Awards and Grants:

Mark Bjelland (geography) has been awarded a faculty research grant by the Canadian Embassy. His project is titled “Population Density, Household Diversity, and Sustainable Lifestyles in Canadian Cities.” The project looks at the carbon footprint of different types of urban development. Bjelland will use the $6,900 grant to spend time working with researchers from the geography departments at the University of British Columbia and York University.

Beatriz Torres (comm. studies) received an $18,500 grant from KMSU Radio to fund the production of the second and third season of an entertainment education radio soap opera, “Tests of destiny: Stories of love, pain and healing.” This Spanish radio soap opera was developed to reach the widely dispersed Latino population of southern Minnesota. The purpose of this soap opera is to communicate health knowledge through real stories and experts, to create audience identification with the stories, and trigger interpersonal communication and about the episodes. The project occurs with the collaboration of La Mano Inc. (a non-profit organization), several Hispanic community leaders and KMSU (Minnesota State University’s campus radio station, which reaches approximately 500 Hispanics).

Kris Kracht, director of forensics (comm. studies), has been awarded the Larry Schnoor Distinguished Service Award from the American Forensics Association District IV.

Presentations:

Mary Gaebler (religion) recently spoke on “Affluenza” at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley as a part of the Gustavus Partners in Education program.

Kyle Momsen (HES) offered an Adult Education Forum at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna on “Concussions and What Families Should Know about Them.”

John Holte (MCS) presented a talk titled “Coping with Random Interest Rates” at the fall meeting of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America, held at the University of Sioux Falls. In January he attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans, where, as past president, he represented the North Central Section at the section officers’ meeting.

On Jan. 21-23, Darrell Jodock (religion), Grady St. Dennis (church relations), and Chris Johnson (CVR) represented Gustavus at the 2011 gathering of the Western Mission Network. This ELCA gathering brings together representatives of the colleges, seminaries, and lifelong learning projects in the western part of the U.S. (from Minnesota to Washington and south to New Mexico and California). Since its beginning in 1998, this gathering has fostered a number of new initiatives and cooperative projects. A good deal of attention has been given to generational differences that influence learning, the role and uses of technology, and the importance of a deepened
sense of vocation. Stirred by the presenters, those who attend are unusually effective at generating stimulating ideas and networking together to put them into practice.

On Sunday, Jan. 30, **Darrell Jodock** (religion) gave the sermon at an ecumenical service in observance of the 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Among the sponsors were the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA and the New Ulm Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. The service was held this year at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Peter.

**Jill Locke** (political science) gave a talk, “Freeing the Secret: Feminism and the Politics of Confession,” as part of the Feminisms for the 21st Century Hoffman Lecture Series at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. She also presented a paper, “Rousseau, The Misfit’s Hero,” at the Rockefeller College Political Theory Workshop, SUNY-Albany. Both events were on Friday, Jan. 28.

**Lisa Heldke** (philosophy) lectured at the University of Oregon at the invitation of the Oregon Humanities Program, the Comparative Literature Program, and the Philosophy Department, as part of the yearlong series “What Sustains Us.” Her primary lecture was titled “Pleasure Once Removed: Suffering, Violence and Eating.”

**Kyle Momsen** (HES) spoke to the Waseca Rotary about curling ("Who knew sweeping could be so fun") in anticipation of the third outdoor bonspiel during the Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival.

On Feb. 10-11, **Darrell Jodock** (religion) gave a lecture on “The Relation of Science and Theology: An Introduction” to pastors from southern Minnesota who are part of the “Pastor-to-Pastor” program co-sponsored by Gustavus. **Chuck Niederriter** (physics) presented a physicist’s view of the formation of the universe, and **Jon Grinnell** (biology) examined the evidence for biological evolution. The three instructors then led a discussion, “Exploring the Intersections” of science and theology. The “Pastor-to-Pastor” program involves monthly small-group meetings and three 24-hour gatherings per year at Gustavus. Each gathering includes about six hours of continuing education. The topic varies from one gathering to another.

On Friday evening, Feb. 11, and Saturday morning, Feb. 12, **Darrell Jodock** (religion) spoke in Chippewa Falls, Wis., to about 65 adults in the Lay School of the Northwestern Wisconsin Synod (ELCA) and, via an interactive video hook-up, to a similar but smaller group in Lawrence, Kan. This 6 1/2-hour session used case studies from various centuries to examine the role of the community of faith in “Transforming Society.” It was one of nine sessions in a year-long course exploring church history. Each focuses on a theme that spans the centuries.

On February 26 **Darrell Jodock** (religion) gave the keynote address at the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Leadership Equipping Day. The topic was “The Special Way Lutherans Approach the Bible.” He also led a workshop on the same topic. The all-day event, held this year in Redwood Falls, is designed to assist council members and others lead their congregations more effectively. Over 200 attended.

**Lisa Heldke** (philosophy) was an invited speaker at a University of Minnesota symposium sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study on March 3-5. The symposium was titled “Abundance and Scarcity: How We Talk about Feeding the World.”

**Linnea Wren** (art & art history) and former students **Travis Nygard’02 and Kaylee Spencer’98** are co-presidents of the Radical Art Caucus, a society affiliated with the College Art Association. At the CAA meeting in New York on Feb. 12, Linnea was a discussant of the RAC panel, Environmental Sustainability in Art History, Theory and Practice.
Linnea, Travis, and Kaylee were organizers of the RAC reception, which focused on the topic of “Unions in Academia: Who Needs Them?”

Beatriz Torres (comm. studies) was keynote speaker for a Lambda Pi Eta National Honor Society in Communication Studies chapter event at Nebraska Wesleyan University on March 11, addressing more than 100 students, faculty, and administrators on the topic “Gesundheit! Bless you! Salud! Promoting health across cultures: Facilitating intercultural dialogue in health care.” She also presented a special session for communication students at Nebraska Wesleyan on March 11 about the practical side of research, titled “Embracing research: the art of solving problems & bringing positive change.”

Jill Locke (political science) presented a paper, “Rousseau, The Misfit’s Hero,” to the Political Theory Colloquium at the University of Minnesota on March 11 (http://www.polisci.umn.edu/centers/theory/schedule.html).

On March 18, Darrell Jodock (religion) spoke to a group of about 50 retired pastors and their spouses in Northfield, Minn. His topic was “Hope in an Age of Anxiety and Fear.”

On March 9, Sidonia Alenuma-Nimoh presented at the Minnesota Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (MN ASCD). The title of her presentation was “Teaching Them All: Blending Differentiated Instruction with Multicultural Instruction.”

On March 23-24 Darrell Jodock (religion) spent two days at California Lutheran University delivering a public lecture on “Serving Others (Vocation) in an Anxious and Polarized Age” and a chapel talk on “Faith, Risk, and Promise.” He also made presentations to the CLU cabinet, to a group of student leaders, to persons who had attended the Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference, to staff from the offices of admission, marketing, and advancement, to a group of faculty who attended a “Teaching and Learning” lunch, and to another group at a “Faculty Forum.” He also was interviewed at some length by a consultant who was on campus to develop a strategy for branding and marketing. The focus of all of these presentations was on vocation as a campus-wide priority and on the characteristics of Lutheran higher education.

Rebecca Fremo (English) delivered a paper titled “Shifting the How and Sharing the What: The Perils and Promises of Methodological Chaos” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Atlanta, Ga., on April 8. Fremo also had a poem accepted for publication: “Funeral Poem” will appear in Poetica: A Magazine of Jewish Arts and Culture.

Barbara Fister (library) presented “Documdrama: Why Sources Matter—and Citing Them Correctly Doesn’t” as part of a panel, “Looking the Wrong Way: Tales of Misdirection and a Call for Radical Revision in the Teaching of Citation (#burnthememanual),” given at the Conference on College Composition and Communication annual conference, Atlanta, April 2011.

Linnea Wren and colleague Travis Nygard ’02 presented a paper, “Bridging Archaeological and Art Historical Methodologies in the Cochuah Region of Mexico,” on April 1 at the 76th annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Sacramento, Calif.

On April 16, Darrell Jodock (religion) led a three-hour workshop sponsored by the Faith Builders Team of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod ELCA. Faith Builders organizes meaningful learning opportunities for lay persons throughout the Synod. The topic of the workshop was “Culture Wars, Forgiveness, Unity, and the Vocation of the Church.”

Beatriz Torres (communication studies) will be presenting papers in two panels at the International Communication Association meeting in Boston at the end of May. One is a panel on “Global Health Communication, Development and Social Change, “ Health Communication Division, and the other is a panel on “Storytelling, Performance, Discovery and Dialogue: Bringing the Margins into the Center of Intercultural Communication Research,” Intercultural Communication Division.

Barbara Fister (library) presented a paper titled “Sisters in Crime at the Quarter Century: Advocacy, Community, and Change” at the Popular Culture Association National Conference in San Antonio.

Kevin Byrne (history) presented the keynote address at the College Board Breakfast, held at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting in Houston on March 20. The topic of his address was “Foreign Policy and Popular Culture in the Age of Reagan.” He also delivered a paper titled “The Populist Roots of Progressive Reform” at the Teaching American History Spring Workshop, held at Minnesota State University, Mankato on April 8.

Lisa Heldke (philosophy) was the keynote speaker at the Andrew Wolf Memorial Conference, “Eating Green: A Conversation about Food, Consumption and Sustainability,” held at American University in Washington, D.C. Her talk was titled “Pleasure Once Removed: Eating, Suffering and Violence.” The conference honored an American University graduate who was killed while working with The Otesha Project, a food and social justice organization that was cycling across Canada.

Jill Locke (political science) attended the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in San Antonio, Texas, April 20-23, where she participated in the Feminist Theory Workshop discussion of the new translation of Simone de Beauvoir’s The Second Sex; chaired a panel called “Reading Arendt: Provocations of Freedom”; and presented a paper, “The ‘Social Question’ in the Jim Crow South,” on the “World, Freedom, and Politics” panel.

Jeff A. Jenson (library/archives) presented “Intellectual Organization: From Nothing to There and Back Again – Not to Be Confused with a Hobbit’s Tale” at the Midwest Archives Conference held in St. Paul on April 28-30. He presented on collection inventory, organization, moving, and access.

Kyle Momsen (HES) presented “Research: Is it really that scary?” at the Minnesota Athletic Trainers’ Association annual symposium. The presentation was designed to encourage student (or student-faculty) research and was requested due to the successful program of student-faculty research in the Gustavus HES Department. Momsen and colleague Mary Joos (HES) also sat on a panel for students interested in advanced degrees in athletic training.

The faculty of the Department of Scandinavian Studies attended the 101st annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in Chicago, Illinois, April 28-May 1. Helena Karlsson presented a paper titled
“Let the Right One In: The Politics Behind Romance and Nostalgia.” Glenn Kranking chaired a panel on Sami history, and Kjerstin Moody chaired a panel on Swedish and Finnish.

In June 2011 Sidonia Alenuma-Nimoh (education) will be presenting a paper at the 11th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations in Cape Town, South Africa. The title of her paper is “Exploring the Complexities of Gendered Globalization.”

Barbara Fister (library) has been asked to speak at an international symposium at UCLA on “Steig Larsson and Scandinavian Crime Fiction,” to be held May 20-21. Her talk, “Conventionally Unconventional: Lisbeth Salander’s Sisters in Crime,” will focus on the Millennium Trilogy’s roots in feminist crime fiction of the 20th century.

Ron Rietz (MCS) gave a talk titled “An Elementary Integral Formula for Products of Functions with Proportional Second Derivatives” at the spring meeting of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America at Carleton College.

John Holte (MCS) gave a talk titled “Small-sample confidence intervals for proportions” at the spring meeting of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America held at Carleton College.

Presentations with students:

Kate Knutson (political science) and seniors Jacqueline Schwerm and Courtney West presented papers and posters at the 69th annual national conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Ill., March 31-April 3. Kate and Jacqueline presented a paper they co-authored based on a collaborative research project funded by a Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant. Their paper was titled “Minnesota’s Joint Religious Legislative Coalition: An Experiment in Interfaith Advocacy.” Jacqueline also presented a poster based on her political science honors thesis, titled “A New Wave? Conservative Feminism and Women’s Interest Groups in the 21st Century.” Courtney presented a poster based on her political science honors thesis as well, titled “The Conflict Within: The Multiple Identities of Catholics for Equality.” The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association is one of the largest conferences in the discipline, drawing over 4,500 political scientists from around the world.

Publications:

Lisa Heldke (philosophy, GWS) has a chapter in a new book, Being for the Other: Ethics and Animal Rights in Literature and Religion, edited by Manish Vyas. The chapter is titled “‘Hush,’ Said His Mama, ‘You’re Gonna Be a Pig’: A Pragmatist Philosophical Consideration of the Pig in Literature, Song and Film, With Special Emphasis on the Ones That Got Away.”

Joel Carlin (biology, environmental studies) published a section in the online textbook Nature Education Knowledge titled “Mutations are the raw materials of evolution.” This online project by the publishers of Nature is meant to provide undergraduate students worldwide with free, peer-reviewed English language articles in ecology and evolution.
Eric Dugdale (classics) had his paper, titled “Good Grief: Learning Empathy through Ancient Drama,” published in the journal Institutio.

Tim Peterson (E/M) had a paper titled “Investing Your Own Endowment Fund like Harvard Invests” accepted for publication in the Academy of Finance journal.

An article by Denis Crnkovic (MLLC-Russian), “Symbol of Undetermined Faith: A Note on Aleksej Kruchenykh’s Vowel Poem ‘Heights,’” has appeared in volume VII (2010) of Studi Slavistici, the journal of Slavic studies of the University of Florence.

An article by María Isabel Kalbermatten (MLLC-Spanish), “The resolution of instructions in an examination situation and its related problems. The influence of cognitive and socio-cultural factors and of teacher instructions,” has appeared in Volume 34 of Lenguas Modernas, the journal of the Department of Linguistics of the College of Philosophy and Humanities of the University of Chile.

Yuki Sakuragi (MLLC-Japanese studies) has published the first installment of a new one-year series, “Experiencing Intercultural Communication through Film” in the April issue of The English Teacher’s Magazine. The English Teacher’s Magazine (Eigo Kyooiku in Japanese) is the oldest magazine for English teachers in Japan (at all levels, from elementary school through university), with a monthly circulation of 50,000 copies.

Julie Bartley (geology) co-authored a paper with Linda Kah, titled “Protracted Oxygenation of the Proterozoic Biosphere,” which has appeared online and will appear in the April print issue of International Geology Review.


Glenn Kranking (history/Scandinavian studies) published “Incorporating the Baltic Region into Western Civ Courses” in the most recent issue of the Baltic Studies Newsletter, from the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies.


Jeff A. Jenson (library/archives) published “Minnesota Apple Trees: Growing Shorter in the 1950s” in the most recent issue of Minnesota History. The work explains how a new trend transformed the way the “King of Fruits” was grown, picked, and sold following a century of careful work developing tasty apples that tolerated Minnesota’s climatic extremes.

Sidonia Alenuma-Nimoh (education) and Mimi Gerstbauer (political science) have co-authored a book chapter, “Gendered globalization: A reexamination of the changing roles of women Africa,” in a new book, titled Critical Perspectives on Neoliberal Globalization, Development and Education in African and Asia, edited by Dip Kapoor of the University of Alberta, Canada.
Jennifer Ackil (psychology) co-authored an empirical article with Maria Zaragoza (Kent State University), titled “Forced fabrication versus interviewer suggestions: Differences in false memory depend on how memory is assessed.” The article will be published in the journal Applied Cognitive Psychology.

Janine Wotton (psychology, neuroscience) has recently authored two articles in peer-refereed journals. The first, titled “A model of anuran auditory periphery reveals frequency-dependent adaptation to be a contributing mechanism for two-tone suppression and amplitude modulation coding” is in Hearing Research, and Mike Ferragamo (biology, neuroscience) is her co-author. This paper describes a computational model of the vertebrate auditory system that creates an explanatory bridge between physiology and behavior to account for how animals solve complex auditory tasks. The second article, titled “Sentence Context Influences Vowel Choice in Noise and Reverberation,” is in Language and Speech and includes former Gustavus neuroscience/psychology students Rachel Elvebak, Lor Moua, Nathan Heggem, Cathryn Nelson, and Kristen Welsh as co-authors. The paper describes the results of a behavioral study examining the effects of background noise and room echoes on speech recognition in human subjects.

On March 30-April 2, Laurent Déchery (MLLC-French) published, in collaboration with Martine Sauret from Macalester College, an interview with the French writer René Frégni. It was published in the March issue of the French Review.

Kyle Chambers (psychology) co-authored two empirical articles with Kristine Onishi (McGill University) and Cynthia Fisher (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). “A vowel is a vowel: Generalizing newly-learned phonotactic constraints to new contexts” was published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition and “Representations for phonotactic learning in infancy” will be published in Language Learning and Development. Chambers also co-authored a service-learning project summary with Peter Olson (Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota) and April Rao (Creative Play Place), “Learning developmental psychology through museum exhibit design.” The summary was presented to the Developmental Science Teaching Institute at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Lianying Shan’s (Japanese studies) article “Beyond Detective Fiction: A Brief Study of Natsuo Kirino’s Gyokuran (Magnolia)” was published in the 2011 spring issue of ASIANetwork EXCHANGE: a Journal for Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts in April 2011.

John Lammert (biology) wrote story-based clinical cases that accompany chapters in Bauman, Microbiology with Body Systems, 3rd ed, (Pearson Benjamin Cummings). He is listed as a clinical consultant on the title page.

**Performances:**

Justin Knoepfel (music) performed a setting of “Ah, Holy Jesus” by John Ferguson at the first annual Edina Choral Festival (Colonial Church of Edina), with Weston Noble conducting; Knoepfel is currently also violist with Minnesota Opera’s production of La Traviata at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts (St. Paul).

Douglas Nimmo (music) guest-conducted at the 2011 Billings AA Band Festival, held in Billings, Mont., on Feb. 28 and March 1. Nimmo was one of two guest conductors who worked with high school bands from Billings and
Helena. The festival is a major event in the academic year for the Billings schools, involving 250 high school musicians.

**Chad Fothergill** (Chaplains’ Office/music) led an evening festival of hymns on March 16 at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, commemorating the 30th anniversary on the church’s Hendrickson Organ and the congregation’s “Growing God’s Mission” building project. He will also perform with other area organists at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato on Friday evening, March 25 in a recital commemorating the Feast of the Annunciation.

**Exhibits:**

Photographic work by **Priscilla Briggs** (art & art history) has been included in the Midwest Photographers Project at the Museum of Contemporary Photography in Chicago.

**Nicole Roberts Hoiland**’s (art & art history) sculptures will be included in a DeVos Art Museum exhibition this summer at Northern Michigan University.

Work by **Priscilla Briggs** (art & art history) is featured in “EA$T/WE$T: A Global Look at Capitalism” from May 14 through June 18, 2011, at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art in New Harmony, Ind.

**Other:**

**Mary Joos** (HES), clinical education coordinator of the Athletic Training Education Program, has recently been appointed as the Minnesota State Representative to the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association Young Professionals Committee. The newly minted committee intends to be a bridge between young and experienced athletic trainers as well as being on the forefront on issues that relate to young professionals in the field.

**Greg Kaster** (history) has been selected to participate in a seminar on slave narratives that will be led by historian David Blight at Yale University, June 12-15, 2011. The seminar is sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. CIC President Richard Ekman reports that competition for the 25 faculty seminar slots was “intense.”

**Leila Brammer** (comm. studies) has been invited by the Kettering Foundation to participate in an ongoing discussion about deliberation in higher education.

**Nicole Roberts Hoiland**’s (art & art history) new work, “Line and Shape,” will be on display at Riverland Community College from March 21 through April 24

**Kyle Momsen** (athletic training education), has once again been asked to provide athletic training services at the Junior/Cadet Fencing World Championships. This year the event will be held “at the lowest point on Earth”, the Dead Sea in Jordan. Kyle provides medical care for U.S. fencers both domestically and internationally and has been able to involve several students in his work.
Asli Ilgit (political science) has been selected to attend the 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers. She will participate in a seminar titled “Rethinking International Immigration.” The five-week seminar will be held at the UCLA campus from June 13 through July 15. The 16 NEH summer scholars selected to participate in the program are from a broad range of disciplinary backgrounds and will each receive a stipend of $3,900.

Mark Bjelland (geography) was a panelist in a session titled “Geography, Liberal Arts, and Interdisciplinarity” at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Seattle. Other panelists included department chairs from Middlebury, Macalester, Bucknell, and Colgate.

The Gustavus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has unanimously elected William K. Freiert, professor emeritus of classics, as its first honorary member. The election recognizes Professor Freiert’s distinguished career at Gustavus, his outstanding scholarship, and his profound commitment to liberal learning as teacher, mentor, and colleague. Election to honorary membership in the PBK, the nation’s premier scholarly society, is reserved for those faculty who, having been granted the baccalaureate degree from colleges without PBK chapters, have made significant contributions to the liberal arts throughout their subsequent careers. Fewer than seven percent of all U.S. universities and colleges host a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. The Gustavus Eta of Minnesota chapter was formally installed on April 7, 1983. Professor Freiert will be inducted into the society at its annual induction ceremony on May 5.

Coughlan Companies of Mankato recently provided $500 worth of books from among their publications to Debra Pitton (education). The texts, primarily Spanish-English children’s books, will be shipped to Chimbote, Peru, for use by the students in Pitton’s course in January 2012. Gustavus students will be establishing a small English language library and teaching basic English language skills to the children and youth of a mission complex in Chimbote.