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Student Highlights

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Paida Chikate published *Nicollet Mall Station safety and the visually impaired* in the *Star Tribune*, which was about the importance of accessibility in urban design. You can find it here <http://m.startribune.com/nicollet-mall-station-safety-and-the-visually-impaired/560074222/>

HISTORY

Nathan Harnit attended the Fort Ticonderoga, NY, Summer Teacher Institute focusing on the American Revolutionary War, held July 21-26. Co-planner, Tim Potts complemented Nathan as being a great addition to the conference that is traditionally only attended by licensed teachers.



Emma Clayton (Social Studies Teaching & History)-Zoe Suski (History) and Sydney Holland (Social Studies Teaching & History) attended the Belfer Conference at the US Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. This is a 3-day conference on how to teach about the Holocaust in the 7-12 grade setting. This is the second time in 3 years that Minnesota State Mankato has sent students to this conference.



Minnesota State Mankato history students visited a traditional Norwegian church and the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo, Norway. This was part of the Minnesota State Mankato-University of South-Eastern Norway exchange program last spring connected to the co-taught class between our two universities titled, "Norwegian Immigration to the US."



Sam Gavin (Social Studies Teaching & History) attended the Colonial Williamsburg Teachers' Institute for 1- week, summer 2019. He stayed on site and was able to learn about Colonial America from some of the leading experts in this field. Since sending Minnesota State Mankato students out to this program for the past 3 years, Colonial Williamsburg has now set up an award just for a college student from Minnesota.



Madison Morrissey (Social Studies Teaching & History) was the first Minnesota State Mankato student to attend a 3-day event at the LBJ Center Teachers' Workshop which focused on, "Why Women Organize," Summer 2019.



Faculty and Department Highlights

ANTHROPOLOGY

Chelsea Mead (American Indigenous Studies) has been awarded a system Multi-Campus Collaboration Grant. Her proposal, "Ojibwe Language Consortium," was fully funded (\$64,208) to support and expand upon Minnesota State Mankato's emerging collaboration with Bemidji State University teaching Ojibwe language courses. Dr. Mead plans to expand learning opportunities for students studying Ojibwe at MNSU and BSU.

ECONOMICS

Saleheen Khan was invited and appointed as a visiting researcher at the University of Ottawa for the summer of 2019. The University of Ottawa is a Tier-1 Ph.D. granting university in Canada. His work while in Canada was focused on conducting a research project.

GEOGRAPHY

Don Friend is serving the year as a senior science advisor and National Academy of Sciences Jefferson- Science Fellow (JSF). His bio posted in the Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment - Office of Global Climate Change - Climate Risk Management Team at the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Jose Javier Lopez, graduate student **Deanna Almquist**, (**Anthropology**), and **Pedro Thomas**, (**Sociology & Corrections**), published, "The geography of prostitution arrests in Virginia, USA, 2002–2013," in, *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, August 2019, pp 1-25.

Fei Yuan, **Chris Ruhland** and **Andrew Hill's** paper was recently published in the *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* on June 19, 2019.

GOVERNMENT

Pat Nelson presented at the International Conference on Criminal Justice in Paris, France, June 25, 2019. Her paper, "Changes in Student Definition of De-Escalation in Professional Peace Officer Education," won the Best Paper Award of the conference.

Pat Nelson's paper "Changes in Student Definition of De-Escalation in Professional Peace Officer Education," was published in the *International Journal of Law and Political Sciences*, and has also been selected to be included in a 2019 Special Issue about Criminal Justice.

Fred Slocum served as a consultant for a series of children's books on American political officials - one book each on the president, a U.S. senator, a U.S. representative, and a Supreme Court justice. The books, in press as of spring 2019, are being published by Capstone Press, North Mankato, MN.

Fred Slocum gave a talk on Southern politics to a Concurrent Enrollment U.S. Government class at St. Peter High School, May 7, 2019.

Fred Slocum completed a two-week Japan Studies Institute at San Diego State University, June 3-16. The intensive course, sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, is designed to encourage college and university faculty members to incorporate Japanese studies into their courses.

PSYCHOLOGY

Kevin Filter and colleagues from the University of Minnesota has been awarded a \$1.4 million federal research grant from the Institute of Education Sciences. Project PACT began on July 1st and funds 5 studies over 4 years with the goal of developing a measure of K-12 teacher commitment to implement school-wide evidence-based behavioral intervention programs.

Daniel Sachau was featured in WalletHub's recent piece about the happiest states in the U.S. You can find it here <https://wallethub.com/edu/happiest-states/6959/#expert=daniel-a-sachau>

Eric Sprankle and his research team (students **Machensey Shelgren** and **Alex Twohy**) conducted a needs assessment with members of the Sex Workers Outreach Project (Jayne Swift, Andi Snow, and Ramona Falls). This needs assessment examined the workplace conditions and labor rights of Minneapolis-based erotic dancers. Based on the results of the study and many months of activism with city officials, a new city ordinance was unanimously passed on August 23 that will increase the health and safety of employees and decrease financial exploitation of workers in Minneapolis strip clubs.

Eric Sprankle and Katie Bloomquist, a therapist at the Minnesota Sexual Health Institute, published the research article, "Sex worker affirmative therapy: Conceptualization and case study," in *Sexual and Relationship Therapy, Volume 34, Issue 3, Pages 392-408*.

SOCIAL WORK

Kofi Danso & Ross Aalgaard's article, "Socialization of doctoral students: Implications for Social Work Education," was published in, *Journal of Teaching Social Work, 39(3), 260-270*.

Nancy Fitzsimons was appointed by Governor Tim Walz to serve as Chair of the Minnesota Council on Disability (until January 3, 2022), July 3, 2019.

Nancy Fitzsimons was elected as secretary of Arc Minnesota and now serves on the Governance Committee, June 2019.

Molly Norris, an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Social Work, was appointed as the president of the Minnesota School Social Work Association, June 2019.

SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

Kristi Rendahl presented in London at the Biennial Conference of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council. Rendahl and Jeannie Fox (Hamline University) co-presented a session titled, "Nonprofit Management and Leadership Education: Cross-sector and interdisciplinary approaches."

Kristi Rendahl, traveled to Bogotá, Colombia, with the support of a Faculty Improvement Grant (FIG), August 2019. Her primary counterpart during the visit was Dr. Tatiana Duplat Ayala, author of the book, "*Paz en la Guerra Reconciliación y democracia en el Alto Ariari*" (2019), executive director of the Bogotá municipal library network, and former executive director of national radio and television archive Señal Memor.