

2007-2008 Annual Report

Faculty of Social Sciences

Steve Soderlind, Associate Dean

Introduction

The Social Science Faculty of fifty-seven full-time and thirty part-time members taught over 300 courses in their departments during 2007-08. Faculty members also taught outside their departments in the Great Conversation, American Conversation, Asian Conversation, Environmental Studies, Women's Studies, Statistics, International Studies, and First Year Writing. Advising, administration, governance, community service, and professional activity also occupied their time.

Teaching by department

Table 1 provides data on enrollments and teaching by department in 2007-8. For historical reference it includes comparable data for 2006-7 and on average for the three years from 2000 to 2003.

This year's faculty served roughly the same number of students per FTE as the year before. Its heaviest teaching loads (student credits per FTE) continued to fall in Management Studies (at 166.7), Social Work/Family Studies (157.1) and Sociology/Anthropology (151.4). The economics, social work, and exercise science programs are growing quickly these days, and Nursing has more than doubled its student-courses per FTE since 2003 (jumping from 55.3 to 111.3 since 2000-03). With strong enrollments across the board, the social science faculty has been hard at work teaching.

Department:	2007-8			Past Year: 2006-7			Average 2000-03	
	Stud credits	Tchg FTE	Stud-Crs per FTE	Stud credits	Tchg FTE	St-Crs perFTE	Tchg FTE	St-Crs perFTE
Economics	859	6.00	143.2	818	6.00	136.3	7.33	128.40
Education *	824	8.14	101.2	908	8.20	110.7	8.88	82.70
Exercise Science (activity)**	315	3.72	84.7	316	2.95	107.1		
Exercise Science (major)	305	1.83	166.7	271	1.83	148.1		
Management Studies	555	3.33	166.7	528	3.33	158.6	3.17	172.90
Nursing	463	4.16	111.3	457	4.33	105.5	4.45	55.30
Political Science	778	6.00	129.7	790	6.00	131.7	5.44	136.30
Social Work/Family Studies	418	2.66	157.1	352	2.67	131.8	2.83	147.90
Sociology/Anthropology	857	5.66	151.4	905	6.00	150.8	5.56	156.20
Totals	5374	41.5	129.5	5345	41.3	129.4	42.3	115.80

* Education includes many part-time faculty devoted to student teaching and licensure.

** The Exercise Science Department offers many quarter-credit physical activity courses, so serves many times more students per credit than other departments.

Contributions to College Administration

The social science faculty contributed heavily to college administration in 2007-08. In addition to service as department chairs and program directors, members of the social science faculty served as Director of the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL), Director of the Center for Innovation in the Liberal Arts (CILA), Athletic Director, and Director of Institutional Research and Planning (IRP). In all, 7.31 FTE was devoted to administrative activities from the social science faculty in 2007-8.

SSF colleagues also devoted considerable time and effort to faculty governance. One member chaired the Review and Planning Committee; another chaired the Tenure and Promotion Committee. Many served on standing committees.

Space and Facilities

The Social Science Faculty was housed in four buildings through the year: Holland Hall, the Modular Village, the Science Center, and Skoglund/Tostrud. Offices and working conditions are generally comfortable and appreciated, though the nursing department remained split between the science center and Holland with several substandard offices and a tired lab. Our nurse educators look forward to improved facilities in Holland next year.

The Education Center remained in temporary quarters, quite comfortable, but has begun planning for long-term occupancy in Old Science. Hopefully the education department and TriO operations will be together in a permanent location by fall 2010.

Significant personnel changes

One Tenure Track Appointment:

Sharon Lane-Getaz (joint appointment, Education and Statistics)

One Special Appointment:

Maria Kelly (Education)

One Promotion:

Mary Carlsen to Professor (Social Work).

Two Sabbaticals:

Jo Beld (Political Science)

Naurine Lennox (Social Work)

Two Retirements:

William Thornton (Exercise Science)

Gary Wicks (Exercise Science)

Two tenure-lines approved for hire in the next year:

Nursing and Social Work.

The Globalization Conference

This year's Globalization and Social Responsibility Conference was subtitled "Working for the Common Good" and featured several fine speakers:

- Robert Meuhlenkamp, St. Olaf's Woodrow Wilson Fellow, spoke on "Labor Issues in a Period of Globalization."
- Bama Athreya, executive director for the International Labor Rights Fund, spoke of her work on child labor, work rules, and worker education programs in Indonesia, Cambodia, China, and Liberia.

- Javier Morrillo-Alicea, president of Service Employees International Union Local 26 in Minneapolis, spoke on current issues for local hotel and security employees.
- The three presenters convened as a panel to end the conference.
- Conference organizers overcame several setbacks, including two cancellations by keynote speakers, before finally fielding a fine array of presentations. Special thanks to the principal organizers, Tom Williamson and Tony Lott, ably assisted by David Emery, Sharron Powell, Nate Jacobi, John Welckle, Sherry Freking (AAA, economics), Shawn Paulson (AAA, political science), and Teresa Lebens (Conference Director, Buntrock Commons).

Program Highlights by Department, 2007-08

Economics

Rebecca Judge, Chair.

The Economics Department continued on its progressive trajectory. Enrollments were up, events and speakers grew in number and quality, and the department's chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon strengthened appreciably. The department participated in several campus-wide initiatives, pioneered a new, 200-level topical course to increase staffing flexibility, and supported several students to state and national recognition for their work.

The increase in enrollments this year was almost entirely in Level II analysis courses, which grew to 227 student-courses, an increase of 74 over last year. This probably implies high enrollments over the next two years in the intermediate theory and level III classes. As both those categories of courses have been operating at capacity of late, we anticipate stress on department resources beginning next year.

The department achieved several notable successes this year. Fourteen students achieved distinction, an increase of eight over last year; five members of this year's graduating class (nearly 8 percent) were elected to Phi Beta Kappa; and sixteen students from the senior and junior classes were initiated into Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national economic honors society. ODE members were exceptionally active, attending department meetings, screening candidates for teaching positions, and most significantly, publishing a journal of student research, The St. Olaf College Economics Department's Omicron Delta Epsilon Journal of Economic Research. A 2007 graduate, David Vock, received first place in the Minnesota Economics Association annual term paper competition for a paper composed in our Economics of Public Policy class.

For the second year in a row, the Department hosted a research seminar series, this year featuring lecturers of national prominence. A list of the speakers appears below. In addition to the lecture series, student-faculty interaction was boosted this year by the Globalization conference, a health-careers panel, and a symposium on micro-finance in developing nations.

St. Olaf Economic Research Lecture Series, Notable Speakers 2007-08
October 8 th : John Siegfried, Professor of Economics, Vanderbilt University.
October 22 nd : Tom Stinson, Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota, and Minnesota State Economist.
October 29 th : Richard Levins, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota.
November 12 th : Kent Olson, Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota.
November 26 th : Steven Taff, Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota
March 17 th : Michael Goldman, Professor of Sociology, University of Minnesota and McKnight Presidential Fellow.
April 8 th : Barbara Fraumeni, Professor of Public Policy and Chair of the PHD Program in Public Policy at Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine.
April 14 th : Edward Hadas, Associate Editor, Breakingviews.
April 21 st : William Easter, Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota.
April 28 th : Phil Pardey, Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota.
May 12 th : Liang Ding, Professor of Economics, Macalester College.

Education

Mark Schelske, Chair.

Education was involved in several major staffing developments in 2007-08:

- Heather Campbell began her tenure track and had a exceedingly productive year.
- Elizabeth Leer had a productive year and a successful 4th year review.
- Dan Forstner elected to resign at year's end, and will return to public school teaching.
- Sharon Lane-Getaz was hired into a joint tenure track appointment with the MSCS department.
- Maria Kelly was hired into a Special Appointment as a Teacher Educator in Residence to direct social studies education, teach and advise, and increase K-12 charter school outreach and diversity initiatives.
- Eric McDonald was hired in a joint term appointment with the Biology to strengthen the science education program.

Today there are approximately 220 sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled in the program. The elementary education program will be sunset in December of this year. Two new licenses were developed in 2007-8: theater and dance.

Facilities Update:

The education Department and TRIO programs finished their first full year in the Modular Village, and are very comfortable in this temporary arrangement. The entire group will move to a new Education Center in Old Science, hopefully to be rejoined with the SSS group in 2010. Needless to say this is an important step for education and the TRIO programs in the history of the college. Mark Schelske is co-chair of the Old Science Renovation/Design Team.

TRiO and its Educational Opportunity Programs:

Perhaps the two biggest events for our TRiO programs this year involved the refunding of Upward Bound for another 4 years and the award of a 5-year McNair Scholars grant. The McNair Scholars program is now nearing the mid-point of its first year and it is proving to be a very visible program offering important developmental opportunities to low-income, first-generation, and under-represented students to prepare for graduate school.

The Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound, and GEAR UP programs experienced successful years. There are increasingly obvious advantages when TRiO programs are located in direct proximity to the Education Department faculty and students. Collaborations between groups with internships, undergraduate research opportunities, and clinical school experiences are just a few of the common projects that characterize the value of the growing relationship between Education and TRiO.

Exercise Science

Cindy Book, Chair

The exercise science department continues to work with the biomedical studies concentration. As in past years, the department purchased one cadaver for teaching, housing it in the biology department, part of a growing relationship between exercise science and the health related areas of biology, pre-med, and nursing.

The department spent considerable energy in self-study this year, and will host a team of outside reviewers next fall. Given the ascent of its exercise science major, the department sees the need for a new tenure line focusing on anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, or human performance. This could arise as a joint appointment with biology. Meanwhile, exercise science majors are pressing hard on the teaching resources of both the exercise science and biology departments. The need for more tenure lines is growing acute.

Here are some highlights from the 2007-8 academic year:

- There are now approximately sixty exercise science majors.
- The sixteen seniors in the seminar class presented their research to the department and displayed their posters in the lobby.
- Two seniors were awarded departmental distinction.
- Enrollments in all our classes are very strong.
- Gary Wicks and Bill Thornton retired after very long and distinguished careers.
- We requested a tenure-track replacement for Gary Wicks, but were denied because our program had not completed a program review.
 - We have since undertaken a program self-study, and will be hosting a team of outside reviewers in the fall.

Management Studies

Rick Goedde, Director

The Management Studies Program completed its tenth year with sixty-six graduating seniors earning certifications from the program: thirty-seven with concentrations and twenty-nine with areas of emphasis in the economics major.

Along with a full complement of management studies courses, the program fielded a variety of experiential learning opportunities for its students. Target Corporation sponsored a third annual case competition for St. Olaf students in October and November, 2007. Four student teams, each with assistance from a faculty advisor, made a recommendation on how Target can attract more multicultural shoppers. These students then had the opportunity to present their plans at Target corporate headquarters.

In April and May, 2008, five student teams participated in the fourth annual General Mills case competition. These student teams, each with a faculty advisor, were presented with the challenge of developing a new cereal product. Students presented their new product ideas at corporate headquarters in Golden Valley, once again receiving high praise from the judges.

The College Board of Business Consultants (CBBC), sponsored by the First National Bank of Northfield, Community National Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank, welcomed eight St. Olaf and Carleton student volunteers to assist area organizations with the collection and analysis of research data. The Northfield Enterprise Center administers the program. Over the past three years over 30 local businesses and non-profits have benefited from student projects.

Students were also encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities related to the Management Studies program. Ole Ventures, sponsored by the Finstad Program for Entrepreneurial Studies, connects students interested in entrepreneurial activities to area entrepreneurs. The group sponsored several well-attended events including E-Week activities.

Nursing

Rita Glazebrook, Chair

The Department of Nursing continued to experience high student demand for its program. Matriculating 24 students into the Class of 2010, not all qualified applicants could be accommodated. Meanwhile, working amidst a nationwide shortage of nurse educators, the department has managed to recruit and retain a highly qualified faculty, and it continues to exert creativity in providing an excellent program. Among the innovations is a partnership (through MINC) with Methodist Hospital to share costs for clinical instruction in maternity and hiring two RNs as nursing laboratory facilitators. The department's request to search for a new tenure track was approved for 2008-9.

In addition to teaching and upgrading courses for the nursing major, the department contributed mightily to the general education curriculum of the College. Three courses were offered to 171 students this year: Nursing 130 (Family Violence, 27 students), Nursing 110 (Nutrition and Wellness, 3 sections, 114 students), and Nursing 120 (Images of Wellness, 30 students).

Importantly, the department grew its ratio of student courses/teaching FTE to 107:1 in 2007-2008. This was up from 100:1 in 2006-07, 86:1 in 2005-06, and an average of 55:1 in the years 2000 to 2003. This remarkable ascent has built on expanding the major and an energetic outreach to the campus via contributions to general education.

Political Science

Kris Thalhammer, Chair

The department graduated 46 majors in 2008 and has 54 declared majors in the class of 2009. This year's graduates included a Rhodes scholar, a Fulbright alternate, and many who plan to work in political campaigns, Teach for America, the Peace Corps, and the Green Corps. Several graduates will pursue graduate school in law, public policy and international relations. Three of our students graduated with distinction, after completing revisions of research papers under the tutelage of pairs of professors.

Our student chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha (advised by Kathy Tegtmeier Pak) was awarded best chapter accolades and a grant from the American Political Science Association to sponsor several events focusing on genocide during April 2008.

We offered a successful off-campus interim for 20 students in New Hampshire and South Carolina, which received significant coverage in local and national media and attracted attention through a very well-visited blog. We will be offering a new interim next year in Slovenia.

For the fourth year in a row, the department helped coordinate and subsidize transportation (via rented vans) for a multi-day field trip focused on eco-justice. Nine students traveled to the Land Institute's Prairie Festival in Salina, Kansas to study ecological agriculture. Speakers addressed agricultural policies and globalization issues. Students were able to meet with representatives of many branches of environmental, agricultural and social advocacy groups. Another delegation is being organized to make this trip again this fall.

The department hosted the Minnesota Political Science Association annual conference on Nov. 11, 2007 (coordinated by Don Ostrom). It also cosponsored two visiting scholars: First was Political Scientist Sohail Hashmi, Mount Holyoke, one of the foremost experts on Islamic Political Theory and Middle East Studies to discuss the ethics of war in the contemporary Middle East. Second was Michael Goldman, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota and a McKnight Presidential Fellow, who visited our campus March 17 to speak about "The World Bank, Global Poverty, and Bangalore, India."

Social Work and Family Studies

Mary Carlsen, Chair.

The Department of Social Work and Family Studies completed an active period of transition this year. It hosted the 30th anniversary celebration of its Social Work Program; its accreditation was reaffirmed until 2015; and enrollments grew noticeably. Further, after several years of planning, the department's family studies major will henceforth be changed to a concentration. The major will not be available to next year's entering students.

The new interdisciplinary family studies concentration will be available to all majors on campus, and will be at least as rigorous as the major had been. In this new configuration family studies will enhance the curriculum for many students, especially those majoring in psychology, religion, biology, sociology, and social work.

Several other milestones should be noted, as the department:

- Initiated a student mental health task force.

- Hosted Career Night in cooperation with the CEL.
- Worked with CAC and Rice County Social Services on first “Homeless Connect” resource day in Rice County.
- Hosted professional network meetings in September, December and March.
- Took 32 students to NASW Day at the Capitol.
- Recognized World Social Work Day with a panel of students who have studied abroad.
- Hosted Kimer Awards Tea.

Sociology-Anthropology

Carolyn Anderson, Chair

Prior to this year, the number of graduating majors in Sociology-Anthropology has averaged about 20. This year’s graduating group was unusually small at 13, but the classes of 2009 and 2010 have 35 and 41 declared majors, respectively. This adjustment occurred in the aftermath of adding rigor to the major, which now requires five core courses (two theory, two methods, and senior seminar) plus statistics. Majors accounting for a larger percentage of students in non-core courses, the overall demand for our courses remains great.

The year was busy, starting with a welcome back pizza party. Over the year department members Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, Mike Leming, Chris Chiappari, Carolyn Anderson, and Ryan Sheppard gave presentations on their work. Dr. Willaim Beeman, chair of the department of anthropology at the University of Minnesota, spoke to majors informally about graduate school in anthropology. Dr. Michael Goldman of the University of Minnesota spoke to the senior seminar and gave a public lecture on his research on the World Bank’s involvement in Bangalore, India.

Challenges ahead

Economics

Three strategic items have guided the department this year.

1. Promoting departmental identity and cohesion.
2. Expand service beyond our base of majors.
3. Increase extra-curricular student-faculty interaction

Progress was made on all fronts, but challenges remain.

A fourth strategic goal for the future involves department leadership. Rick Goedde will serve as department chair next year, and Beckie Judge will be recommended for another three-year term upon returning from sabbatical leave. Thereafter we need to clarify a line of succession.

Finally, this year 8 of our 36 courses were taught by temporary faculty on term appointments. Next year temporary hires will account for 10 of 35 courses (replacing Professors Judge and Becker on leave). We have been fortunate to hire some excellent teachers from the University of Minnesota to fill such slots in the past, but the Department will need more time and energy from its senior members as enrollments and activities grow.

Education

Members of the department continue to study, reflect, and discuss the current program to determine where we are and where we are headed. They sense a need to focus on the future mission of teacher education at St. Olaf, addressing issues of classroom technology, communications technology, diversity, and math/science education.

Our specific tasks for the summer and next academic year include:

- Creating a Long-term Plan for the program and submit it to NCATE and the MN BOT.
- Develop an Urban Education program with residential possibilities to replace the gap left by the ACM program.
- Develop a long-term facilities plan.
- Manage the budget to match projected student teaching requirements.
- Creating a Long-term Plan for the program and submit to NCATE/BOT.
- Implement new Social Studies Education.
- Continue planning for new facilities.
- Increase the visibility of teaching licensure across campus--especially in the sciences.

TRIO and Educational Opportunity Programs:

An obstacle for the TRIO programs going forward involves potential retention problems of its leadership team--the Program Directors. This issue centers on the practice at St. Olaf of imposing a rigid salary cap on these employees that has fallen in real terms over the past decade. It is effectively a falling ceiling. One TRIO Director is now affected by this ceiling; one will be affected soon; and two are anxious about their futures at St. Olaf because of the falling value of the salary cap.

Exercise Science

Three needs stand out:

1. Complete its program review.
2. Request a new tenure line.
3. Continue to expand and refine the exercise science laboratory.

Management Studies

Hiring: For the past eighteen years we have been extremely fortunate to retain three tenured full-time faculty members with strong professional credentials. During that time, we have relied on adjunct appointments so that our tenured faculty could assume administrative responsibilities or pursue professional development opportunities through sabbatical leaves and other programs. Things are about to change dramatically. Kathy Thomforde (management/marketing) left the management studies program during the fall semester, since replaced by Sian Muir (.67 FTE) and Randy Jennings (.33 FTE).

Mary Emery (accounting) will likely be retiring in the next one to two years. We plan to replace her with a full-time individual to teach four sections of Principles of Accounting and two sections of Managerial/Cost Accounting. We will be looking for an experienced accounting practitioner who has the potential to become a special appointment, but would start as a regular term appointment.

Mentoring new faculty: Next year's staffing will include four experienced St. Olaf faculty members: Mary Emery (.50), Rick Goedde (.67), Sian Muir (1.00), and John Ophaug (.17). We have hired Jim Mader (.67) and Tom Bredeson (.33) on one-year term appointments to bring the total to 3.33 FTE. Jim will be teaching four sections of Principles of Accounting (MS225) next year. The plan is for Jim to be full-time in 2009-10 and thereafter as Mary Emery's replacement when she retires. Tom will be teaching Corporate Finance (MS281) in the fall and Investments (MS380) in the spring as the replacement for Rick Goedde who is chairing the Economics Department for one year. The plan is for Tom to teach the same two courses in 2009-10 when Rick is on a sabbatical leave.

We expect that both Jim and Tom will bring a high level of credibility to the classroom with their many years of practical experience, and that they will connect well with our students. To ensure a high level of rigor in their classes, the Director (and other department faculty, as well) will work with them to understand our standards, our students, and the St. Olaf culture.

Continue to improve the quality of student-prepared integrative folders: The integrative folder requirement for students pursuing a management studies concentration is a unique and important part of our program. We expect students to begin the self-assessment and planning part of the folder as soon as they complete a contract for the concentration. Workshop sessions are offered every semester to assist students in preparing their folders. We do not, however, have the staff time to monitor their progress; invariably some students complete all parts of the folder right before it is due.

Maintain the Finstad Program for Entrepreneurial Study: The Finstad Program provides support and experiential learning activities for management studies students. This coming year will be a time of transition for entrepreneurial studies as Sian Muir moves into the Management Studies Program as a full-time instructor. Kris Estenson will continue with growing the social entrepreneurship initiative and Blake Abdella '84 and John Stull will work together to maintain the current programming and to advise students. Both men have a wealth of entrepreneurial experience and know the college well. Blake is the Executive Director of the Northfield Enterprise Center and John has been the entrepreneur-in-residence for the past four years. Sian will continue to advise the Ole Ventures student group. The challenge this coming year will be to maintain the activities and profile of the program while ensuring that the link between entrepreneurial course work, grants and programmatic activities remains clear and seamless to students and faculty.

Nursing

Future goals of the department

- Relocate the nursing department into contiguous and expanded space in Holland Hall to meet program needs.
- Support two current faculty in attainment of doctoral degrees.
- Continue use of technology-enhanced instruction in the nursing laboratory and courses
- Acquire additional software/simulations for student instruction.
- Monitor impact of redesign of the nursing major related to student courses generated and program cost

Political Science

Several challenges stand out for next year:

1. Support Kathy Tegtmeyer-Pak and Tony Lott for tenure and promotion.
2. Support Kris Thalhammer for promotion to full professor.
3. Support Doug Casson in his progress toward tenure and promotion.
4. Continue to build the department as its membership matures.

Social Work and Family Studies:

Hopes and Concerns for Future

- Looking forward to making second floor suite and classrooms “ours” when nursing and psychology moves take place.
- Look forward to finding, hiring, and welcoming a tenure track colleague.
- Plan for Mary’s sabbatical.
- Begin planning for Naurine’s retirement.
- Need to train student workers, staff and faculty to better utilize the departmental web page for information, news, and events

Sociology/Anthropology

Several strategic goals are emerging for the near future:

1. Plan for retirements and replacements in the sociology program.
2. Expand the program’s capacity to handle additional small sections of level one classes.

Professional Activities

Economics:

Department members continue to contribute to scholarship both on and off campus.

- Xun Pomponio traveled to China over the summer on a St. Olaf faculty development grant, and there began a research program on water resource development in China.
- Mark Pernecky organized and chaired a session at the Midwest Economics Association meetings, where he also presented a paper and served as a discussant. He also resubmitted for publication his paper on Keynes' preface to the *General Theory*, which he co-authored with his student Thomas Richter.
- Rick Goedde continued his research on stock investment systems, working collaboratively with two students, Carlos Llanes and Caroline Kennefick.
- Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge worked with three St. Olaf students, Abby Lane, David Swanson and Nate Black, on a year-long research project studying the impact of biofuel production on world food prices. The student members of this research team presented their results at the U.S. Capitol as part of the Council on Undergraduate Research's *Posters on the Hill* event and at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Salisbury, Maryland.
- Steve Soderlind served as Associate Dean for the Social Sciences and on the executive board of the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs.
- While this is by no means a complete listing of the professional activities engaged in by department members, it is representative of our commitments to scholarship and to undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Management Studies:

Rick Goedde

- Completed the third year of a three-year term as the IGS representative on the Tenure and Promotion Committee. Chaired the committee during 2007-08.
- Continued research on stock investment systems both alone and in conjunction with a two-student independent research project during the fall (Carlos Llanes & Caroline Kennefick). This research will lead to one or more publications during a 2009-10 sabbatical leave.
- Converted the Management course (MS251) to Team-Based Learning (TBL) during the fall semester and made significant improvements during the spring semester. Most of the work in the class is done in teams with structured methods for evaluating each student's contributions to the team. Started to gather data to document the effectiveness of this approach in order to publish an article during a 2009-10 sabbatical leave.
- In January, attended a two-day faculty workshop in Chicago on using an internet-based business simulation in the classroom. Have been using this simulation in Management (MS251) since fall of 2005. The workshop provided a number of ideas which were incorporated into the course this spring.
- Member of the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII)

Sian Muir

- Served as faculty advisor to Ole Ventures during 2007-08 academic year
- Served as President for the Northfield Enterprise Center

- Board Member for the College Board of Business Consultants
- Member of Northfield Rotary (Member of the Peace & Ambassadorial Scholarships committee)
- Member of National Collegiate Innovators and Inventors
- Member of United States Association for Small Business & Entrepreneurship (attended annual conference)

Education

HEATHER CAMPBELL

Published

- 2008 “Curriculum-based measurement in writing: Predicting the success of high school students on state standard tests ” in *Exceptional Children*, a refereed journal of the Council for Exceptional Children, with Christine Espin, Teri Wallace, and Renata Ticha (University of Minnesota) and Erica Lembke (University of Missouri). Volume 74, #2, pp 174-195.

In Press:

- 2008 “Curriculum-Based Measurement” in Troia, G. ed. *Writing Instruction and Assessment for Struggling Writers: From Theory to Evidence-Based Practices, a research-based resource on writing assessment*, with Betty Benson (University of Minnesota) (invited submission)
- 2008 “Technical features of new and existing CBM writing measures within and across grades” in *School Psychology Review*, a refereed journal from the National Association of School Psychologists, with Kristen McMaster (University of Minnesota)

Submitted for Publication:

- 2008 “The technical adequacy of curriculum-based measurement passage copying with English language learners” to *Reading and Writing Quarterly: Overcoming Learning Difficulties*, a refereed journal (invited submission)
- 2008 “Monitoring the progress of secondary-school students towards success on state standards tests: Validity and reliability of progress measures in reading” to *Exceptional Children*, a refereed journal of the Council for Exceptional Children, with Christine Espin, Teri Wallace, and Renata Ticha (University of Minnesota) and Erica Lembke (University of Missouri)

In Progress:

- 2008 “The technical adequacy of curriculum-based measures in writing for English language learners” In progress, to be submitted to *School Psychology Review*, a refereed journal of the National Association of School Psychologists, with Christine Espin and Kristen McMaster (University of Minnesota)
- 2008 “Instructional decision making: Parent involvement in curriculum-based measurement.” In progress, to be submitted to *Exceptional Children*, a refereed journal of the Council for Exceptional Children, with Christine Espin and Teri Wallace (University of Minnesota) and Erica Lembke (University of Missouri)

Grants:

- “Teacher Focus Group on Data-Based Instructional Decision-Making,” St. Olaf College Assessment Grant. Funded at \$500.
- “Education Department Data Retreat,” St. Olaf College Assessment Grant. Funded at \$500.

- “St. Olaf College McNair Program,” U.S. Department of Education TRIO grant, with Mark Schelske, and Janis Johnson. Funded at \$1,200,000 for five years.
- “St. Olaf College Upward Bound,” U.S. Department of Education TRIO grant, with Katie O’Connor, Mark Schelske, and Janis Johnson. Funded at \$1,580,000 for four years.

Presentations:

- “Identifying Technically Adequate Curriculum-Based Measures at the Secondary Education Level: Current Research Findings and Implications for Teacher Utilization in A RTI Model.” Pacific Coast Research Conference, San Diego, CA.
- “Classroom Instruction that Works with ELLs” and “Content Area Reading.” Woodstock School and Happy Valley School, Mussoorie, India.

Elizabeth Leer:

Publications:

- Leer, E. B. (2008). Microteaching as a Framework for Professional Development. In the 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education Proceedings.
- Leer, E. B. (2008). Multicultural Novels in English Education. In C. Irvine (Ed.), Teaching the Novel across the Curriculum: A Handbook for Educators.

Conference Presentations:

- “Microteaching as a Framework for Professional Development,” presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI, January 6, 2008.
- “Preparing Multicultural Teachers: A Model for Teacher Education,” presented at the National Association for Multicultural Education, Baltimore, MD

Other Professional Activities:

- National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education/National Council of Teacher of English (NCATE/NCTE) lead program reviewer
- NCATE Accreditation, Accountability and Quality conference, Arlington, VA, September 27-30, 2007.
- Invited consultant to Woodstock International School, Mussoorie, India

Robert McClure:

Presentations:

- Attended National Council for Geographic Education Conference in Oklahoma City. Presented a paper on the geography of medical outsourcing in New Delhi.

Other:

- Named director of the Teacher Research Network for SciMath Minnesota. This group is comprised of science, mathematics, and education faculty from ten colleges/universities in the state.
- Served as an article reviewer for the Journal of Geography
- Served as an Advanced Placement reader for ETS at University of Nebraska
- Worked with critical thinking team under Paul Zorn and Jo Beld. Piloted critical thinking rubric and instruction in the Spring 2008 ID 234 class.
- Served on global perspectives team to create 2-day May workshop for faculty.
- Awarded two mini-assessment grants from the assessment committee for assessing critical thinking in a new CIS courses and ID 234.

Mark Schelske

Grants:

- “St. Olaf College McNair Program,” U.S. Department of Education TRIO grant, with Mark Schelske, and Janis Johnson. Funded at \$1,200,000 for five years.
- “St. Olaf College Upward Bound,” U.S. Department of Education TRIO grant, with Katie O’Connor, Mark Schelske, and Janis Johnson. Funded at \$1,580,000 for four years.

Other:

- Served as the Minnesota Private College Council liaison to the St. Paul Schools achievement task force
- Served as the Minnesota Private College Council liaison to the Governor’s P-16 college access working group

Rosie Pfarr-Baker

- Served as St. Olaf’s representative to the Minnesota Metropolitan placement coordinators meeting

John Welckle

- Teacher and co-facilitator for the Minnesota Economics Council social studies teacher development program

TriO Staff:

The staff made numerous presentations throughout the Midwest at various conferences. Staff attended several local, state, regional, and national professional development meetings. They attended the national policy seminar in Washington, D.C.; national conferences in Chicago, Las Vegas and San Francisco. Perhaps most importantly, TRIO staff provided vital leadership within the state in a number of critical areas including: hosting the annual national TRIO Day for over 500 students; Dan Jackson served as state president; Kathy Glampe served as legislative committee chair and coordinated the state legislative reception; several served as state board members; and all of the staff played key roles in the state working group teams.

Family and Social Service

Mary Carlsen

- Presented invited keynote address at the ELCA Vocation of a Lutheran College conference
- Chaired college search committee for Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Diversity
- Supervised 3 independent studies and 6 independent internships
- Mentored Marycelina Msuya from Tanzania
- Awarded promotion to full professor
- Coordinated first Health Care Decisions Day events in Northfield
- Hosted social work vocation retreat

- Provided two trainings at HOPE Center in Faribault

Naurine Lennox

- Sabbatical fall 2007: prepared two new courses, “Comparative Social Policy” and “Social work with Families and Groups” and studied Spanish language
- Madrina of the Pinatas for Fiesta of Santa Belin in Dec.2007, in San Miguel Tzinacapan
- Taught in Cuernavaca for the BSW Mexico Consortium semester program “*Social Work in a Latin American Context*” – January through May, 2008
- Presentation of “Social Work and Social Work Education in the U.S.” for UNAM social work students and faculty, March, 2008
- Hosted events to honor David Brye ‘60, recipient of St. Olaf Alumni Service Award

Sharon Powell

- Presentation: Kostina-Ritchey, E., Powell, L. & Powell, S. Getting the message across: New approaches to sex education. *National Council on Family Relations* (NCFR) Pittsburgh, PA, November 2007
- Advised 31 students; Supervised 5 internships and 2 independent studies
- Served on the following committees:
 - Globalization Conference Planning committee
 - Olson Endowment Planning Committee
 - Founded the Student Mental Health Task Force
 - Phillips Scholar Selection Committee
- Keynote speaker at the Mother-Son banquet, Fall 2007
- Organized events around Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- Began preparations to teach the dormant Australia interim course, January 2009
- Arranged for four students to attend a school social work conference

Valerie Green

- As field coordinator contacted **24** new sites for field practicums; **10** of those developed into useable sites for students
- Strengthened relationships with an additional **26** sites, **21** of which agreed to take our students for practicums in 2008 or at future times
- Placed **16** students in field practicum sites for fall 2008
- Completed community-based research project with students at the Northfield Union of Youth
- Led department efforts to plan and implement first “Homeless Connect” event in Rice County
- Participated in the Familias meetings with Northfield Public Schools

Nursing

Exercise Science:

Political Science:

Jo Beld

- Did three AAC&U conference presentations and landed three major inter-institutional grants that will support the college's assessment work.
 - The Teagle grant is a continuation of our partnership with Carleton and Macalester, but leadership is passing to St. Olaf and Jo is the designated Principal Investigator.
 - The October 07 NITLE grant involves eight other institutions and the one forthcoming (June 08) may involve as many as 40 institutions, and Jo is the PI for both.
- In addition, Jo did a number of presentations:
 - Using Learning Outcomes to Engage Faculty with Assessment and Strengthen Student Learning. (2008, February). Presentation to the AAC&U Network for Academic Renewal Conference on Integrative Designs for General Education and Assessment, Boston, MA.

Assessing Information Literacy Across Institutions: The Research Practices Survey. (2008, January). Presentation to the AAC&U Annual Meeting on Intentional Learning, Unscripted Challenges, Washington, D.C.

Building Successful Faculty-Staff Partnerships in Assessing Student Learning. (2007, November). Presentation to the AAC&U Network for Academic Renewal Conference on Sharing Responsibility for Essential Learning Outcomes, Savannah, GA.

Doug Casson

- Received an Earhart Foundation Grant to finish his book manuscript, *Fanatics, Skeptics, and the Politics of Probability* (under review at Princeton University Press).
- Has an article under review at *Politics and Policy*, "Carl Schmitt, John Locke, and the Paradox of Prerogative".
- Doug gave a number of presentations:
 - "The Paradox of Prerogative, or John Locke and the Limits of Legalism" paper presented at the Association of Political Theory annual meeting, New London, Ontario, October 13, 2007.
 - "Human Nature, Human Virtue" chair on panel at the Association of Political Science annual meeting, New London, Ontario, October 13, 2007.
 - "But is it an Emergency? Carl Schmitt, John Locke, and the Paradox of Prerogative" Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota, February 29, 2008.
 - "Augustinian Politics and the City of God" plenary given to Great Conversation students, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, February 8, 2008.
 - "Questioning Piety and Corrupting Youth" plenary given to Great Conversation students, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, October 3, 2007.

"The Fifth Anniversary of the Beginning of the Iraq War" dinner lecture with Tony Lott, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, March 19, 2008.

"Constitutional Limits in Times of War," organized and moderated panel on Constitutional Day, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, September 17, 2007

Paddy Dale

- Returned to teaching after serving five years as Director of Government and Foundation Relations and a sabbatical year. He taught revised versions of 112 Introduction to Comparative Politics and 282 Russian and Eurasian Politics and three new courses; 283 European Social Democracy, 284 Ethics of Citizenship in Periods of War and Terror and 384 Eurasian Energy.
- He received a Nygaard Foundation award (\$14,000) to enable research on "Influence Through Cooperation: Norwegian Russian Relations Over the Barents Sea" which enabled scholarly consultations at the Norwegian Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Environmental Protection, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, The Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs, The University of Oslo, The University of Tromso and the Barents Secretariat.
- He gave the following presentations:
 "Quantitative Growth Revisited: the Political Need for Technological Innovation in Russian Energy Extraction" at a University of Oslo Institute for Political Science Lunch Discussion. June 20, 2007.
 "Russia: Getting Better or Worse?" House of Hope Presbyterian Church Enrichment Session St. Paul. March 30, 2008.
- He became a member of the organizing committee of the Vaclav Havel Civic Forum Symposium, House of Hope, St. Paul.

Dan Hofrenning

- Directed Global Citizenship theme semester entitled "Civic Engagement and the Liberal Arts"
- Led off-campus interim to New Hampshire and South Carolina with Visiting Professor Don Ostrom (the Blog for this received more than 15,000 hits!)
- Numerous television, radio, and newspaper interviews on the 2008 election
- Named Lilly Vocational Scholar for work on the vocation of politics.
- "The Religion of Candidate: Should It Matter?" published in the JOURNAL OF LUTHERAN ETHICS (November 2007).
- Advisor to: College Democrats, Oles for Israel, and students for a Sensible Drug Policy
- Participated in a CILA learning community on Sustainability. This included minor roles in two CILA lunches.
- Chapel talk on February 18th: "Civic Engagement: Secular or Sacred?"
- Moderated a panel during commencement weekend entitled, "Race and Gender in the 2008 Election."

Tony Lott

- “From Rome to Darfur: Norms and Interests in US Policy Toward the International Criminal Court,” Vol. 6, No. 4 *Journal of Human Rights* (Winter 2007): 497-521 (With Kurt Mills)
- CILA Associate, 2007-2008, Analyzing a Global Perspective across the St. Olaf Curriculum
- Participant in the CALL Initiative on assessment of global perspective
- Tony’s CILA group hosted a global perspectives summer workshop (with the assistance of Kathy Tegtmeier Pak and others)
- "The Fifth Anniversary of the Beginning of the Iraq War" dinner lecture with Doug Casson, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, March 19, 2008.
- St. Olaf College Peace and Justice Week Panel Participant, “The Necessity of Educated Dissent in a Democracy”, March 22, 2007
- St. Olaf College Democrats, Invited Lecture, “The Role of the United States in Combating Global Climate Change”, February 15, 2007

Kathy Tegtmeier Pak

- Teaching and Curriculum Development Grant, with Phyllis Larson, Summer 2007, for revising Asian Conversations Curriculum
- Collaborated on Institutional Support Program grant proposal to Japan Foundation with University of MN faculty (Japan, Membership, and Human Rights). Proceeded through first round of evaluation, but ultimately denied
- “Comparative National Membership Regimes” presented at 66th Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference, April 3-6, 2008, Chicago, Illinois.
- Discussant. “China in Institutional Perspective.” Panel at 66th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 3-6 April 2008, Chicago, IL.
- Director Asian Conversations
- Faculty Advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honors society
- Fulbright Committee
- CILA Learning Community on Global Understanding, 2007-08
- CILA Presentation, “Conversation about the Conversations.” 2 April 2008
- CILA Technology Poster Session, Presentation on Using Wiki Pages, November 2007
- Moderator for Immigration Politics Panel, Political Action Committee, September 2007
- Speaker at Admissions Office Open Houses/Accepted Student Day, Fall 2007, Spring 2008 (2)

- CIVICS House Academic Advisor
- Distinction project advisor, one political science student (Ishanaa Rambachan)
- Led 20 students to China and Japan during January as she taught AS212 for the first time.
- Invited two speakers to campus for Leraas Lectures, organized related Asian Con pre-program review: Karen Wigen of Stanford Univ; Prasenjit Duara of U of Chicago

Kris Thalhammer

- Publication of Courageous Resistance: The Power of Ordinary People (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), lead author of book coauthored with Professors Paula O'Loughlin, Myron Glazer, Penina Glazer, Sam McFarland, Sharon Shepela and Nathan Stoltzfus.
- Participated in the Freeman Institute for Infusing Japan Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, (supported by a grant from the Freeman Foundation), a three –week institute at Tokei University, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 17 - June 5, 2007.
- Coordinated the Kloeck-Jenson Endowment for Peace and Justice (see attached report)
- In addition, Kris made/will soon make a number of presentations:

"Courageous Resistance to Injustice," invited speaker for the International Youth Leaders Forum attending the Global Conference on the Prevention of Genocide, McGill University, Montreal, October 10, 2007.

“Effective Persuasion to Prevent Genocidal Policies: Denmark and Bulgaria's Debates Over the Fate of National Jews,” coauthor with Erica Jaastad (St. Olaf, class of 2008) paper to be presented at the ISPP annual conference in Paris, France, July 9-12, 2008.

Panelist for Microfinance Week, November 6, 2007, St. Olaf College.

“Courageous Resistance” Panelist with Nathan Stoltzfus, for Pi Sigma Alpha Genocide Week event, April 22, 2008, St. Olaf College.

- In addition, she will be awarded a College of St.Catherine Alumnae Award on June 19, 2008.
- Adviser to Amnesty International Student Chapter, NORML and Great Decisions student groups.
- Taught a new 300-level class on Courageous Resistance to injustice.
- As in-group leader, Kris will accompany a group of 10 students heading to Guatemala as peace scholars. From Aug. 4-14 her delegation will meet with members of the Guatemalan government, human rights groups, community organizations and indigenous groups to learn about the issues related to indigenous and human rights, poverty and global climate change. The visit is being organized by Augsburg's Center for Global Education and includes two students from each of the Nobel Peace Prize sponsoring colleges. This is the inauguration of the “Peace Scholars” Initiative, in which each college will identify two students with a particular interest in the peace

prize and the issues associated with it and bring them together for an intensive exploration of peace and justice. Each school is funding the travel of their own two students (St.Olaf is also covering Kris's travel expenses) and the students are charged with bringing their experiences back, sharing them with other students and using their new knowledge and networks to encourage greater student participation in the upcoming conference.

Sociology and Anthropology

Carolyn R. Anderson, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Papers presented

"Identity Politics and the Politics of History: The Mdewakanton Dakota in Minnesota and *Wolfchild v. United States*." Annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tulsa, Oklahoma. November 2007.

Presentations/lectures

"Our Native American Neighbors: The Prairie Island Dakota." Talk for the Soc/Anthro Department faculty lecture series.

Professional service

Book manuscript review, Minnesota Historical Society Press.

Faculty development

ACM Conference on Diversifying the Faculty, Colorado College, September 28-30, 2007.

College service

Chair of the Sociology/Anthropology Department.

Worked on new Social Studies Education major requirements.

Faculty member: ARMS, Women's Studies, Linguistic Studies.

Christopher Chiappari, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Papers presented

"El Neoliberalismo y el Pentecostalismo de la Tercera Ola en América Latina: Complementariedades y Contradicciones." XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, September 6, 2007. (Session organizer)

Publications

"Culture, Power, and Identity: Negotiating between Catholic Orthodoxy and Popular Practice." Latin American Research Review 42(3): 280-294.

Presentations/lectures

Provost's Sabbatical Series Lunch Talk, October 23, 2007.

"Conducting Fieldwork in Guatemala." Presentation to Carleton College students in preparation for taking the course, SOAN 241: *El Mundo Maya: Socio-Cultural Field Research Seminar in Guatemala and Chiapas*. Carleton College, Northfield, MN. October 25, 2007.

"Mega Religion in Guatemala: Pentecostalism, Prosperity, and Politics." Presentation for the Sociology/Anthropology Department. November 14, 2007.

"Religion and Social Change in Guatemala." Invited lecture at Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN. November 29, 2007.

Professional service

Book manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press.

Co-Chair of the Central America Section of the Latin American Studies Association.

Consulting

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. Written declaration, and expert witness testimony on social conditions in Guatemala for the asylum case of a Guatemalan immigrant. August-September 2007; September 13, 2007.

Program advisor

Off-campus study program: "Central America: Sustainable Development and Social Change in Central America,," Saint Olaf College.

Off-Campus Study Program in Ecuador, Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA), Saint Olaf College.

Michael Leming, Professor of Sociology

Publications

Published article on Karen Funerals for the International Journal on Thai Studies published by the Faculty of Humanities Chiang Mai University.

Published article on Sociological Praxis for *Footnotes*, a publication of the American Sociological Association.

Published 2008/2009 Annual Editions: DYING, DEATH, AND BEREAVEMENT with George E. Dickinson published by McGraw-Hill.

Presentations/lectures

Gave guest lectures at Pepperdine University, Messiah College, Westmont College, and Gordon College (September and October 2007).

"Travels with My Monk Friends." Presentation for the Sociology/Anthropology Department, October 25, 2007.

Professional service

Organized and developed the ACTS Annual Conference at St. Olaf College (Association of Christians Teaching Sociology) June 5 - 8, 2008.

Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, Associate Professor of Sociology

Papers presented

"Is Gender Equality Possible? Lessons from the Norwegian Experience." Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, March 2007.

Presentations/lectures

"Oslo, Norway and Gender Issues." Presentation for the Sociology/Anthropology Department. Chapel talk during Native American Weeks, fall 2007.

"Global Warming and the Poor." Presentation for Focus the Nation event, January 16, 2008. Presentation for Harambe Conference, spring 2008.

Faculty development

International Summer School at the University of Oslo, Norway, "Gender Equality in the Nordic Countries" course participant (seven weeks). Summer 2007.

ACM Conference on Diversifying the Faculty, Colorado College, September 28-30, 2007.

Samiha Peterson, Overby Distinguished Professor of Sociology
Consulting

Senior Consultant to the Vice President of the School of Continuing Education of the American University in Cairo. On leave of absence September 2007-January 2008, directing the development of a graduate program in education at AUC. Responsibilities included hiring assistants, developing and implementing four certificate programs, as well as two additional ones to be offered in the upcoming academic year. Sponsored a forum focusing on the theme of “Globalization and Lifelong Learning, including nine presentations, five by international guests. Visitors from five American universities began the process of identifying partners, as well as a framework for the graduate program, with two additional visits in January and March 2008. Two presentations were given to the AUC board of trustees regarding the potential program, and a one-day workshop with international consultants also met in March to consider the framework for a fall 2008 Arab World Academic Leaders plan for a Middle East Institute of Higher Education. The achievements of this first phase are critical to the second one in which the Graduate School proposal will be presented to the AUC Board of Trustees for their consideration. Consequently I will be on leave during 2008-09 to pursue the development of the Graduate School.

Presentations/lectures

“Global Citizenship: Imperative and Opportunity.” Honors Day lecture,, May 2, 2008.

Ryan Sheppard, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Publications

Working with SOAN major Elisabeth Vickers on revising SOAN 371, Foundations of Social Science Research, paper for publication, “Facebook Use and Maintained High School Social Capital.”

Presentations/lectures

“The Changing Social Climate.” Presentation for the Focus the Nation event, January 16, 2008.

Presentation on the transition to adulthood, incorporating recent research by the Network on Transitions to Adulthood and data from St. Olaf Marriage and Family courses, for the Sociology/Anthropology Department, May 8, 2008.

“Electronic Communication and Social Interaction.” Poster session by SOAN 371, Foundations of Social Science Research, sociology/anthropology majors. Buntrock Commons, Fall 2007.

“Global Stratification.” Student poster display by students in SOAN 121, Introduction to Sociology, in Buntrock-Library passageway (fall 2007) and during Globalization Conference (February 2008).

Information session for majors on graduate programs and applications.

Thomas Williamson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Field research

Health Care Systems: Malaysia, June-July 2007

Papers presented

"Violence and Public Health in Malaysia." American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., December 2007

"Transnational Healthcare and Stress in Malaysia." Global Studies Conference, Chicago, May 2008.

Publications

"Health Syncretism in Malaysia." *Off the Edge* (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) May 2008

"Teaching Modern Southeast Asia."

Presentations/lectures

"Anthropological Research" Presentation for Asian Studies 275, October 2007 and March 2008

"Easternizing Western Medicine," Presentation for Asia Weeks, St. Olaf, April 2008

Panel Participant, Mind-Body Organization, St. Olaf, May 2008

"Anthropology and Climate Change," Focus the Nation, St. Olaf (presentation cancelled due to illness; presentation later given to Campus Ecology class), January 16, 2008.

Grants

Faculty Development grant for 2008 summer research in Malaysia

Faculty development

CILA Learning Community participant on Global Perspective in the Classroom

Lilly Vocational Teaching Fellow

Seminar Participant, ACM Bioethics, Ripon College, April 2008

CILA Summer Workshop participant, Global Perspective, May 2008