

Student Highlights

GOVERNMENT

Joseph Markert '20, was accepted as a Peace Corp volunteer in the African country of Togo. His travel was delayed due to the Covid-19 epidemic but now he is expected to travel there on October 1, 2020.

Grant MacFarlane and Katelynn Ogunfolami received the first 21st century citizenship awards. These awards are granted to students who develop their 21st century citizenship skills of critical thinking and political vision through taking four classes with *Dr. Josh Berkenpas*.

Brennan Stamman, International Relations (double major in Spanish), had his research project, "The return to isolationism in US foreign policy under the Trump administration," accepted for presentation at the 2020 Undergraduate Research Symposium (Mankato) and at the Midwest Political Science Research Conference (Missouri). Both venues were changed to virtual presentations due to Covid-19.



Brennan Stamman

PSYCHOLOGY

Megan Johnson was awarded a Graduate Student Research Grant for her project, "Psychometric support of an App evaluation tool: Becoming critical consumers of educational apps."

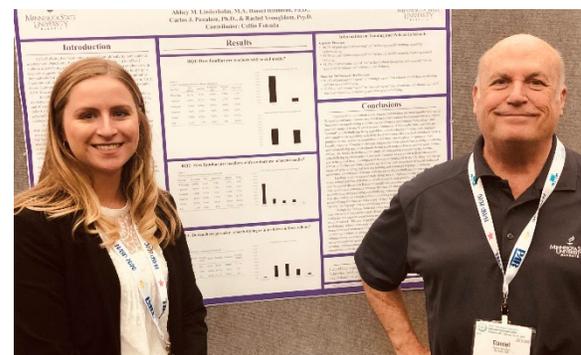
Ashley Williamson was awarded a Graduate Student Research Grant for her project, "Rural school psychology and the path forward."

Elizabeth Kinsey Hawley was awarded a Graduate Student Research Grant for her project, "Adolescent reading comprehension intervention."

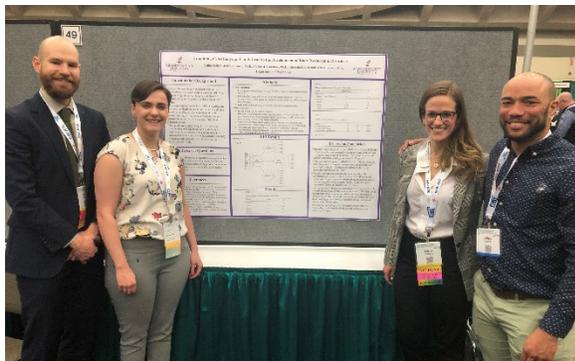
The **School Psychology Doctoral Program** attended the annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 18-21. Students, alumni, and faculty conducted 13 presentations on various research topics including academic interventions, behavioral interventions, and cyberbullying.



Maggie West, Ashlee Lundberg, Dr. Shawna Petersen-Brown (faculty), Megan Johnson, Jennifer Nelson, and Julie Bowen



Abbey Linderholm with Dr. Dan Houlihan



Collin Seifert, Kierstin Keller, Ariana Groen
with Dr. Jeff Brown.

SOCIOLOGY

Anfa Diiriye and **Emily Gunderson** (Sociology graduate students) authored a paper with **Dr. Aaron Hoy**, titled, "Divorce ideation and deal breakers among married gay men and lesbians: A Qualitative Exploration," which was accepted for presentation at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, which was to be held in Omaha, NB, April 2020, before it was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Brett Neel, was accepted into the Fort Ticonderoga Summer Teachers' Institute, July 19-24, 2020. This is an annual event for Social Studies teachers from around the nation and it is very competitive. So, not only is it impressive that he was accepted, but also that he will be the only college student in attendance.

SOCIAL WORK

Monde, Solomon (graduate student) and **Dr. Kofi Danso's** paper, "Immigrants and food scarcity: Examining the neighborhood characteristics," was accepted into the National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Washington D.C., June 20-23.

Faculty and Department Highlights

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kathleen Blue signed a yearlong contract with MnDOT to provide statewide osteology services for their Cultural Resources Unit projects.

Kathleen Blue's grant project, "*The use of dental non-metric traits in assessing a Viking settlement in Ireland,*" has been renewed.

Susan Schalge was selected to be a member of the CETL Faculty Fellows Cohort for 20-21.

Chelsea Mean was selected to be a member of the CETL Faculty Fellows Cohort for 20-21.

ECONOMICS

Atrayee Ghosh Roy's paper, "Pedagogy and student learning outcomes in elementary schools in rural India: A Difference-in-Differences approach," was accepted for presentation at the Western Economic Association Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 26 – 30, 2020.

HISTORY

Jameel Haque was selected to be a member of the CETL Faculty Fellows Cohort for 20-21.

Lori Lahlum and Molly Rozum were scheduled as banquet speakers at the 2020 Dakota Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, April 24-25, 2020, prior to its cancellation due to COVID-19. The presentation, "'Press fearlessly on for right must prevail': Episodes in the Woman Suffrage Movement in the Dakotas," was based on stories from *Equality at the Ballot Box* (South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2019) and in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. Dr. Lahlum was also to chair a session.

Lori Lahlum will be one of the roundtable discussants at the postponed, "Determined to rise: Women's historical activism for equal rights," originally scheduled for March 2020, at the Michigan History Center.

Lori Lahlum was scheduled to be a part of a woman suffrage session at the 2020 Western Writers of American Conference in mid-June. The conference has been postponed until September 4-6, 2020.

Lori Lahlum was scheduled to speak at the Blue Earth County Historical Society March 28, 2020, and at the Nicollet Co. Historical Society in May. Both events will be re-scheduled due to Covid-19.

Lori Lahlum's short piece for *Minnesota History* (a reassessment of an important suffrage article) has been cut from the fall suffrage issue because of the MNHS budget cuts connected to the pandemic.

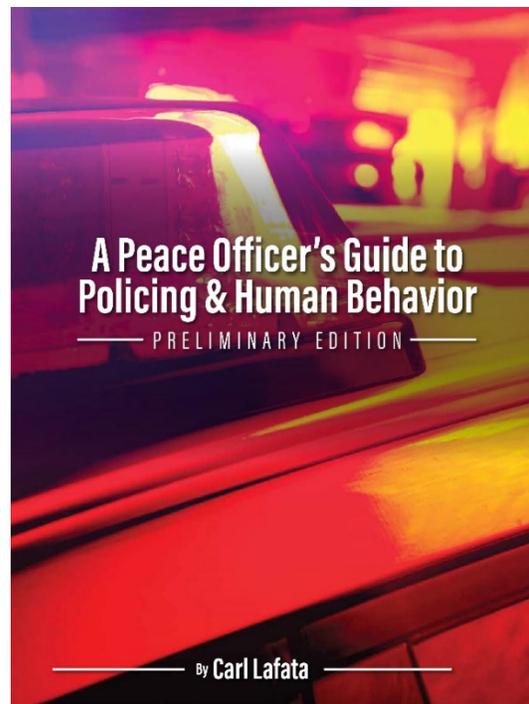
GOVERNMENT

The Masters of Arts in Urban Studies program has been approved by NASPAA, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration.

Tom Inglot co-edited a special issue of the peer reviewed journal, *East European Politics and Societies*. This issue was accepted for publication earlier this year and will appear online this month. Regular publication has been delayed due to Covid-19 and is scheduled for the August or November issue

Sue Burum published, "Madison v. Alabama: Does the 8th Amendment prohibit the execution of a person who does not remember his crime?" in *National Social Science Journal*

Carl Lafata's textbook, "A police officers guide to policing and human behavior," just went to press. The preliminary edition will be ready for the summer session of LAWE 242 and the first edition will be on bookshelves in time for spring 2021.



SOCIOLOGY

Aaron Hoy received a \$1,050 grant from the Midwest Sociological Society's Scholarship Development Committee to support his research, "The marital attitudes and aspirations of unmarried young adults in the LGBTQ community."

Aaron Hoy's edited volume, "The social science of same-sex marriage: LGBT people and their relationships in the era of Marriage Equality," is now under contract with Routledge.

Aaron Hoy and Emily Boyd's anthology, "*Sociology of families: Issues, perspectives, and debates,*" is now under contract with Cognella. They will pilot a preliminary edition of the book in SOC 208: Families in Society in fall and spring semesters next year.

Aaron Hoy's paper, "When two become one? Communal orientations and their challenges among married gay men and lesbians," was accepted for presentation at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, which was to be held in San Francisco, CA in August



2020, before it was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The **Applied Leadership program** hosted the first Great AOS Get Together, April 16, 2020. The gathering was a zoom event for students and faculty in the major to get to know one another as Applied Leadership is a fully online asynchronous program where students often

only get to meet in person at graduation if ever. **Dean Matt Loayza**, Student Relations Coordinator, **Sara Leigh**, and Communications and Events Director, **Elyse Anderson** also joined us to say hello. Fourteen individuals attended the event including students from Colorado, Texas, and New York as well as local Mankato students.