Welcome to the e-Bulletin of the Weber State University College of Social and Behavioral Sciences! With this monthly publication, distributed to faculty, staff and friends of the College, we will highlight the publications, achievements, and awards of the College’s faculty and students, as well as upcoming events in the College.

Please give us your feedback and suggestions for the e-Bulletin, and give us your news about more accomplishments of SBS faculty, staff, and students, and lectures and other upcoming events.

**Faculty Notes**

**Recent publications by College faculty members:**


**Susan Matt** (History) saw publication in September of her book *Homesickness: An American History*, by the Oxford University Press.
Julie Rich (Geography) published "A 200,000-year record of late Quaternary Aeolian sedimentation on the Southern High Plains and nearby Pecos River Valley, USA" in Aeolian Research, Vol. 2, No. 4, Spring 2011.


Scott Senjo (Criminal Justice) has published a textbook, Sexual Deviance and the Law: Legal Regulation of Human Sexuality (Kendall Hunt Publishing Company).

John Sillito's (History) new book, A History of Utah Radicalism: Startling, Socialistic, and Decidedly Revolutionary, (co-authored with John McCormack) came out this fall, from the Utah State University Press.

Other faculty news

Brooke Arkush (Sociology and Anthropology) was named a Weber State University Presidential Distinguished Professor in April.

Lauren Fowler (Psychology) was awarded an extension of her NSF-REU grant, and continues to work on USTAR-funded research project grants in collaboration with faculty at Utah State University. Lauren is a member of the Council of Undergraduate Research Executive Board and Chair of the National Council of Undergraduate Research Board of Governors.

Steve Vigil (Social Work) made a presentation at the State's annual Substance Abuse Conference in June at the University of Utah, “Pathways to Recovery: A Dialectical Behavior Therapy Approach.”

Ron Holt (Sociology and Anthropology) presented a paper titled "RE-Thinking the Tribal Paradigm in Afghanistan," at the Culture and Foreign Language Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, May, 2011.

Marjukka Ollilainen (Sociology and Anthropology) presented on an invited panel on "Negotiating Motherhood in Academia" at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas (August 2011).

Branden Little (History) received a travel grant from the American Historical Association to support his research this past summer at the Eisenhower, Truman, and Hoover libraries.

Greg Lewis (History) has returned from a successful year as a Fulbright scholar in China, where he conducted research on Chinese cinema for a book he is writing.
Maria Parrilla de Kokal and Melinda Russell-Stamp (Psychology) received an Ogden/Weber Chamber Partners in Education award for their work with WSU Psychology students on the Washington High School intervention program.

Julie Buck (Criminal Justice) is currently serving as President of the Western Association of Criminal Justice.

Matthew Schmolesky (Psychology) serves as President of the Intermountain Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) is serving on the Board of Directors of the Jean Piaget Society and was Past President of the Rocky Mountain Psychology Association.

**Student Achievements**

A total of 30 Psychology students presented 30 papers or posters at 12 conferences during the spring and summer of 2011. Notably, Amy Friend presented a poster at the prestigious CUR Posters on the Hill:


Five psychology students were awarded research grants to complete senior theses from the Office of Undergraduate Research, including Kelley O’Keefe and Christopher Malan, supervised by Matthew Schmolesky, Alisha Gardner and Amanda Jean Fouks, supervised by Aaron Ashley and Amy Trevethan Blunk, supervised by Leigh Shaw and Eric Amsel.

The Geography Department sponsored a community-based research project in West Africa last spring semester, 2011. Several Geography students working with Professor Bryan Dorsey traveled with WSU Health Sciences faculty member Lisa Trujillo to central Ghana as part of a humanitarian aid-study abroad experience last May. Fundraising efforts, including a bike-a-thon and silent auction were led by geography majors Sarah Rumpsa and Candace Mau. As part of their senior research projects, Sarah and Candace conducted surveys focused on transportation geography, specifically the mobility of women and health care workers in Ghana.
Thirty-two Criminal Justice students accompanied Bruce Bayley to participate in the national Mock Prison Riot this year in West Virginia.

2011 graduates of the College who are beginning graduate studies this fall include:

**Pat Brady** (Criminal Justice), Master of Criminal Justice program, Boise State University.

**Paula Fiet** (Psychology), graduate training in Education at Harvard University.

**Christian Petersen** (Psychology), graduate training in neuroscience at the University of Michigan.

**Coming Events:**

Lampros Lecture Series

Dr. William W. Freehling (Senior Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities), “‘Excruciating Labor;’ How the Secessionist Minority of Southerners Broke Up the Union.”

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 PM, Hurst Center for Lifelong Learning, Dumke Room.