

Student Highlights

GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES

Julie Wilbert, Minnesota State Mankato alumni '00 published a children's book recommended for ages three through eight. The book, titled *Abbey Goes Skiing*, is available on the *Sport Girl Press* website.

HISTORY

Abigail Hoy-Nissen, (MA, History, '18) has been awarded the 2018 Master's Thesis Award from the Iowa History Center for her outstanding thesis on the history of Iowa. The Master's Thesis Award is an honor presented annually by the Iowa History Center at Simpson College to recognize students who make a contribution to the knowledge of Iowa history through their research.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Students from *Tom Inglot's* Introduction to Comparative Politics class (35 students) and three

students from his Capitalism, Nationalism, Democracy class, participated in the *Fall 2018 Council on Foreign Relations' Academic Conference Call* series. The series featured Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. secretary of state, chair of the Albright Stonebridge Group, and distinguished professor in the practice of diplomacy at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Albright discussed how the reemergence of authoritarian nationalism is shaping the world today.

PSYCHOLOGY

A team working with an industry client through the I/O Psychology Master's program's *Organizational Effectiveness Research Group (OERG)* was selected to compete in the finals for the Hyperdrive eLearning competition, which is part of the DEVLearn conference in Las Vegas, October 2018.

Faculty and Department Highlights

ECONOMICS

Rita Ray presented research to the students of an Augsburg Econometrics class, on October 4, 2018. The presentation title was, "Can a Mother's Autonomy Complement Public Policy? A Case Study on Mothers' Autonomy and Childhood Anemia in India." This research suggests that the development of education curricula in India must include the topic of gender equality in order to enhance women's autonomy.

Rita Ray's paper "Child Health and Maternal Health in Uttarakhand: Where does this Hill State Stand

after 15 years?" is published in the book entitled *'Development Dynamics Of A Himalayan State: Discourses On Uttarakhand Development Since Inception.'*

GOVERNMENT

Josh Berkenpas presented a paper titled "The Making of Eclectic Pluralism in Political Theory" at the 2018 Northern Great Plains History Conference.

College Highlights

HOMEcomings 2018: STOMPING THROUGH THE DECADES

CSBS was well represented in the Homecoming Parade, which was held downtown for the first time since 1970 to celebrate the university's 150th year! Dean Loayza would like to thank all of the students, faculty, and staff that volunteered to march in the parade. SBS's 1970s themed delegation featured marchers in "Mankato State

University” t-shirts and other 1970s attire (fitting “Stompin’ through the Decades since 1977” theme), two vintage automobiles, a truck, and a float featuring Godzilla rampaging through New York City.

A special shout out goes to Homecoming Parade Chair, Jessica McLaughlin (Sociology and Corrections) and unofficial co-chair, Tyler Vaughan (Sociology and Corrections) for their work on the float. Tyler and Jessica created a 9 foot tall Godzilla with moving legs and tail that truly equaled the efforts of the Toho Studios special effects team that created the legendary Godzilla films of the 1970s. Thanks to the Corrections Club and Social Work Club for helping create the cityscape and the Empire State Building! Finally, thanks go out to Barbara Carson (Sociology and Corrections), Dennis Waskul, (Sociology and Corrections), and Christine Black-Hughes (Social Work) for contributing both their vehicles and their excellent driving skills. Overall, The Social and Behavioral Sciences Homecoming float and parade participation were incredible!

If you missed the parade, please enjoy pictures from the event below:

