

Student Highlights

EARTH SCIENCE

Zach Hilgendorf, Greta Wells, Dr Phillip H.Larson **Jason Millett** and **Melissa Kohout** published, "From basins to rivers: Understanding the revitalization and significance of top-down drainage integration mechanisms in drainage basin evolution" in *Geomorphology*.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169555X19305112?via%3Dihub>

ECONOMICS

Joshua Snapp is going to present at this year's NCUR conference in Bozeman, MT (which runs from March 26-28, 2020). Josh is going to present his Econ 485W research project entitled "Making Sense of the College Debt Spiral in the United States: A Regression Analysis."

GOVERNMENT

Megan Pavek presented her Sustainable Communities class project posters, "Healthy Lakeshore Practices," and "Conserving Water Resources and Maintaining Agriculture in County Ditch 56," at the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association was held in Breezy Point, September 26-27, 2019.

Alexi Bode's presented a poster titled, "Using Natural Language Processing with Dynamic Neural Networks for Best Practices in Statewide Planning and Administration," at the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association was held in Breezy Point, September 26-27, 2019.

PSYCHOLOGY

Graduate students from the Industrial-Organizational Psychology program, **Sarah Mason, Trevor Frey, Jack Wychor and Tino Mahomva** gave two presentations at Minnesota State University, Mankato's Technology Roundtable, Mankato, MN December 3.



SOCIAL WORK

Bla Yang, was named to the Governor's Young Women's Cabinet. The Mankato Free Press story is found at the following link: https://www.mankatofreepress.com/news/local_news/at-the-forefront-local-leaders-named-to-state-young-women/article_5d2a1d82-2991-11ea-a902-f7a06f57d745.html

Nelsie Yang, BSSW alumna was elected to the St. Paul City Council in November 2019. Nelsie is the first Hmong-American woman elected to the St. Paul City Council, and will serve the east side's Ward 6.

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/11/08/st-paul-city-council-election-results>.

Nelsie Yang, BSSW alumna was the keynote speaker for the 49th Annual Diversity Dinner, Mankato, MN, January 31, 2019.



Faculty and Department Highlights

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. Woo Jang was elected for a two-year term as the Higher Education Representative to the Board of Directors for the Minnesota GIS-LIS Consortium. The Higher Education Representative oversees the Annual Scholarship and Paper Competition, which fields participants from Minnesota's Community Colleges, four-year Minnesota State Universities, the University of Minnesota, and private universities/colleges.

GOVERNMENT

Dr. Tomasz Inglot was inducted into the club and honored at the 15th annual celebration of the Quarter Century Club on November 14 2019.



HISTORY

Dr. Justin Biel published, November 2019 "Edge of Engagement: The Akbar tradition and 'universal tradition' in British Bengal," in the *Cambridge University Press*.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/modern-asian-studies/article/edge-of-enlightenment-the-akbar-tradition-and-universal-toleration-in-british-bengal/DAED9927770FF83AB4976FD2FA7D3261>

NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Kristi Rendahl published an article, "Organizational development with torture rehabilitation program" in the *Journal of Torture and Prevention of Torture*, January 20, 2020, <https://tidsskrift.dk/torture-journal/article/view/112347>

SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Christine Black-Hughes was inducted into the club and honored at the 15th annual celebration of the Quarter Century Club on November 14, 2019.



SOCIOLOGY AND CORRECTIONS



Dr. Christine Pigsley received the Best Paper award at the US Association of Small Business Entrepreneurship annual academic conference, January 6, 2020.

Dr. Christine Pigsley was named a finalist for the 2019 Emerging Research Award, by the Direct Selling Education Foundation.

Dr. Steve Buechler, professor emeritus, wrote, "How Steve Became Ralph: A Cancer/Stem Cell Odyssey (with Jokes)," and was featured on WCCO, January 10, 2020.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUfYUImyhJU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3s0ZufXALY-qZ_76XxTBWO28dRO6n8gouixZRDq4BxDGPUc8q5cTnagsQ

College Highlights

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is proud to announce that Dr. Jameel Haque has been named the new director for the Kessel Peace Institute beginning Jan. 1.



Mehr Jay Shahidi, Alumnus and SBS Advisory Board Member wrote an article in *the Star Tribune* about the Ukrainian Airline tragedy "For Minnesotans of Iranian heritage, the news brings grief, worry"

<http://www.startribune.com/for-minnesotans-of-iranian-heritage-the-news-brings-grief-worry/567026572/>