lewellan.

Thirteen of us went to Bluefields for a week in May and got the system up and running. Rainwater from the roof is channeled into a 2000 gallon holding tank on the ground. Water from the tank is pumped to a 1000 gallon tank on the roof of the school, using a solar powered pump with a collector on the roof. This water is then fed to the school toilets by gravity. We installed a second pump down a steep hill from the school, at the water main, in order to provide enough pressure to move potable water up the hill to the school sinks and kitchen. Power to this pump was produced by erecting a 20 foot tall pole with another solar collector on it. Water is pumped up the hill to another 1000 gallon storage tank on the roof of the school. With 4000 gallons in reserve, the school can now operate for at least two weeks without rain or water from the main; in fact, shortly after the project was completed the water main was shut down for a week for replacement but classes were able to continue. The school will now also be able to serve as an emergency center, according to a disaster management plan that Chris is preparing for the community.

The publicity surrounding our achievements led two foundations to step forward and provide additional funding that enabled the school to add more solar panels that will supply all their power needs. During the week the students also cleared brush from the area around the school and marked out a fence. Funders stepped forward to complete that project, too. Continued on next page...
...Bluefields, continued

So we now have a new school, with a new fence, that is completely off the grid and self-sufficient in water and electricity, which is probably a first for Jamaica. The next step will be to plan and construct a playground for the school and a school garden, beginning with another Bear Breaks Immersion trip and also a Study Away course in May 2015.


Right, MSU student Ashley Riley cutting fence posts

Dr. Elizabeth Sobel and Students Explore Local Sites

Adapted from MSU's The Mind's Eye blog

Dr. Elizabeth Sobel (at left), Associate Professor of Anthropology, along with the graduate and undergraduate Anthropology students (at left, below), have been exploring local sites to understand more clearly the past of diverse people and work toward greater equality for the traditionally marginalized social, ethnic, and cultural groups in the Ozarks. "Bringing out a people's past in ways that haven't been told completely, or honestly, is one way of bringing about greater equality today," according to Dr. Sobel.

Dr. Sobel and students have been exploring these issues among Greene County pioneers in recent years, including this past summer. Part of her project involves the archaeology of two nearby sites: the Nathan Boone homestead in Ash Grove, Missouri, and the McKinley farm in Walnut Grove, Missouri.

The work focused on spatial layout of the sites, the buildings and other structures, as well as graveyards. Sobel's group, with the assistance of Dr. Kevin Mickus, MSU Professor of Geology, used ground penetrating radar to reveal underground items, including several graves that were hidden by time. Some of those interred were likely slaves, and buried with them, some of the history of African Americans in southwest Missouri.

Dr. Sobel explains, "Looking at the trajectories of McKinley family members, as well as of people who were slaves under McKinley, and their descendants gives us insight into race relations and African American heritage in this region."

By combining what written records exist from the antebellum period, along with oral history and artifacts gathered from these and other archaeological sites, researchers can provide a clearer picture about the lives of African Americans as well as EuroAmericans during this period.

For more on Dr. Sobel's project, visit: http://blogs.missouristate.edu/mindseye/looking-beyond-the-surface-to-reveal-our-hidden-past/
Dr. F. Scott Worman (at left), Assistant Professor of Anthropology, used summer faculty research grant funds to travel to Portugal, Spain, and New Mexico to prepare for future research projects. In June, Scott returned to Portugal where he completed his dissertation research. He spent most of a week reconnecting with colleagues at the Campo Arqueológico de Mértola (CAM) and catching up on their recent projects, which include several excavations in the town of Mértola and a large E.U.-funded project to stabilize parts of the medieval castle and install museum exhibit space in the tower. CAM staff also completed the conversion of a small Islamic period site that Scott helped to excavate into a permanent exhibit in the basement of the new Hotel Museu (Museum Hotel), which was built atop the site.

The second week of his trip was spent traveling to many of the large Roman and Post-Roman sites in southern Spain and Portugal that have been developed for heritage tourism. He spent time in Seville, Córdoba, Granada, and Mérida in Andalucía as well as Évora, Castro Marim, Beja, and Lisbon in Portugal. Scott worked with Dra. Susana Gómez of the CAM to begin planning for a future Study Away program centered on Mértola but including trips to many of these other sites. The program will focus on heritage tourism and the rich multicultural history of Portugal and Spain, and Scott hopes to use it as a springboard for a future field school and more general research on the growing field of heritage tourism around the globe. In late June and early July, Scott traveled to northern New Mexico to complete another phase of fieldwork for a project he’s worked on for several years at the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP). He has had an abstract accepted to present the results of that research at the 2015 meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. While at the preserve, he worked with Dr. Ana Steffen to plan the details of an archaeological field school at the VCNP for the summer of 2015. The field school will emphasize training students for careers in Cultural Resource Management (CRM) archaeology. It will include practical instruction in all phases of compliance driven research, from initial survey to identify, map, and record sites, to test excavations, conditions assessments, and full block excavations undertaken to recover information from sites threatened with destruction.

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Missouri State University, with the approval of the MSU Board of Governors, has formed a new Center for Community Engagement (CCE) with the specific goals of strengthening and increasing the visibility of our Public Affairs mission on campus and in the surrounding region.

Dr. Michael Stout (right, bottom), Sociology Associate Professor at MSU (MStout@missouristate.edu), will be a readily-visible point of contact for anyone on campus or in the community who wishes to conduct community engaged research and/or participate in service opportunities.

Dr. Stout sends us a report on the new CCE:

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) has gotten off to a great start this semester. We've started at the ground floor with an idea and are positioning Missouri State to be the premier university in the state of Missouri for conducting community-based research and for fostering community engagement and building social capital.

Throughout the summer, CCE Graduate Assistants helped the Public Affairs Office work the voter registration tables at SOAR sessions. In late August, the CCE took part in the Neighborhood Night Out festivities (at right, middle), of the Weller and Robberson neighborhoods to survey residents and discuss issues in their communities.

The CCE has also reached out to Student Government Association to bolster student engagement on campus and in campus elections in hopes that it will further encourage civic involvement. We've created a CCE website, Facebook Page, and Twitter account. The website is where community stakeholders can submit project proposals and so far three proposals have been submitted and are under review.

The Grand Opening (at right, top), of the CCE and a ribbon-cutting kicked off the beginning of Missouri State's inaugural Conference on Civic Engagement on September 10th. University President Clif Smart, Springfield City Councilwoman Jan Fisk, and CCE director Mike Stout all spoke on behalf of the new Center. The conference and Grand Opening were a tremendous success. At the conference's high point approximately 215 people were present.

The website for the Center is at http://www.missouristate.edu/cce/

Sociology & Anthropology News

Welcome New Sociology and Anthropology Faculty and Staff!

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology welcome four new faculty and staff: Dr. David Rohall (at left), Department Head, was a professor of sociology at Western Illinois University (WIU) and Director of the Western Survey Research Center. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Maryland in 2000. He taught at the University of Maryland, the University of New Hampshire, and Western Illinois University before taking a position at MSU in the summer of 2014. Dr. Rohall was selected to receive the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award from WIU representing his commitment to both scholarship and teaching.

Ms. Christina Ryder, M.A. in Social Science (far left), is a Sociology Instructor and the Assistant Director of the Center for Social Science and Public Policy Research at Missouri State University. She is also a member of the Springfield, MO Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Council of Collaboratives.

Mr. Cameron Scott Griffith, M.A. (middle left), is an Instructor specializing in Mesoamerican archaeology. Mr. Cameron offers Study Away programs to Belize, Central America, that focus on the ancient Maya civilization and modern cultural diversity of Belize.

Ms. Michele Breshears (above, at right), Academic Administrative Assistant, is an MSU alumna and comes to us from the banking industry.

We Remember... Rev. Dr. Maurice Tate, Sr.

Rev. Dr. Maurice Tate, Sr, (shown, at left), 64 of Springfield, passed away at Mercy Hospital Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014. He was born on Feb. 7, 1950 in Gary, IN to Harold and Virginia (Martin) Tate. Dr. Tate's greatest love was ministering to the community. He graduated high school in 1967 at Roosevelt High School, received his bachelor and masters degree at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO. and his Ph.D. in Education in 1990 from the University of Nebraska. He taught music and African American Studies at MSU. He worked as a Diversity Counselor, a principal at Father Flanagan High School in Omaha, NE, Knox College in Galesburg, IL, Western Illinois University in McComb, IL and Illinois State in Bloomington, IL.

Preceding him in death were his parents; 1 sister, Bessie Jelks; 1 brother, Virgil Tate and a very close friend, Esther Webster.

Dr. Tate is survived by 2 sons, Reynaud Tate of Council Bluffs, IA and Maurice Tate, Jr. of Waukegan, IL; 2 nieces, Lisa & Shalonda Jelks from Gary, IN; 8 great-grand nieces and nephews and numerous friends and family.

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