

## Student Highlights

### ANTHROPOLOGY

*Ty Warmka* (graduate student) presented, "Sisseton archeology in the Dakota Homelands," at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, September 20-22, 2018.

*Trisha Walker* (graduate student) presented, "Ethnography of the dead: the use of grave markers in the reconstruction of identity," in conjunction with *Dr. Kathleen Blue*, at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, September 20-22, 2018.

*Kayla Jackson, Rachel Vang, Samantha Zahn, and Emily Ruoff* (graduate students) presented, "Ours for a little while: Child identity and representation in two southern Minnesota cemeteries," in conjunction with *Dr. Kathleen Blue*, at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, September 20-22, 2018.

### GEOGRAPHY

*Padam Pande*, Nepali international student and Professional Science Master's Candidate in Geographic Information Science, has been accepted to the United Nations GIS Intern program. He will serve full-time for six months in the Geospatial Information Section, Division for Information and Telecommunications Technologies, Department of Field Support at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

### SOCIAL WORK

*Ayan Musse* (BSSW student) presented, "Own your story," at the Feminist Feast with the Women's Center, October 24, 2018, Mankato, MN. Ayan is also a member of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council.

### SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

*Logan Neitzke-Spruill* (alumni '17), and *Carol Glasser* published, "A gratuitous grace: The Influence religious set and intent on the psychedelic experience," in the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 2018.

*Hirat Muse* (graduate student) presented, "The political crisis in Somalia: An international media analysis," at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018. Hirat was advised by *Saiful Islam*.

*Steven Michael Ellis* (undergraduate student) presented a scholarly review titled, "Social assistance for disability: A sociological analysis of current programs and issues in the United States," at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018. Steven Ellis's presentation received special mention from the conference chair.

*Neha Bista* (Aging Studies graduate student) presented a review titled, "Health benefits among pre-retiree employees in a university setting," at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018.

## Faculty and Department Highlights

### ANTHROPOLOGY

*Chelsea Mead* chaired a session titled, "Dakota history," at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, September 20-22, 2018.

*Kathleen Blue* chaired the panel discussion and presented her paper, "The first grave: An analysis of place and identity as evidenced in two Minnesota cemeteries," at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, September 20-22, 2018.

*Rhonda Dass* presented, "Behaving like relatives," at the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society, Buffalo, NY, October 19, 2018

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at the American Folklore Society annual meeting, Buffalo, NY, October 19, 2018.

**Rhonda Dass** convened the Politics, Folklore, and Social Justice Section's business meeting at the American Folklore Society annual meeting. Dr. Dass was also integral in organizing and hosting the sections inaugural evening gathering and happy hour discussion on current political issues and social justice movements.

### ETHNIC STUDIES

**Lu Yan** presented her research project for the Mid-Western Educational Research Association (MWER) conference in Cincinnati OH on October 25, 2018. Her presentation was on mentorship between doctoral students and graduate faculty.

### GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

**Maria Bevacqua** was interviewed for the *San Francisco Chronicle* in the October 2018 issue's article titled, "#MeToo movement spurs #HimToo backlash: 'People don't want to believe.'"

### GOVERNMENT

**Tom Ingot** presented a public lecture on "Trumpism – The Origins and Future Perspectives" at the discussion club of the Polish weekly news magazine *Tygodnik Powszechny*, Wroclaw, Poland, October 12, 2018.

**Tom Ingot** participated in the conference on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's independence, "1918-2018-Poland in a Changing World." He delivered a paper entitled "Strengths and weaknesses of the Polish Welfare State, 1918-2018," Warsaw, Poland, October 18-19, 2018.

### GOVERNMENT

**Josh Berkenpas** was awarded a Presidents' Commission on the Status of Women grant for his research, "Race, nationalism, and women's support for male candidates in American politics."

### HISTORY

**Lori Lahlum** presented, "Many have left their farms": navigating the 1890s economic crisis in Western Norwegian American communities," at the Western History Association annual meeting, San Antonio, TX October 17-20, 2018. As WHA Nominating Committee chair, she also gave reports on the recent election at the WHA Council meeting and at the WHA business meeting.

### SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS

**Afroza Anwary's** paper, "Intersection of sexual violence against women and sectarian agendas in India" was published in the October 2018 issue of *Generos: Multidisciplinary Journal of Gender Studies*.

**Saiful Islam** spoke at the Pre Med Club Meeting for the Department of Biological Science, Minnesota State Mankato, October 17, 2018. Dr. Islam gave a talk on the "Social determinants of health: How social factors influence health."

**Saiful Islam** organized the panel session, "Public Policy and Organizations;" at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018.

**Saiful Islam** organized the panel session, "Sociology of health, aging, and medicine," at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018.

**Saiful Islam** presented, "States as Actors in health policy reforms in the United States: The case of Obamacare implementation and repeal attempts," at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018.

**Saiful Islam** presented, "Social determinants of health in the U.S.: Global actions the role of local actors," at the Sociologists of Minnesota conference, St. Cloud, MN, October 12-13, 2018.

**Saiful Islam** was nominated as the Sociologists of Minnesota (SOM) representative for the south.

During the month of October, The Social Justice Lecture Series presented a series of exhibits and presentations entitled the "Transfer of Memory: Reflecting on the Holocaust." This presentation series included an art exhibit featuring photography of Holocaust survivors living in Minnesota, in their homes, as well as presentations by David Sheerman, NBA photographer and artist, and Holocaust survivor, Fred Amram. Exhibit curators were Laura Zelle and Susie Greenberg. This exhibit and series of events provided the Minnesota State Mankato community an opportunity to learn about the Holocaust; both its past, and the lessons we can learn from it for a more peaceful and just future.



*Fred Amram speaks about his experience during the holocaust at the Social Justice Lecture Series 2018.*

# College Highlights

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences celebrated scholarship recipients and donors at the annual SBS Scholarship Dinner, October 30, 2018.. Speakers including Provost **Marilyn Wells**, scholarship donor **Jodi See**, and student recipients **AbdulRahmane Abdul-Aziz** and **Karly Kaufman** shared the impact scholarships have made in their own lives. At the conclusion of the dinner, students were given an opportunity to formally thank the

donor who had awarded them a scholarship. A special thanks should be extended to **Denise Thompson**, **Becky Kunst** and **Becky Gunderman** for their hard work planning this years' 2018 Scholarship Dinner. Overall, it was an evening filled with gratitude and inspiring stories.

Below are pictures from the event:

