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GIS program integrates drones into research and classes



Figure 1: Jonathan Beck (NCTC UAS Instructor, Pilot) launching Sentera Phoenix fixed-wing drone.

A cooperative unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or 'drone' research and discovery project started take off in late March 2016. The initial partners include Northland Community and Technical College (NCTC), Stearns County SWCD-NRCS, several Stearns County farmers and the Geography-GIS program at St. Cloud State University.

The initial site visit included consulting with several farmers to find out their agricultural practices and needs, a site and safety evaluation for the UAS flights and test flights over several agricultural fields. Additional flights throughout the spring and summer will be planned to align with the farmers' planting and crop schedules.

NCTC, a key partner in the project, is the only state agency with a statewide 333 commercial exemption and Certificate of Authorization (COA) for UAS aircraft. This partnership easily allows a public institution like St. Cloud State to move forward in applied research in areas of integrating UAS, GIS and remote sensing data due to current FAA restrictions and equipment costs.

The commercial drone units being used for the research retail between \$25,000-\$30,000 each depending on cameras, sensors and other hardware. NCTC recently received an NSF Advanced Technological Education program project award to provide access and awareness to education about UAS technology. This project is demonstrating development pathways in geospatial and conservation education and careers impacted by UAS technology.

St. Cloud State and NCTC faculty would additionally like to incorporate the UAS data into the classroom projects and instruction. Knowledge gained and lessons learned will help other Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) institutions seeking integration of UAS technology into their programs.

Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) would find UAS data extremely useful for their engineering efforts in field terracing, ditch construction, grass waterways and buffers. Farmers could also see benefits for crop management, irrigation efficiencies and soil nutrient generation.

St. Cloud State sees a primary benefit of UAS data being the timeliness and accessibility of the imagery. Instead of weeks to get images from traditional remote sensing satellites, this could be reduced down to days. As research in this field continues to grow it will allow for better research in mapping of temporal changes of land cover and soil mapping and classification.

Figure 2: Stearns County Aerial Photography with Lidar Based Terrain Model for Elevation shows one of the sections in Maine Prairie Township where flights are being done.

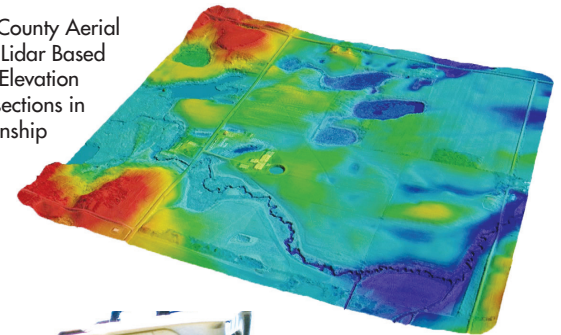


Figure 3: (Left to Right) Brad Wenz (SWDC), Jonathan Beck (NCTC), Ben Richason (SCSU).



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Research Institute updates

The School of Public Affairs Research Institute (SOPARI) continues to work on a variety of applied research projects and has grant applications and prospective contracts under review. Some current work includes:

- The St. Cloud Area Quarterly Business Report (in collaboration with the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation and Times Media)
- The QBR Review Program (in collaboration with Great River Federal Credit Union)
- Regional Minnesota Economic and Business Conditions Reports (in collaboration with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State)
- City of Waite Park Land Use Study (in collaboration with the city of Waite Park)
- Metropolitan Athletic Complex Research Study (in collaboration with the city of St. Cloud)

The SCSU Survey also recently completed work on a social capital survey in the St. Cloud area and is currently undertaking annual project work for the Minnesota Lottery. Planning for the February 2017 Winter Institute is also under way.

Among recent grant activity coming from the School of Public Affairs is a submission to the National Science Foundation (NSF) titled "Data and Text Mining in the Social Sciences: Transforming Unstructured Text Files into a Buildable, Replicable, and Scalable Data Infrastructure." Principal investigators on this grant submission include Department of Criminal Justice professors Mary Clifford and Lindsey Vigesaa, and Mark Schmidt, professor of information systems. SOPARI has also collaborated with colleagues in St. Cloud State's psychology, communication sciences & disorders, information systems, mathematics and computer science & information technology departments on a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant proposal titled "SCSU Multidisciplinary Center to Enhance Cyber Education and Research."

SOPARI is working with the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation and a team from the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University on a proposal that would lead to the creation and maintenance of a regional dashboard for the St. Cloud area. Teams of students from St. Benedict's/St. John's and St. Cloud State would be engaged in quarterly applied research to collect a range of data that will allow St. Cloud to compare itself to similar communities across a range of dimensions. Finally, SOPARI is also working on bringing together key community stakeholders to collaborate on a St. Cloud Area Visitors Profile. This project would ultimately include a detailed profile of area visitors, an estimate of the economic impact of visitors (including separate economic impact estimates of key sites in the area), and analysis of regional data to complement a profile of visitors to the area.

For more information about SOPARI activities, contact Rich MacDonald, Interim Director, St. Cloud State School of Public Affairs Research Institute at ramacdonald@stcloudstate.edu.

Winter break short-term education abroad opportunities

Costa Rica

Travel across the beautiful country of Costa Rica while discovering its culturally and biologically rich environment. Nestled between Nicaragua and Panama, Costa Rica is the perfect blend of tropical and rainforest climates. While participating in this program, St. Cloud State students will travel to multiple cities and explore all that Costa Rica has to offer with an emphasis on geography. Students who are interested in Spanish, travel and tourism, biology, environmental studies and/or history and culture will also benefit greatly from this opportunity.

Credits: 3 credits (GEOG 410/GLST 410)

Contact: Mikhail Blinnikov msblinnikov@stcloudstate.edu

Application Deadline: 10/1/2016



Laos, Thailand, Malaysia

Traveling through Southeast Asia, students will witness the developing governments and societies of Laos, Thailand and Malaysia. Most popular for their tourist attractions, Southeast Asia is enriched with a deep history of division as well as unified strength. Before going on this short-term program, students are required to attend a Sunday night class to learn about the political structures and history of Laos, Thailand and Malaysia.

Credits: 3 Credits

Contact: Shoua Yang syang@stcloudstate.edu

Application Deadline: 10/1/2016



Minn. Chiefs of Police Association Command Academy partnership

St. Cloud State's Public Safety Executive Leadership Master of Science program is the exclusive partner and co-host of the Advanced Chief Law Enforcement Office (CLEO) & Command Academy. The Minnesota Chiefs Police Association's Advanced CLEO & Command Academy is designed for experienced police chiefs and commanders at local and state law enforcement agencies in Minnesota and neighboring states. The goal of the CLEO & Command Academy is to address 21st century public safety challenges in Minnesota communities.

Candidates must have a minimum of two years of experience in a leadership role at their agencies and be seeking to address a real-world issue in their departments. Students will learn cutting-edge, research-based strategies to address challenges outlined in the President's Task Force Report on 21st Century Policing, build professional and personal connections with peers and obtain POST Board credits and points towards CLEO certification and/or renewal. Course topics include communications, human resources, community trust, organizational change, officer wellness and technology. A cohort of about 25 individuals will participate in the eight-month academy from September 2016 to April 2017.

Student, staff help St. Cloud Police net COPS grant

The St. Cloud Police Department received a \$375,000 2015 COPS Hiring Program Grant to hire three officers who will work in the campus-area south side neighborhood thanks in part to St. Cloud State University staff and a student.

The grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) provides a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits of the full-time officers for a three-year period. St. Cloud Police is one of 196 agencies that earned about \$107 million in grant funds. The St. Cloud Police Department will use the funds to hire three officers and purchase a COPS house in the south side neighborhood where the officers will be stationed.

St. Cloud State Criminal Justice graduate student, Blake Held coordinated writing the grant. Held met with St. Cloud Police Commander Jim Steve '87 to gather data, community statistics and narratives. Held also worked with Student Life and Development Assistant Dean of Students Jen Matzke '96 to develop a draft of the grant and submitted it with Steve's approval. President Earl H. Potter III submitted a letter in support of the grant from St. Cloud State.

"I think it will provide opportunities for community members to engage with law enforcement in positive non-enforcement activities," Matzke said.

The police stationed in the COPS house will have the opportunity to better understand the needs in the community and build a cooperative and trusting relationship with people who live in those communities. Held agreed. The program will help deter crime in the south side neighborhood and help students feel safer, he said.

This is another example of the partnerships St. Cloud State has with the St. Cloud Police and should complement the work being done by the successful Campus Area Police Services (CAPS) officers, he added. The COPS grant will also bolster another St. Cloud State and city partnership — Eyes on the South Side, a collaborative program that encourages rental property owners and residents in crime prevention and reduction strategies. The program will be managed from the COPS house once the house is established.



St. Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson, Mayor Dave Kleis, St. Cloud State University President Earl H. Potter III and Student Life and Development Assistant Dean of Students Jen Matzke speak to residents on the south side during a neighborhood walk where campus representatives, community members and St. Cloud police team up to welcome students back to St. Cloud and remind them how to be good neighbors and be responsible. Photo by Nick Lenz '11

Social Capital Survey highlighted at Community Pillars Forum

One highlight of the sixth-annual Greater St. Cloud Community Pillars Forum was the release of results of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation's 2015 survey on social capital.

SCSU Survey worked with UpFront Consulting in November to conduct the survey on behalf of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation.

Social capital is a way of measuring the connections, relationships and trust among different groups of people within the community.

The Social Capital Scale combines 24 items about trust, community and social connections.

Social capital has been associated with many community benefits such as improved relationships among diverse populations, entrepreneurship, community health and educational attainment. The Central Minnesota Community Foundation conducted similar studies in 2004 and 2010.

The 2015 study found that social capital increased in 2010, but it is not as high as it was in 2004.

A higher percentage of respondents said that they have had someone of another race in their home or were in the home of someone of another race. The percentage of respondents who said they trust people from Somalia increased by 17 percent. Trust of African Americans and Latino people also increased, according to the survey.

While trust among people is up, trust in the national government fell among respondents as it did in the 2010 survey. Volunteerism is also down.

Nearly 100 student callers from the SCSU Survey lab participated in conducting the 2015 Social Capital Survey under the supervision and leadership of student directors Megan Kalk and Josefina Abdullah.

Faculty survey directors include St. Cloud State professors: Ann Finan, Jim Cottrill, Steve Frank, Steven Wagner, Sandrine Zerbib and Amanda Hemmesch. UpFront consultants include: Diane Tuff and Murdoch Johnson.

The survey questionnaire was based on a set of similar questions developed by the Saguaro Seminar on Civic Engagement in America, based at Harvard's Kennedy School. Assessments of social capital using this survey tool have been conducted in many communities around the country.

The telephone survey included responses from 510 residents of Central Minnesota.

The study was sponsored by the Central Minnesota Community Foundation along with its partners — CentraCare Health Foundation, Initiative Foundation, Morgan Family Foundation, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud Times Media and the United Way of Central Minnesota.

SCSU Survey updates

The SCSU Survey completed its 35th year of operation. This academic year, the SCSU Survey conducted the 25th annual fall semester statewide survey and 35th annual spring survey of currently enrolled St. Cloud State students.

Surveys were also completed for the St. Cloud Community Foundation relating to social capital and SCSU Survey is in the process of finishing the 16th annual statewide survey for the Minnesota Lottery. This year, the survey brought in \$75,000 in external contracts.

Student Survey Directors Megan Kalk and Josefina Abdullah were selected to participate in Posters at St. Paul, an annual Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) student research showcase event this spring. Posters at St. Paul was held at the State Capitol and provided students the opportunity to share their undergraduate research, scholarly or creative activity with legislators and other leaders in state government and with MnSCU system administration. This unique day at the Capitol provides State legislators the opportunity to engage with students, faculty and administrators in meaningful ways and draws attention to the amazing work students have completed.

This event has a significant impact with state leaders who are able to interact directly with student researchers and see the significance of undergraduate research and its importance to your local community, region and state.

Most survey results can be found at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/scsusurvey/>

Innovation Winter Institute 2017 theme

Mark your calendars! The Center for Economic Education and the Economics Department are pleased to announce that next year's Winter Institute will be held Feb. 23-24.

The 2017 theme will be "Ideas and Innovation." We are beginning to build a very exciting program featuring renowned economists and business leaders. We want to continue to make this a successful event for the School of Public Affairs and beyond. Please contact us if you would like to be involved or volunteer during the event.

If you or your department would like to financially support the Winter Institute, please consider donating to the St. Cloud State Foundation Winter Institute Account.

Your donations help to make great events like these possible. Please contact Lynn MacDonald lcmacdonald@stcloudstate.edu or Cindy Fitzthum cjfitzthum@stcloudstate.edu with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Alumnus speaks on Islamophobia in Minnesota

A leading civil-rights activist and spokesman for Minnesota Muslims discussed unfounded fears about Islam Feb. 9 in Ritsche Auditorium.

Jaylani Hussein '11, executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN), also discussed experiences of Muslims in America and related local, national and international issues.

Hussein's "Islamophobia in Minnesota" talk came on the heels of rising anti-Muslim sentiment on websites, television, radio and social media.

Some of those attitudes are part of a wave of anti-immigrant feeling in America. Some attitudes are fueled by a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, the November 2015 Paris attacks and other incidents attributed to followers of the Islamic State, also known as acronyms ISIS, ISIL and Daesh.

CAIR-MN recently sponsored a "Challenging Islamophobia" conference in Fridley. CAIR-MN is also leading an effort to document anti-Muslim incidents in Minnesota on the <http://cairmn.com> website. Citing Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics, the Washington Post last year reported that anti-Muslim hate crimes are five times more common than before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. America's largest Islamic civil liberties and advocacy group, CAIR



Jaylani Hussein '11 speaks to campus on Islamophobia.

has 35 offices and chapters, including a headquarters in Washington D.C. Among its goals: "Enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding."

Christianity, Islam and Judaism, the three largest Abrahamic religions, share a common link to the prophet Abraham, an important figure in the Christian Bible, Quran and Hebrew Bible.

Hussein holds a St. Cloud State bachelor's degree in community and planning development and a bachelor's degree in political science from North Dakota State University. He has worked as a community liaison officer for Metropolitan State University and a planner for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The immigrant experience through many lenses: Global Goes Local Conference

Music, economics, labor organizing and oral history were among the perspectives on the immigrant experience at Global Goes Local 2016.

In its sixth year, the conference on social conditions of Minnesota immigrant workers was held April 11-12 on campus. Minnesota is home to more than 400,000 immigrants from nations such as Mexico, India, Laos, Somalia and Vietnam.

Presentations included:

- Economist Bruce Corrie discussed the economic benefits Minnesota derives from immigrants, including more youth, high rates of entrepreneurship, connections to global opportunities and high rates of civic engagement. Learn more about the Concordia University professor at ethnicalcapital.com.
- Mike Hasbrouck '87 and Stearns County Pachanga Society performed "Cruzando Fronteras: A Musical Story about Immigration Told in Words, Music and Images." A guitarist and singer, Hasbrouck is a St. Cloud State professor of Spanish in the Department of Languages and Cultures. The seven-piece Pachanga Society welcomed guest accordionist Dan "Daddy Squeeze" Newton.

- Saket Soni talked about organizing guest workers and day laborers. Soni is the executive director of New Orleans-based National Guestworker Alliance. Among other positions, the alliance argues the federal government's guest worker program encourages labor exploitation, wage theft and worker mistreatment.



Saket Soni, executive director, National Guestworkers Alliance, delivering keynote lecture on "The New Economy: Organizing Immigrant Guest Workers and Day Laborers."

- Students in Mary Wingerd's HIST 675 Oral History class hosted a panel discussion on its "We Are Minnesota: Recent Immigrant Oral History Project."

Global Goes Local is organized by the Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota, which is funded by the School of Public Affairs and the College of Liberal Arts. The Corrie lecture is sponsored in part by the Office of the Dean of the Herberger Business School. The research group is directed by Stephen Pillion, professor of sociology.

Alumni/Student Highlights

Josefina Abdullah (sociology) and **Megan Kalk '16** (international relations and sociology) presented results from the Spring 2015 Student Survey and the Fall 2015 Omnibus Statewide Survey at "Posters in St. Paul," a Minnesota Undergraduate Scholars event in March at the capitol in St. Paul. Faculty mentors included: Nadeesha Lihinikadu Arachchige (mathematics & statistics), James Cottrill (political science), Ann Finan (sociology & anthropology), Stephen Frank (political science), Monica García-Pérez (economics), Amanda Hemmesch Breaker (psychology), Steven Wagner (political science) and Sandrine Zerbib (sociology & anthropology).

Adam Barthel '16 (geography & planning) presented his research on the historical geography of saw milling towns as a precursor of urban settlement in Minnesota at the Minnesota Undergraduate Scholars Conference in Winona in April.

Kelsey Carlson '12 (geography & planning) and **Gareth John** (geography & planning) published their paper 'Making Change' in the Memorial Landscape to the Dakota-U.S. War of 1862: Remembrance, Healing and Social Justice through Affective Participation in the Dakota Commemorative March in Social and Cultural Geography. 10.1080/14649365.2016.1147062. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14649365.2016.1147062>

Dave Evensen (geography & planning), **Tom Stoffel** (geography & planning) and **Alex Voigt** (geography & planning) were awarded a grant from the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies to pursue a curriculum project that they are developing called Fins, Feathers, Forest and Fur: A Curriculum Guide to Minnesota's Great Outdoors. This extremely innovative, and creative curriculum project will allow social studies teachers from across the state the opportunity to teach one-day lessons that are connected to Minnesota's outdoor activities. Each lesson will look at the history, politics, economics and geography of various outdoor activities and relate them back to the classroom setting.

Richard Gordon (geography & planning and environmental & technological studies)

received the St. Cloud State Newman Civic Fellow Award. The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

Alexander Kimball '15 (economics) presented his research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in April. His research focused on analyzing sales data on DVDs and Blu-ray discs from 2009-2014. Kimball's findings indicate that both DVDs and Blu-rays are price-inelastic goods, but have very different income elasticities of demand: DVDs are an inferior good, while Blu-rays are a luxury good.

Katherine Kotschevar '13 '15 (economics) is an analyst at ThinkVine, Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior she served as statistical analyst for Haystack, LLC and at Preferred Credit, Inc.

Abdulahi Mohamed (political science) is a member of the Willmar City Council Human Rights Commission. The commission's mission, as stated on the city's website, is "to facilitate equal opportunity and improve human relations for all citizens in the City of Willmar ... to assist the Minnesota Department of Human Rights in implementing the Minnesota State Act against Discrimination." Mohamed works an interpreter at the Divine House, which provides living solutions for disabled persons in Minnesota in small community-based home settings.

Brett Mushatt '07 (criminal justice) was promoted from lieutenant to commander at the St. Cloud Police Department. Mushatt was hired as a part-time community service officer in 2001, and then hired as a police officer in 2002. He was promoted to sergeant in 2009 and to lieutenant in 2016, when he was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit. Mushatt also graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, in 2014.

Nicholas Neuman '16 (geography & planning and political science) was accepted to the Masters of Public Policy (MPP)

program at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Neuman completed internships with Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA) as well as the city of Little Falls. He is the current president of the Community Planning Association and University Ambassador as well as serves on the MSUSA student board and St. Cloud State Student Government.

Oluwatobi Oluwagbemi (political science and women's studies) received the Timothy J. Penny State Public Service Fellowship. Two fellowships are awarded each year for students in state of local government internships. Oluwagbemi also spoke about her experiences as an international student at the St. Cloud Area League of Women Voters annual meeting in April.

Jeff Oxtan '98 (criminal justice) was promoted from commander to assistant chief of the St. Cloud Police Department. Oxtan has worked for the St. Cloud Police Department for 21 years. He was hired as a policing assistant in 1994 and then hired as a police officer in 1995. He was promoted to sergeant in 2006 and to lieutenant in 2012.

Theodore Rex '16 (geography) presented his research results on Place Politics in the Creation of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness at "Posters in St. Paul," a Minnesota Undergraduate Scholars event in March at the capitol in St. Paul. Gareth John (geography) is his faculty mentor.

Matt Roisum '10 (economics) is a senior credit analyst at Home Federal Savings Bank in Rochester. Previously he served as a junior loan officer/credit analyst at Harvest Bank.

Paul Ryan '14 '16 (economics) is Basel validation analyst at U.S. Bank in Minneapolis. His responsibilities include working with U.S. financial regulatory bodies and ensuring sound lending practices. Previously Ryan served as graduate project assistant for the School of Public Affairs Research Institute.

Alumni/Student Highlights

Brian Ryks '89 (criminal justice and aviation) was selected by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) committee to serve as MAC executive director. He will oversee operations at MSP International Airport and six other small airports in the metro area, 580 employees and a \$300 million annual budget. Most recently, Ryks was executive director and CEO of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lt. Col. Rodman Smith '94 (criminal justice) was promoted to chief conservation officer of the Enforcement Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Smith was assistant director and 19-year veteran of the department. Smith will oversee a \$38 million annual budget and a staff of 250 employees, more than 200 of whom are licensed conservation officers. The division is responsible for enforcing the state's laws related to game and fish; public lands, waters and natural resources; units of the outdoor recreation system and outdoor recreation-related public safety.

Rosesam Smith '16 (political science) wrote a \$200 grant application for a Political Science course project that was awarded to the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center. Stearns Electric Association awarded the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center with \$200.

Tou Xiong '12 (economics) was elected as a Maplewood City Council member in January. Xiong is the first Hmong member and the first millennial to serve. Xiong is an urban planning organizer for Harrison Neighborhood Association in Minneapolis and recently graduated from William Mitchell College of Law. Xiong serves on the board of trustees for the Ramsey County Library and has volunteered for the DFL party for the past eight years.

Franklin Zumba-Deleg '15 (political science) was accepted into the University of Minnesota Comparative and International Development Education (CIDE) masters program for fall 2016. Zumba-Deleg interned at the Consulate of Ecuador in Minneapolis where he supported consulate directors with Ecuadorian community needs as well as assisted with the annual South American Trade Forum.

Faculty/Staff Highlights

Mikhail Blinnikov (geography & planning) and **Gareth John** (geography & planning) attended and presented research papers at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) March 29-April 2 in San Francisco, California.

Edward Greaves (political Science) and **Shawn Schooley** (political science) will present "Issues Surrounding the Summer Olympics in Brazil" from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Whitney Senior Center as a part of their Humanities Lecture Series. This event is free and open to the public.

Kenneth Rebeck (economics) worked with financial and economics education experts across the country to create national standards-based personal finance tests for elementary schools (Basic Finance Test), middle schools (Test of Financial Knowledge) and high schools (Test of Financial Literacy). He also co-authored with William Walstad (University of Nebraska) the examiner's manuals for each test.

Shawn Schooley (political science) will present two sessions at the National Gang Crime Research Center's (NGCRC) annual conference in August. The topics are Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs and Testifying as a Professional Witness.

School of Public Affairs celebrate retirements and years of service

2015-2016 Retirees

John Campbell, criminal justice
Stephen Frank, political science

25 Years of Service

Patricia Bodelson, political science
Eungmin Kang, economics

15 Years of Service

Douglas (Lee) Gilbertson, criminal justice
Aspasia Rigopoulou-Melcher, geography & planning
Betty Schwarzkopf, school of public affairs

10 Years of Service

Mario Hesse, criminal justice
Gareth John, geography & planning
Chukwunyerere Ugochukwu, geography & planning



St. Cloud State Social Studies Teaching students (left to right) Payton Pulkrabek, Jocelynn Moran and Tom Stoffel travel to K-12 schools with a Civil War Traveling Trunk.

Civil War Traveling Trunk visits area K-12 schools

Future social science teachers are making the wars of this country's past a bit more real to middle school and high school students. Under the guidance of Professor Kyle Ward, a number of teacher candidates are traveling to area schools with a variety of artifacts from the American Civil War, World War I and World War II. Student Allyssa Evenstad wrote a Civil War lesson plan for middle school students. World War I and World War II lesson plans were also created for high school students.

Students Tom Stoffel, Jocelynn Moran, Payton Pulkrabek and Cassie Nelson took the Traveling Trunk to Elk River's Vanderberg Middle School to Alex Sears' sixth grade social studies class.

"The most impressive part about the St. Cloud State students' presentation was how they were able to bring Civil War education

to life," Sears said. "They brought artifacts such as Union and Confederate jackets, boots and caps that students were able to try on and walk around in. One student even brought homemade hardtack and Johnny Cakes [made from authentic recipes] for the students to taste-test, which elicited many disgusted, but a few satisfied reactions. Overall the presenters exhibited a great deal of preparation and did a fantastic job."

The 'traveling trunk' idea came out of a War and Society course taught by Ward. As part of the course, Ward made arrangements for his students to spend substantial time at the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley in Little Falls. Based on their experience at the museum, the students put together a "Traveling Trunk" of uniforms, helmets, boots, ammunition pouches, canteens, load bearing vests and other materials from the museum.



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