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# Department of Society & Environment

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## Faculty Turnover

The 2011-12 Academic Year was quite eventful in the Department of Society & Environment. While we're used to seeing our students move on to new adventures, it is rare to have so much turnover among the faculty as we have had this year. As with most big changes, there are many emotions involved for those of us who have been in the department for a while.

**Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Dr. Michael G. Davis**, died in March. Thanks to the many alumni who wrote to share their memories of Dr. Davis. Mike was a great colleague and teacher who inspired many students to explore anthropology. We miss him. Thanks to the efforts of Professor Emeritus of Anthropology and Sociology, Dr. Robert Graber, his career in Anthropology is recognized in the current issue of *Anthropology News*, the newsletter of the American Anthropological Association.

**Professors Ray Barrow (Sociology) and Jonathan Smith (Geography)** have both retired. Their dedicated service to Truman was recognized at the

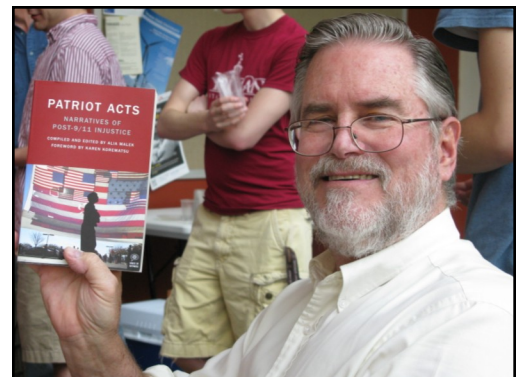
May 2012 graduation when each was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Barrow is still coming to campus periodically and looks forward to working on academic projects. Dr. Smith has moved to Oregon and is enjoying the freedom to visit grandchildren and explore other interests.

**Dr. Julie Flowerday (Anthropology) and Dr. Bonnie Mitchell (Sociology)**, who had both been at Truman on temporary appointments for four years, are both moving on to new adventures. Dr. Flowerday has a fellowship to spend the next several months in Pakistan.

**Dr. Elaine McDuff (Sociology)** and her husband, Dr. Steve McDuff, have just left Kirksville for an around-the-world research trip that is part of her sabbatical. While we will miss Dr. McDuff in the department this year, she will be back to share what she has learned next year.

**Dr. Wolfgang Hoeschele (Geography)** and I are pleased to welcome three new faculty colleagues who are helping us hold down the fort this year. We are very pleased to introduce you to:

**Dr. Anton Daughters, our new tenure-track colleague in Anthropology.** He earned his PhD from the University of Arizona in 2010 and has 2 years of experience as a Post-doctoral fellow teaching and working on research projects at Cornell College in Iowa. Dr. Daughters is a cultural anthropologist with interests in the impact of globalization on traditional forms of social organization and cultural identity, particularly among people (continued on next page)



**Dr. Ray Barrow receives a book gift at the Department's Spring Picnic for 30 years of service to Truman**

living on islands just off the coast of Chile. He is already developing a study abroad program to take students to Chile in the next couple of years and has been asked to help colleagues across campus develop interdisciplinary minors in Latin American Studies and Native American Studies.

Our two temporary faculty colleagues in Sociology this year are Drs. Asadi and Sturgis. **Dr. Muhammed Asadi** finished his PhD at Southern Illinois University – Carbon-

dale last May. His research has focused on role of military and state institutions in world systems theory. **Dr. Paul Sturgis** has a 2008 PhD from the University of Missouri. His area of interest is criminology and justice systems.

Decisions about faculty staffing for next year have not yet been made, but we hope to have news by this time next year about at least one tenure-track position in Sociology.



**Dr. Anton Daughters, new tenure-track Anthropology Professor, settles into his new office.**

## Dr. Hoeschele's Summer Research



**Dr. Hoeschele enjoys the friendly and relaxed atmosphere at the Commons Summer School in Bechstedt, Germany during his trip.**

This past summer Dr. Hoeschele met with people with ideas similar to his own to discuss how to build a sustainable economy in several Euro-

pean countries. Highlights of the trip included:

**Vienna, Austria:** a mini-conference organized by Franz Nahrada, who runs an organization called Globally Integrated Village Environment, where about ten people shared thoughts and experiences about building more sustainable communities.

**Bechstedt, Germany:** a one-week Commons Summer School organized by Silke Helfrich and Brigitte Kratzwald, where 25 people met to discuss ways to bet-

ter manage resources that we hold in common .

**Copenhagen, Denmark:** met with seven people who are involved with promoting cooperatives, social entrepreneurship, networking, and ethical banking.

**Amsterdam, The Netherlands:** met with five people to talk about networking for an economy of abundance; this started a collaboration expected to lead to an online "Commons Abundance Network" (CAN).

**Oxford, UK:** Green Economics Conference, an annual event organized by Miriam Kennet and others of the Green Economics Institute. Dr. Hoeschele discussed writing a new book with Miriam Kennet.

**Mondragon, Spain:** five-day visit to the Mondragon cooperatives in the Basque country of Spain, together with 7 other people. Mikel Lezamiz and others explained numerous aspects of how this group of around 250 cooperatives that employs

over 80,000 people.

**Barcelona, Spain:** Dr. Hoeschele gave a talk on the "*Economics of Abundance*" hosted by the Institute of Governance and Public Policy (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and the Free Knowledge Institute.

The most significant outcome of this trip is that Dr. Hoeschele is now working on the Commons Abundance Network, a resource for people around the world who want to work to create a more sustainable and equitable world, with some of the people he met on this trip. This semester, he is involving his students in Environmental Geography to help get this network started.

Dr. Hoeschele received a summer research grant from the School of Social and Cultural Studies for his travel.

# Lewis Binford Donation

Professor Amber Johnson received a **\$15,000 Wenner Gren Historical Archives Program grant** to facilitate the transfer and organization of the primary research materials of her late husband, **Professor Lewis Binford**, to Special Collections at Pickler Memorial Library.

Professor Binford is recognized as one of the two most influential archaeologists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. This collection includes field notes, manuscripts, correspondence files, slides, photographs, negatives, drawings, data files, and a few

videos related to his research in Alaska, Africa, Australia, Europe, and travels in China and India.

**Amanda Langendorfer, Head of Special Collections**, coordinated work on this project with a **temporary project archivist, Nathaniel Ball**. Between June and August, the primary collection was moved to Special Collections, sorted, housed in archive safe folders and boxes, and documented with a detailed finding aid. Professor Binford's academic materials are now available for students

and researchers through Pickler Memorial Library. Future plans include the development of a digital archive for materials that are expected to garner the most interest.

Dr. Binford's work is summarized in **The Binford Project: Logic of a Life's Work DVD** that was produced by a team of 6 Sociology/Anthropology majors as a Senior Seminar project in 2008. DVDs can be ordered through the department website [here](#).

## Faculty Notables

**Robert Bates Graber, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, and Dean R. De Cock, associate professor of mathematics**, along with third author Michael L. Burton of the University of California, Irvine, have had their paper, **"A Guttman-Based Approach to Identifying Cumulateness Applied to Chimpanzee Culture"** accepted for publication by the scholarly journal *Cross-Cultural Research*.

**Wolfgang Hoeschele, Professor of Geography** was invited to speak on **Economics of Abundance**, his new book, at the Economics department seminar at UMKC last March.

**Amber Johnson** was promoted to **Professor of Anthropology**. Dr. Johnson (pictured right) gave a talk on **"Form & Function of a Public Liberal Arts & Sciences University in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An Evolutionary Perspective"** last March.

**Congratulations Drs. Amber Johnson (Anthropology) and Elaine McDuff (Sociology) on promotion to Professor!**

**Elaine McDuff** was promoted to **Professor of Sociology**. Dr. McDuff's article on **"Collaborative Learning in an Undergraduate Theory Course: An Assessment of Goals and Outcomes"** was pub-



**Dr. Johnson chatting with former President Magruder**

lished in the April edition of *Teaching Sociology*, an academic journal of the American Sociological Association.

**Bonnie Lynn Mitchell-Green, Assistant Professor of Sociology**, has coauthored a chapter, **"Indigenous Religions"** with Lester R. Kurtz in **Gods in the Global Village, 3rd edition: The World's Religions in Sociological Perspective**.

# MEETINGS



Rudy Cesaretti

Last November, the **American Anthropological Association** meeting was held in Montreal, Canada.

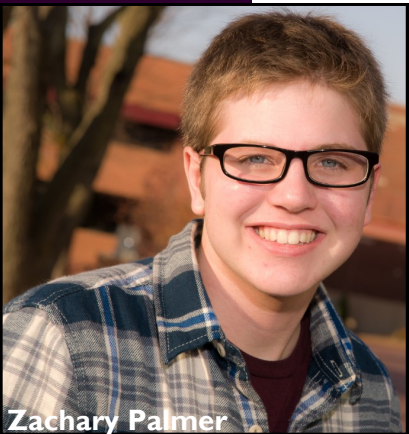
Senior Anthropology major **Rudy Cesaretti** (left) received recognition from the Society for Visual Anthropology for the outstanding quality of his

research poster **“School Days Past and Present: A Look at School Consolidation’s Impact on Rural Northeast Missouri Communities.”**

This poster focused on visual interpretation of year-book photos from the decades surrounding school consolidation in Schuyler and Putnam counties. This research supplemented significant qualitative field work (TruScholars project Summer 2011) and quantitative analysis Cesaretti did to

learn more about the changing role of schools in community identity formation in rural Northeast Missouri.

**Dr. Amber Johnson**, Rudy’s mentor who accompanied him to the conference, also presented a paper at the AAA meeting, **“Using Binford’s Frames of Reference to Model Mobility,”** in a session focused on both ethnographic and archaeological studies of mobility at multiple spatial and temporal scales.



Zachary Palmer

The annual **Midwest Sociological Society Meeting** was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota this past March. Five Sociology majors, **Danielle Clemons**,

**Tasheka Graves**, **Emily Love**, **Zachary Palmer**, and **Adam Speak** attended the conference.

Senior **Zachary Palmer** (left) won first place in the 2011 Undergraduate Student Poster Competition. Palmer presented **“The Relationship Between Race and Racial Attitudes as Measured by Trait Assignment in the**

**Sims3.”**

Also, Truman’s Sociology majors came in first out of 13 teams competing at the Trivia Night.

Lastly, **Dr. Elaine McDuff** presented **“Internships and Transformative Learning in South Africa”** and **Dr. Bonnie Mitchell** chaired a session titled, **“Comparative Race & Ethnicity.”**

Also, **Dr. McDuff** mentored and accompanied selected senior **Zak Palmer** at the **American Sociological Association Honors Program** held in Las Vegas.

**Dr. Wolfgang Hoeschele** presented **“Commons and Solidarity Economy”** at the

**Confederation of Association for Pluralism in Economics ICAPE** in Massachusetts last November.

**Dr. Amber Johnson** organized the session **“Processual Archaeology Beyond Binford: Current and Future”** at **Society for American Archaeology** in Memphis this past April.

**Dr. Bonnie Mitchell** accompanied several sociology students including **Zak Palmer**, **Kate Seaton**, and **Emily Love** to the **Missouri Sociological Association** last October at Lake Ozarks.

**Dr. Julie Flowerday** attended the **South Asia Conference** in Madison last October with director of University Art Gallery and Art Professor, **Aaron Fine**.

# Student Research Conference

Several of our students presented their research at the Student Research Conference in April.

Oral Presentations included: **“A Critical Analysis of the Mental Healthcare System in South Africa”** by Jennifer G. Pearlstein. (Dr. Elaine M. McDuff, Faculty Mentor)

**“Immigration and Crime: The United States, Europe, and Underlying Factors”** by Kevin P. Sack (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Faculty Mentor)

**“Influences of Religious Culture on Voting Patterns in Rural Missouri and Iowa”** by Faith L. Martin. (Dr. Amber L. Johnson and Dr. Bonnie Mitchell, Faculty Mentors)

**“An Ingathering of Exiles: An Analysis of Factors Contributing to Contemporary**

**American Jewish Migration to Israel”** by Zachary D. Palmer. (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Faculty Mentor)

**“An Investigation of Folk Illnesses, Symptoms, and Treatments in Northeast Missouri”** by Joy C. Bulen. (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Dr. Amber L. Johnson, and Dr. Ray Barrow, Faculty Mentors)

**“Obstacles and Innovations: The Challenges of Health Care in Post-Apartheid South Africa”** by Erin E. Medin. (Dr. Elaine M. McDuff, Faculty Mentor)

**“The Process of School Consolidation in Schuyler County, Missouri”** by Rudolf P. Cesaretti. (Dr. Amber L. Johnson, Faculty Mentor)



**Adam Speak, Joy Bulen, Dr. Mitchell (faculty mentor), Zak Palmer, and Kevin Sack at the SRC**

**“The Socio-Economic Development of Northeast Missouri, 1850-1880”** by Rudolf P. Cesaretti. (Dr. Kathryn Brammall, Faculty Mentor)

**“Struggle for a National Identity: The Story of South Africa”** by Amelia Bursi (Dr. Elaine M. McDuff, Faculty Mentor)

**“U.S. Sponsored Violence in Latin America”** by Adam B. Speak. (Dr. Bonnie L. Mitchell, Faculty Mentor)

## McNair Scholar

The **20th Annual McNair** Research Presentations was held last September.

McNair Scholars presented the results of their summer research internships as part of their preparation for graduate school and in fulfillment of one of the four fed-

erally-mandated objectives of the Program.

Sociology major **Danielle Clemmons '13** presented research titled **“African American Midwestern College Students’ Perceptions at a Predominantly White Institution (PWI)”** at the conference.



**Danielle**

# Student Notables



CASA INTERNS

May graduates, **Angela Page** and **Kiera Hulseley**, interned this past year as **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** for Adair County under Presiding Circuit Judge Russell Steele, Guardian Ad Litem Phillip McIntosh, and Sandy Slocum, Executive Director of Adair County CASA.

**Kevin Sack '12** and **Julianne Meyer '13** were both inducted into Truman State University's chapter of **Phi Kappa Phi**, the oldest and largest collegiate honors society.

**Senior Rachael Kisse** appeared in Kirksville Parks and Recreation's Broadway in the Park's production of the musical comedy **"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"** as Rose Ritz.

May graduate, **Joy Bulen**, spent the Spring semester as a **Missouri Government Intern** in Jefferson City.

**Emily Love '12** has been inducted into the 2011-2012 edition of **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**. The award is based on academics, character, leadership, and service to the campus and community. She is pictured (below) receiving her certificate from Interim Provost, Richard Coughlin.

**Kiera Hulseley '12** was one of 42 students initiated into Truman's Chapter of **Phi Beta Kappa**, Delta of Missouri. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest liberal arts and sciences honor society.

**Kelly Gorman '12** interned at the **Missouri State Public Defenders Office** in Kirksville.

**Erin Medin '12** interned at **Project Transformation Tennessee** providing college-age young adults with leadership development and career exploration opportunities through the coordination and operation of free community-oriented programs for underserved children and youth.

**Elizabeth Salley '14** helped implement the **Local Foods Dinner** as part of the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO), a Truman student-led organization committed to promoting sustainability on a local and global level and intended to foster community relations and promote campus and community sustainability.



Emily Love

# HONOR SOCIETIES



Kate & Kelly '12

## **Departmental Honors Program,**

distinguishes majors who have achieved academic success and made an investment in education and personal development beyond the classroom. Those who graduated in May 2012 with department honors are:

**Rudolf Cesaretti, Joy Bulen, Kelly Gorman, Kiera Husley, Angela Page, Zak Palmer, Kevin Sack, Kate Seaton, and Adam Speak.**

## **Cultural & Societal Honors Society, a joint honors society for Sociology/Anthropology majors,**

initiated several new members at the home of Dr. Johnson last Fall.

The society hosted the Senior Seminar presentations at their meetings and participated in campus visit events throughout the year helping prospective students become familiar with the program and department.

The society also hosted Truman grads **Ryan**

**Klotz and Courtney Dowdall '02** (pictured below) who shared their fieldwork experience among the Maya in Guatemala as part of the Folklore Colloquium and a dinner after their talk. They also spoke to Senior Seminar students about graduate school.

Members this past year included **Jessica Bernstetter, Rudolph Cesaretti, Katie Dye, Emma Flowers, Kathryn Hedlund, Lakeisha Joyce, Dichen**

**Lham, Rose McCray, Julianne Meyer, Zack Miller, Hannah Motes, Zachary Palmer, Nick Riggins, Kevin Sack, Kelley, Schaller, Kate Seaton, Alex Senger, Sam Spencer, and Matthew Willis.**



Ryan & Courtney '02 grads

**Alpha Kappa Delta, the National Sociology Honor Society** Chapter Kappa of Missouri members this past year were **Lakeisha Joyce, Zak Palmer, and Nicole Siman. Samantha Galloway, Aaron**

**Johnson, and Sarah Westfall.**

**Lambda Alpha, the National Anthropology Honor Society Chapter Zeta of Missouri** included members **Jessica Bernstetter, Rachael Kisse, Dichen**

**Lham, Rose McCray, Julianne Meyer, Kelley Schaller, and Matthew Willis.**

# Service Learning & Student Interview Project



their required service learning for the class. Hope's Kitchen is a non-profit organization based out of Kirksville's Mary Immaculate Catholic Church that prepares and delivers free meals for over 200 hungry Kirksville residents several times a month.

This past Spring Semester, the SOAN 265 Structured Inequalities class participated in a **service learning** opportunity in the Kirksville community.

**Shelby Hewerdine, Aaron Albrecht, Tasheka Graves, Nanda Christanto, and Morgan Simpson** helped cook a meal at **Hope's Kitchen** as part of

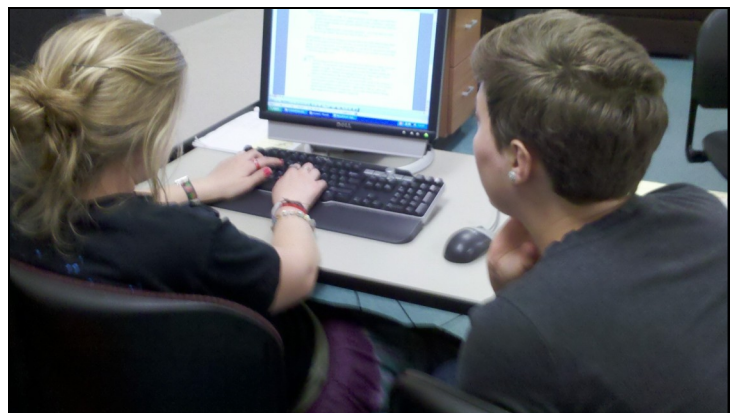
The annual **Student Interview Project**, which has provided hands on research opportunities for students each year and helps the University learn about issues affecting our students, was completed this past Spring semester. This year students interviewed approximately 100 undergraduates in late January to mid-February. The focus of this year's project was academic stress at Truman. The results of this study, and previous year's studies, can be found in the Assessment Almanac on Truman's website.

Dr. McDuff's research team members included upper-level sociology majors who received 2 hours of credit from SOAN554, an independent studies course.

The students included: **Angela Page, Zak Palmer,**

**Adam Speak, Emily Love, Emily Davis, and Kiera Hulseay.**

*Kiera Husley and Emily Love work on the Student Interview Project*





# Field Schools



This past summer **Janine Baumgartner '12** attended the **Mongolian Field School – Targun Nuur Archaeology Project**— in one of the northern most regions of Mongolia in an area called the Darkhad Depression. The field school was funded by the University of Pittsburgh and led by PhD student

Julia Clark.

The research objectives were to characterize Bronze Age habitation areas in the Darkhad Depression specifically the time period between the late Bronze Age (1300-700 B.C.).

Janine learned surveying, mapping out excavation sites, preliminary excavation work and cataloguing artifacts.

**“The experience of being in such a different area than we can get in the states was more than enough to fuel my love of archaeology..”—Janine**

**Zoe Matlock '13** attended a field school in Alaska sponsored by **Adelphi University** during the summer of 2011. The field school lasted for 5 weeks and met with other researchers, locals, and tribal elders to learn more about the sites being excavated.

Zoe learned many basic archaeological skills such as site mapping, excavation, laying out grids, recording soil stratification, and surveying. She was also taught to use modern field-based technologies including GPS and GIS.

homestead three and a half miles of rugged terrain from the dig site.

Zoe states, “Attending field school was one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. I would definitely recommend students curious in archaeology to attend a field school.”

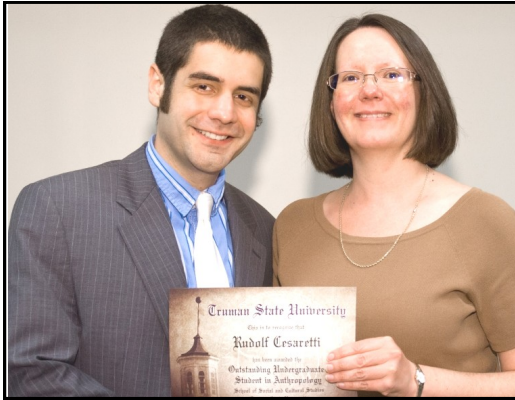
**“Not only did I get to explore my passion for archaeology, but I also learned about myself in the process.”—Zoe**

Zoe along with others excavated two prehistoric sites in the Susitna River Valley, the 10,000-year-old occupation at Trapper Creek Overlook and the late-prehistoric complex hunter-gatherer Chunilna Village site.

A few unusual skills learned are such as what to do if you come in contact with a bear or moose. The group lived almost completely off the grid; the closest town was a two hour ATV drive away and there was no way to get there by car. Zoe camped at a



# Outstanding Students



**Rudolf (Rudy) Cesaretti '12** double major in Sociology/Anthropology and History is pictured receiving the Outstanding Student in Anthropology Award from Dr. Amber Johnson, Professor of Anthropology.

Last summer, Rudy completed a qualitative research project on school consolidation and commu-

nity identity in rural North-east Missouri as part of the TruScholars Summer Research Program. In November, he received national recognition for the quality of his poster presenting related research at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Montreal, Canada. Eventually, Rudy plans to pursue his PhD in Anthropology; he is still deciding where in the world to teach English as a second language in the interim.

Sociology major, **Zachary Palmer '12**, is pictured receiving the Outstanding Student in Sociology Award from Dr. McDuff. Zak is a native of

Kirksville. He served as Vice President of Cultural and Societal Honors Society and Co-President of Alpha Kappa Delta this past year. In the Fall, Zak is pursuing a masters degree in Sociology of Religion at Ball State University and will serve as a graduate assistant. Eventually Zak plans to earn his PhD in Sociology.



## Anthropology Club & Students For Social Change



**Kat Owens, Anthropology Major, chalking the campus grounds and bringing awareness to the Anthropology Club**

Outside of socializing this past year, the **Anthropology Club** planned and attended a trip to the Special Collections section at Pickler Memorial Library on campus. Activities continue to include trips to Archeological sites and museums, inviting guest speakers to speak on topics in the field.

Visit the **Anthropology Club** on Facebook for more pictures.

**Students for Social Change** (Sociology Club) highlight for the year is its annual **Social Justice Week** on

disability awareness last October.

The aim was to bring together issues and individuals to allow students and faculty to explore disability with the hopes of normalizing disabilities.

The week's events included three documentary screenings, a *Disability Monologues* presentation, and a panel discussion on disability.

# Department Seminars



Visiting Assistant Professor Galina M. Zapryanova talking with Dr. Flowerday.

Department Seminars continue to promote faculty scholarship and foster discussion of topics relevant to our disciplines.

Last September, **Dr. Bob Mielke (English)** presented "*I'm Going to Outer Space*

*As Fast As I Can: Sun-Ra, Afro-Futurism and Motivated Signifying.*"

Also in the fall, **Prof. Aaron Fine (Art)** presented "*The Statue Has a Security Team: A Visual Political Culture of Mumbai.*"

Students who participated in **Dr. Elaine McDuff's** South African study abroad experience shared what they learned in "*A Study Abroad Report-**AFR 310: Democracy & Human Rights in South Africa.***"

**Visiting Assistant Professor Galina M. Zapryanova** (pictured left) presented her paper "*Looks Can Be De-*

*ceiving: Explaining Protest Voting in Central and East Europe.*"

**Dr. Wolfgang Hoeschele** discussed "*The Economics of Abundance.*"

In February, **Professor of Economics Dr. Rubana Mahjabeen** presented "*Starting a Micro-Credit Program in an American Midwest Town.*"

Also in the Spring, **Dr. Robert Tigner (Psychology)** discussed his research in his presentation "*Do Learning Styles Predict Performance? Simon Says No.*"

## Recent Graduates

**Ryan and Courtney (Dowdall) Klotz '02** are both writing PhD dissertations this year on economically focused field projects [factors related to success of coffee cooperatives] at Florida International University.

**Christina (Pomianek) Banes '04** is teaching at Lindenwood University in Missouri.

**Christen Gates '06** employed at **VSolvit** has received a Grand Challenges Exploration Award from the Gates Foundation for groundbreaking research in global health and development. Christen is working with the Career Center to de-

velop an internship program with VSolvit for Truman Students.

**Justin Nichols '09** received the **Provost's Undergraduate Research Award** from **Johns Hopkins University**. His research proposal was titled "*The reliability and factor structure of the Severity of Violence Against Women Scale*"

**John Topi '11** is starting graduate school in Anthropology at the University of Missouri.

**Emily Davis '12** is working for an interfaith NGO in

Omaha and then for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

**Kelly Gorman '12** attending law school at Mizzou.

**Chermain Jennings '12** is pursuing a MA in Sociology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

**Hazar Khidir '12** is pursuing her MD at Harvard Medical School.

**Faith Martin '12** spent the summer working in Beijing and now works as an account executive at KTVO in Kirksville.

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## Dr. Elaine McDuff on Sabbatical

Dr. Elaine McDuff (Sociology) and her husband, Dr. Steve McDuff, have just left Kirksville for 4 months of travel in Great Britain, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, as part of Dr. McDuff's sabbatical research project. She is interviewing Zimbabwean women in all three countries in order to learn about emerging patterns associated with the feminization of migration in Southern Africa, focusing on the experiences of Zimbabwean women as economic migrants. She hopes to incorporate what she learns into her courses on race, class, and gender inequality, and to expand global content in all of her teaching. In addition, she will need research assistants for transcribing data during the spring semester, and plans to develop a model for student research projects on gender and immigration issues in the US.

## Recent Graduates (continued)

**Erin Medin '12** is living in Nashville, TN and working as the Assistant Director of a new non-profit organization called Project Transformation. This organization works with churches to provide literacy based summer programming to children living in low income areas.

**Kat Owens '12** spent the summer as an exhibit design intern at the World Aquarium, and will be spending this fall as a keeper intern at the Dickerson

Park Zoo, rotating through each section of the zoo.

**Kevin Sack '12** in law school at MU.

**Kate Seaton '12** is an AmeriCorps service member in Great Falls, MT working for a program called the Court Help Program in a Self-Help law Center helping low income (or non-low income) people who cannot afford an attorney make the legal system work for themselves.

**Thanks to everyone – faculty, staff, students, and alumni – who have contributed to our successes in the last year. Next year I'm passing the baton to Dr. Elaine McDuff.**

**Sincerely,  
Dr. Amber Johnson, Department Chair**



## Spring 2012 Graduates

