

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### ► GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES

Graduate student, **Maimuna Zahra Fariha** published the following research she conducted in Bangladesh.

- [Perception of Substance Abuse Among Adolescents in Urban Slums](#) (Photo narrative)
- [Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the social, economic, and psychosocial wellbeing of Sex Workers in Bangladesh](#)



Maimuna Zahra Fariha

Read more about her research [here](#).

Graduate student, **Maya Wenzel** published an article, "[Legislation Threatens To Erase the LGBTQ Community— It's Time To Explain and Claim the 'A' in LGBTQIA+](#)" in *Ms. Magazine*.

### ► GEOGRAPHY

**Namidu Vishwanath De Silva**, graduate student pursuing his master's degree in Geographic Information Science (GIS) was awarded the 2022 Student Leader Award from the SBS Advisory Board



### ► HISTORY



**Amber Prange**, a 2007 graduate of the Social Studies Teaching program was awarded the 2022 Distinguished Alumna Award from the SBS Advisory Board. She currently teaches social studies at Mankato East High School.

Graduate students, **Paul Spyhalski** and **Brianna DeValk** presented their research at the 12th Annual Texas A&M History Conference hosted by the History Graduate Student Organization at Texas A&M University.



Paul Spyhalski



Brianna DeValk

### ► PSYCHOLOGY

Students in I/O Psychology program volunteered for Maverick Food Pantry. Students moved 8,000lbs of food in 40 minutes!



Psychology students volunteering for Maverick Food Pantry

**Ashlee Lundberg** (School Psychology alumna) had her manuscript, "Applying peer tutoring to spelling with elementary-aged students" accepted for publication in *Applied School Psychology*. It is based on her dissertation, and was co-authored by four faculty, three within the Psychology Department.

Students and faculty in School Psychology program presented at the Annual Convention of the National Association of School Psychologists in Boston, MA.

Presentations as follows:

- Alstead, K. J., Hilt-Panahon, A., Clonkey, H. R. (2022, February). Tootling as a best-evidence intervention. (Paper)
- Moen, C. J., Yaeger, R., Cowger, S. & Panahon, C. J. (2022, February). Mindfulness-based interventions as a school readiness practice. (Poster)
- Petersen-Brown, S., Kinsey Hawley, E., Fischer, E., Dela Paz, I., & German, D. (2022, February). The effectiveness of incremental rehearsal and implications for schools. (Paper)
- Riese, A., Schneider, M. M., Engle, K. R., Panahon, C. J., & Cordle, M. R. (2022, February). Examining the impact of Covid-19 on college students' experiences. (Poster)
- Seifert, C. M., Panahon, C. J., Yaeger, R., & Engle, K. R. (2022, February). Identifying effective components of cyberbullying intervention and prevention programs. (Poster)
- Tyler M. Szydlo, Elyse M. Farnsworth, Jessica L. Dreyer and Trae J. Boldthen. Kindergarten Transition Practices that Promote Positive Behavioral School Readiness Skills. (Poster)
- Kirsten W. Newell, Texas A&M University; Elyse M. Farnsworth and Maxwell L. Keller. Beyond BICS and CALP: Preparing our schools for bilingual learners. (Paper)
- Elyse M. Farnsworth, Maddie Cordle, Ariana J. Groen and Alora G. Rands. Fostering Hope in Students to Promote Positive School Outcomes. (Paper)



*School Psychology  
Doctoral students at NASP*



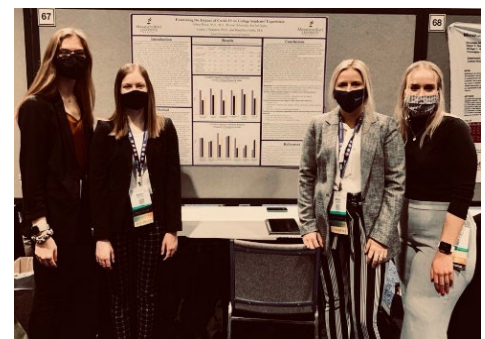
*Kennedi Alstead and Hannah Clonkey (L-R)*



*Sammi Cowger, Caitlin Moen, and Rayna Yaeger (L-R)*



*Emily Fischer, Iwalani Dela Paz, Danielle German, and Elizabeth Kinsey Hawley (L-R)*



*Melissa Schneider, Kaylee Engle, Abbey Riese, and Maddie Cordle (L-R)*

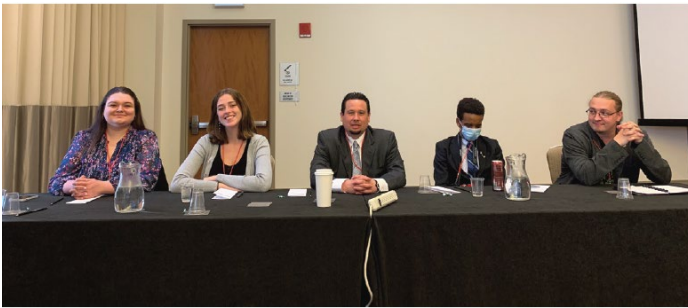


Alora Rands, Maddie Cordle, Dr. Elyse Farnsworth, and Ariana Groen (L-R), ready to present

School psychology doctoral student, **Sammi Cowger** served as a trainer for a full-day professional development session with three K-12 schools on Implementing Advanced Tiers of PBIS in Winona, MN on April 13.

### ► SOCIOLOGY

Sociology graduate students presented at the Midwest Sociological Society meeting in April 2022 in Chicago, IL.



(L-R: Presider: Colin Larter Ph.D. candidate at Iowa State University and a graduate of our master's program. Panelists (all sociology graduate students from Minnesota State Mankato): Nabil Mohamed, Charles David Hassinger, Brooke Weinmann and Justice Greene.)



Fio Haire

Graduate Student **Fio Haire** participated recently in the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in Chicago, IL, and presented the paper *Born Again: Narrating the Mental Health Impacts of Apostasy*.

Graduate student **Brooke Weinmann** attended in the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society meetings in Chicago, IL where she participated in the following panel presentations; *Learning to Teach in COVID Times and First-Generation Students: Navigating Higher Education and Beyond*. Brooke also presented a formal paper titled *Romantic and Sexual Intimacy during the COVID-19 Pandemic*.



Brooke Weinmann

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

### ► CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Dr. Sue Burum** (Law Enforcement) delivered her research, "Workaround vs Jerk Around: Using OSHA to Accomplish a Vaccine Mandate" at the National Social Science Association's spring meeting in Las Vegas March 14, 2022.



Dr. Thor Dahle

**Dr. Thor Dahle** received the 2022 SBS Advisor Recognition Award.

**Dr. TJ Vaughan** and his colleague, Lisa Holleran published an article, "[Adverse Childhood Experiences in Capital Sentencing: A Focal Concerns Approach to Understanding Capital Juror Leniency](#)" in *Justice Quarterly*.



Dr. Tamara Wilkins

**Dr. Tamara Wilkins** attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice Honor Society Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV on March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Wilkins was awarded the 2020 Distinguished Life Membership Award by Alpha Phi Sigma.

► **ETHNIC STUDIES**

**Dr. Lu (Wendy) Yan** published a new article, "[Critical-Thinking Experiences of Chinese and U.S. College Students: A Comparative Analysis Using Phenomenology](#)" in *The Qualitative Report*.

► **GEOGRAPHY**

**Dr. Mark Bowen** received the 2022 SBS Advisor Recognition Award.



Dr. Mark Bowen



Dr. Donald Friend

**Dr. Donald Friend** and his international colleagues published an article, "[Vegetation Ecology of Debris-Covered Glaciers \(DCGs\)—Site Conditions, Vegetation Patterns and Implications for DCGs Serving as Quaternary Cold- and Warm-Stage Plant Refugia](#)" in *Diversity*. It was selected as The Feature Paper and Cover Story, with one of their figures appearing on [the journal issue cover](#).

► **GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**Dr. Yalda Hamidi** received the 2022 SBS Advisor Recognition Award.



Dr. Yalda Hamidi

► **GOVERNMENT**

**Dr. Tom Ingot** (Political Science) was interviewed in February by the KYEC TV, [Mankato Free Press](#) and South Dakota Public TV on the topic of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

► **HISTORY**

**Dr. Jill Cooley** explains segregation, especially how and why spaces were segregated, in response to discussion regarding a local infinity group for students of color in [The Free Press of Mankato MN Letter to the Editor](#).

► **PSYCHOLOGY**

**Dr. Kevin Filter** (School Psychology) published the following two research articles through work funded by the federal research grant, Project PACT. Courtney Sowle, his doctoral advisee, co-authored both papers.



Dr. Kevin Filter

- Filter, K. J., Johnson, L. D., Ford, A. L. B., Sowle, C. A., Bullard, S. J., Cook, C. R., Kloos, E., & Dupuis, D. (2022). [An expert consensus process to distill Tier 1 PBIS into core practice elements essential to improving front-line implementation](#). *Education and Treatment of Children*, 45 (1), 51–67.
- Filter, K. J., Ford, A. L. B., Bullard, S. J., Cook, C. R., Sowle, C. A., Johnson, L. D., Kloos, E., & Dupuis, D. (2022). [Distilling check-in/check-out into its core practice elements through an expert consensus process](#). *School Mental Health*.

**Dr. Filter** was invited to give the following presentations.

- Filter, K. J. (2022). Practical Functional Behavioral Assessment Strategies for Supporting Student Outcomes. Wisconsin School Psychologists Association Spring Convention. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

- Filter, K. J. (2022). Tier 2 Behavior Intervention Teaming: A Focus on Fidelity of Implementation for Evidence-Based Interventions. Wisconsin School Psychologists Association Spring Convention. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Also, **Dr. Filter** provides professional development training for K-12 schools throughout year. Recently, he gave Southern Region PBIS Lead Trainer for Cohort 16 and Cohort 17 schools (3 days training) for Southern Regional Implementation Project in Mankato, MN in March 2022, and Tier 2 PBIS Training Lead Trainer for Southern Regional Implementation Project in Winona, MN in February 2022.

**Dr. Filter** presented an invited oral presentation at the 19th International Conference for Positive Behavior Support in San Diego on April 14 with school psychology doctoral students, **Courtney Sowle** and **Lars Olson**. The title of the session was, “Distilling Core Front-Line Implementer Actions for Tier 1 PBIS: Expert Consensus.”

**Dr. Eric Sprankle** (Clinical Psychology) has signed a book deal with Union Square & Co for an upcoming book titled *DIY: The Wonderfully Weird History and Science of Masturbation*. The book will examine the crusade to suppress masturbation, the sex educators fighting back, and the public’s confusion about what constitutes healthy self-pleasure. Publication date to be determined.



*Dr. Eric Sprankle*

### ► SOCIOLOGY

Emeritus Professor **Dr. Steve Buechler** was awarded the 2022 Distinguished Professor Award from the SBS Advisory Board. He was part of the University for 31 years, working in the Department of Sociology & Corrections, retiring in 2017.



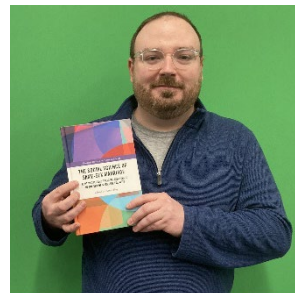
*Dr. Steve Buechler*

**Dr. Afroza Anwary** has received the Presidential Teaching Scholar Fellowship for Summer 2022 through university. The fellowship program provides support for faculty in their commitments to teaching and learning at Minnesota State University, Mankato.



**Dr. Aaron Hoy** published his book, *The Social Science of Same-sex Marriage*.

**Dr. Hoy** also received the 2022 SBS Advisor Recognition Award.



*Dr. Aaron Hoy*