



COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT: 2014 – 2015

The College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS) was created in 1973 to ensure the university was responsive to the critical social needs of our community and state. The College was given the mission not only to provide educational programs of the highest caliber to prepare students for leadership in the public service, but also to reach out to the community to help solve public problems.

The College has become a national leader among similar colleges, with eight programs ranked in the top 25 in the nation. Our faculty ranks among the finest in their disciplines. And faculty, staff, and students are integral to the community and the state because of our applied research, service learning and community partnerships. We take seriously our duty to address social needs and craft solutions to local, state and national problems.

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SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) has undergone a tremendous amount of change, but the prevailing sentiment continues to be one of optimism; our program has a very bright future ahead of it. Several CCJ faculty are nationally and internationally recognized experts in their areas of study. The doctoral program is also internationally recognized and continues to be highly ranked by *U.S. News and World Report*.

CCJ is a large, dynamic program with 18 tenure-track/tenured faculty, two emeritus faculty, two research faculty, eight full-time and four part-time professional and support staff members as well as 25 part-time faculty. The School offers educational programming on both the UNO and UNL campuses and houses two research units: the Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) and the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR). CCJ is pleased to report an upward trend in majors, degrees awarded, and student credit hour production.

In addition to these general trends, many of our undergraduate students (49 Omaha, 107 Lincoln) also participated in internships with local, state, and federal government agencies, enhancing their educational experiences.

Students	<u>2007- 08</u>	<u>2008- 09</u>	<u>2009- 10</u>	<u>2010- 11</u>	<u>2011- 12</u>	<u>2012- 13</u>	<u>2013- 14</u>
Undergraduate Majors	510	538	577	654	768	826	775
Undergraduate Minors	25	27	17	20	25	35	99
Masters Students	38	29	31	30	42	66	NA
PhD Students	32	25	21	23	20	23	21

<i>Degrees Awarded</i>	<u>2007- 08</u>	<u>2008- 09</u>	<u>2009- 10</u>	<u>2010- 11</u>	<u>2011- 12</u>	<u>2012- 13</u>	<u>2013- 14</u>
BS Degrees	133	120	120	123	134	165	183
MA/MS Degrees	9	12	8	13	14	11	13
PhD Degrees	10	3	5	3	2	4	4

<i>Student Credit Hour Production</i>	<u>2007- 08</u>	<u>2008- 09</u>	<u>2009- 10</u>	<u>2010- 11</u>	<u>2011- 12</u>	<u>2012- 13</u>	<u>2013- 14</u>
Undergraduate Level	7,943	7,962	9,313	10,693	13,131	13,728	14,797
Graduate Level	738	599	617	618	738	923	1,039

New Colleagues, Promotions and Departures

- Shannon Gelbman, Front Office Assistant (Omaha)
- Valyn Gipson, Part-time CCJ Academic Advisor (Omaha)
- Johanna Peterson, Research Coordinator, Nebraska Center for Justice Research
- Jukka Savolainen, promoted to Professor
- Joseph Schwartz, new Assistant Professor, PhD Criminology & Criminal Justice, Florida State University
- Michael Walker, new Assistant Professor, PhD Sociology, University of California Riverside
- Lori Hughes, leaving to accept a position as Associate Professor, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado - Denver

Placement of Doctoral Graduates

- Danielle Bailey, Assistant Professor at University of Texas – Tyler, PhD May 2015
- Bob Lytle, Assistant Professor at East Carolina University, PhD May 2015
- Dana Radatz, Assistant Professor at Niagara University, PhD exp. August 2015
- Trisha Rhodes, Assistant Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, PhD exp. August 2015

Research

Over the last year, CCJ faculty have been actively engaged in traditional scholarly research as well as more applied, collaborative research efforts with local and federal agencies. Our faculty have authored or co-authored 4 scholarly books, 57 peer-reviewed journal articles, 34 book chapters and encyclopedia entries, and 11 technical reports. They also currently have an additional 35 papers under review at scholarly journals and 54 other projects in progress. Importantly, approximately one-third of these papers and projects have graduate and undergraduate student coauthors. Faculty delivered 65 presentations at professional conferences and in the last year, many of them invited presentations.

Honors and Awards

- UNO Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity: John Crank
- CCJ Staff Excellence Award: Barbara Homer
- UNL Parents' Association Recognition: Karen Fulton and Diane Dannelly
- CCJ Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Jesse Sladky (Lincoln) and Grant Purcell (Omaha)
- CCJ Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Trisha Rhodes
- CCJ Graduate Student Organization Faculty Mentor Award: Pete Simi
- CPACS Outstanding Alumni Award: Dave Goering (Lincoln graduate)
- CPACS Outstanding Alumni Award: Roxann Ryan (PhD graduate)
- UNO College of Education Graduate Student Award for Excellence: Ashley Cunningham
- Twenty-seven undergraduates were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, the national CJ honor society
- Approximately \$18,000 awarded in scholarships to CCJ undergraduate and graduate students supporting academics, study abroad, and research opportunities.

Community Partnerships

SCCJ is proud of its record of community partnerships and externally-funded projects. The School houses two research bodies: the Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI), directed by Dr. Anne Hobbs, and the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR), directed by Dr. Ryan Spohn. JJI and NCJR facilitate collaborative research efforts and community partnerships as well as provide assistance with securing external funding for research. The following funded projects are under way in the School:

- Transformation Project (Spohn)
- Project Safe Neighborhoods (Spohn)
- Completely Kids Evaluation (Spohn)
- Minority Health Initiative Evaluation (Spohn)
- Violence Against Women Act Strategic Planning for Nebraska Crime Commission (Spohn)
- Douglas County Collective Impact Initiative (Spohn)
- Douglas County Juvenile Assessment Center (Spohn)
- Nebraska Legislature – Medical marijuana enforcement impact, good-time law assessment (Spohn)
- Crossover Youth Practice Model (Spohn and Wright)
- U.S. Strategic Command/Department of Defense (Simi)
- Right-wing Extremist Terrorism Project for National START Consortium (Simi)
- Empirical Assessment of Domestic Disengagement and Deradicalization for National Institute of Justice (Simi)
- Research and Evaluation of Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism for National Institute of Justice (Simi)
- Parole Validation (Spohn, Steiner, Sample)
- Role of Childhood Cumulative Risk in Substance Misuse and Co-occurring Problems – National Institute for Drug Abuse with Boys Town (Savolainen)
- Lancaster County American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project (Hobbs)
- Lancaster County Second Chance Act Juvenile Reentry Project (Hobbs)
- Assessment of Disproportionate Minority Contact in Nebraska (Hobbs)
- Lancaster County Early Assessment (Hobbs)
- Web-enabled Juvenile Diversion System for Nebraska (Hobbs)

- East Central – Maternal Health (Clinkinbeard)
- Goodwill Industries (Sample)
- Polyvictimization among Adult Women funded by WCA (Radatz, Wright)
- Graduate Assistantship - Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Simi)
- Graduate Assistantship - Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (Batton)

Internally Funded Research

- Morality and Crime in Bangladesh (Brauer)
- Prison Misconduct (Brennan)
- Effects of Polyvictimization (Wright)
- Sex Offender Recidivism (Sample)
- Prison Environments and Recidivism (Steiner)
- Right-wing Extremism (Simi)
- Genes, Mind, Behavior (Savolainen, Brauer)
- Sexual Contact between Children and Older People (Savolainen)

Conference Sponsorship

The following conferences and activities were sponsored by CCJ in the last year:

- Silver Level Sponsor of the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Annual Meeting, Kearney, Nebraska, May 2015.
- Jailhouse Scramble Golf Tournament, Tiberon Golf Course, Omaha.
- School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Awards Luncheon
- Restrictive Housing Summit
- Criminal Justice Student Association, Omaha and Lincoln campuses.
- Sponsor, Division of Corrections and Sentencing Social, American Society of Criminology.

Future Directions

- CCJ is working toward taking the BS fully online.
- CCJ is exploring the development of a Corrections Leadership Initiative that will focus on professional development opportunities in corrections, probation, and parole.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The School of Public Administration is a national leader in public service education, and the home of top-ten ranked academic programs with rigorous accreditation standards. We provide a range of academic degrees and professional certifications; we generate significant research that impacts government, industry and nonprofit organizations; and we engage students and faculty directly with relevant professional communities. The School is on the frontier of creating and transmitting knowledge. ***Our goal is to be the best in the nation at what we do.***

Research

Faculty research productivity remains high. During 2014-15 faculty delivered 27 conference presentations, and since August 2014 published more than 20 journal articles and book chapters in numerous outlets including the following:

- Administration & Society
- Administrative Theory & Praxis
- American Review of Public Administration
- Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society
- Environmental Values
- Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal
- International Journal of Public Administration
- International Public Management Review
- International Review of Public Administration
- Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management
- Journal of Health and Human Services Administration
- Municipal Finance Journal
- Public Administration Quarterly
- Public Administration Review
- Public Budgeting & Finance
- Public Organization Review
- Public Performance & Management Review
- Revista Organizacoes e Sociedade (organization and Society)

In addition, Dr. Christine Reed published *Saving the Pryor Mountain Mustang: Fifty Years of Local-Federal Cooperation*, University of Nevada Press, and Carl Ameringer received a book contract from Cambridge University Press for *Healthcare Delivery in America*

Funded Research

Faculty have been awarded grants from:

- City of Omaha
- Fremont Area Community Foundation
- Omaha Community Foundation
- Omaha NAACP
- NASA
- National Science Foundation
- Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
- University of Nebraska Foundation
- US Centers for Disease Control
- NU Daugherty Water for Food Institute
- Faculty Research International

Editorships

- Administrative Theory & Praxis
- Lacanian Compass
- Journal of Medical Regulation
- International Journal of Public Administration in the Digital Age
- International Journal of eGovernance and Networks

Grants and Contracts

- Carl Ameringer, Christine Reed - **\$20,000** to study Hispanic/Latino Community Access to Healthcare in the Greater Omaha Area
- Robert Blair (with Jerry Deichert and David Drozd) **\$148,541**, to study "*Catalyzing the role of Micropolitan America in the Future of Rural America*"
- Yu-Che Chen, Robert Blair and Jooho Lee **\$9,900** to study Smart Urban Cities/Communities
- Robert Blair, Yu-Che Chen, Jooho Lee and Craig, **\$45,000** "*Harnessing Technology to Elevate Community Engagement*"
- Tara Bryan, **\$13,000** "*Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiative Assessment and Evaluation*"
- Yu-Che Chen, **\$8,926**, "*Building Research Partnership for Technology-enabled Collaborative Public Governance*"
- Carol Ebdon, grants on public pensions and state and local government debt
- Christine Reed, **\$37,439**, "*Integrated Water Management Plans*"

Training and Outreach

- Certified Public Manager Program held its sixth graduation in December 2014. The program has certified more than 50 participants.
- The 40th Annual Municipal Clerks School and Master Academy was held in Columbus, March 23-27 in Kearney NE with a record attendance of nearly 270 clerks
- Tribal Emergency Management Program to be beta-tested in July.

International Linkages

- We are working with Adger University in Kristiansand, Norway; Huazhong University in Wuhan, China and Siauliai University in Siauliai, Lithuania.
- The School hosted Visiting Scholar Xiuling Ma and Yi Zhang, Chair of the Public Administration Department of Huazhong University of Science and Technology, both from China.

Community Partnerships

- AIM Institute
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- City of Omaha Personnel Board
- Omaha Public Schools Academy of Finance
- Open Sky Policy Institute
- KVNO
- Live Well Omaha
- Metro Omaha Food Policy Council
- Mid Plains Intelligence Consortium
- Nebraska Association of Counties
- Nebraska City Management Association
- Nebraska EPSCoR Committee
- Neighborhood Council of Greater Omaha
- Nonprofit Association of the Midlands

University Leadership

- Academic Program Review Committee
- AQIP Research & Creative Activity Team
- Center for Collaboration Science
- Consortium for Organizational Research and Evaluation
- Distance Education Advisory Committee
- Educational Policy and Advisory Committee
- Executive Graduate Council
- Faculty Senate
- General Education Steering Committee
- Graduate Council
- Green UNO Task Force
- Institute for Collaboration Science
- Parking Committee
- Strategic Budget Advisory Task Force
- University Committee on Research & Creative Activity
- University Ombudsman
- University Assessment Working Group
- University Athletics Advisory Committee

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Faculty and staff are leaders of national organizations including:

- American Society for Public Administration
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- Association for Research on the Nonprofit Associations and Voluntary Action
- Government Finance Officers Association
- International City Management Association
- Great Plains Government Finance Officers Association
- International Institute for Municipal Clerks
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Fellow
- NAPA Panel on Social Equity in Governance
- NASA EPSCoR Caucus
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs & Administration (NASPAA)
- National Certified Public Manager Consortium
- PA Theory Network

Professional Leadership

- Dr. Mary Hamilton was elected President of the National Consortium of Certified Public Manager Programs, continues to work as a consultant on the Nebraska Superintendent's Academy, and promotes public service through the development of the "*Why Do I Care*" video series.
- Dr. Meagan Van Gelder, Academic Program Coordinator, chaired: NASPAA Administrative Directors Meeting, Rutgers University; NASPAA Pre-Conference Activities, Albuquerque; NASPAA Inaugural Spotlight Award; and helped NASPAA develop the Pilot Alumni Survey.

Awards and Accomplishments

- Dr. Robert Blair received the Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award and was named an Honorary Member of the International City/County Management Association for distinguished public service.
- Dr. Angela Eikenberry spent the year in the United Kingdom on a Fulbright Scholarship
- Dr. Ethel Williams received the 2014 *Distinguished Alumnae Award*, University of Pittsburgh
- Maggie Yancey, MPA graduate, received the Presidential Management Fellowship

Transitions

- Craig Maher will become the MPA Director beginning with the fall term
- Dr. Christopher Goodman, Assistant Professor, Budget and Finance
- Dr. DeeDee Bennett, Assistant Professor. Emergency Management
- Elizabeth (Lizz) Barnhart, Office Assistant
- Megan Nelson, Career/Student Services Associate
- Rhonda Sheibal-Carver moved to Arizona.

Tenure and Promotions

- Dr. Bryce Hoflund, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Jooho Lee, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Patrick O'Neil, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
- Dr. Robert Blair, promotion to Professor
- Dr. Angela Eikenberry, promotion to Professor

NASA NEBRASKA SPACE GRANT & EPSCoR

NASA Nebraska Space Grant Consortium

The National Space Grant College and Fellowship program enters its 25th year as a national network of more than 1000 colleges, universities, and other affiliates working to expand opportunities and interest in aeronautics and space projects by supporting science and engineering education, research, and public outreach. Space Grant funds fellowships for students pursuing careers in science, technology, and engineering fields, faculty and student research projects, and curriculum enhancement. The grant is administered in partnership with ten other higher education institutions across the state.

Highlights:

- NASA awarded the NASA Nebraska Space Grant \$575,000 in FY2015 funding
- Awarded mini-grant and fellowship funding across Nebraska to support NASA-related initiatives
- Funded Nebraska student teams to participate in NASA projects and competitions, including:
 - NASA Robotic Mining Competition at Kennedy Space Center in Florida
 - RockSat-X Payload Development and Launch from Wallops Flight Facility in Maryland
 - AIAA Design, Build, Fly Competition in Tucson, AZ
 - Autonomous Vehicle Competition in Boulder, CO
 - RockOn! Payload Development and Launch from Wallops Flight Facility
 - RockSat-C Payload Development and Launch from Wallops Flight Facility
 - New UNO Robotics Team
- Supported ten UNO students to attend the University Aviation Association Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.
- Added two new higher education courses in Nebraska and revised 14 courses
- Ran the Aeronautics and Space Sciences sections at the 135th Nebraska Academy of Sciences with 34 presentations and 11 posters
- Sponsored numerous High Altitude Balloon launches across Nebraska for middle school and high schools students and teachers, as well as higher education students and faculty
- Exploring Unmanned Aerial Systems development, research, application, and policy
- We are eager to join other states in using the CubeSat platform as an enabler for space-centered technology demonstrations and scientific experiments. A team of researchers and educators are working to establish the Space Technology and Exploration Lab (STELa), which represents an ambitious effort of the NASA Nebraska Space Grant and EPSCoR programs. This work builds on Project HALON (High Altitude Learning Over Nebraska), which was funded by a mini-grant from the NASA Nebraska Space Grant. STELa will serve as the home base for CubeSat development efforts and will support a progression of student-led research, design, fabrication, and testing experiences starting with high altitude ballooning and culminating with the design, development, testing, and launch of Nebraska's first nanosatellite.
- Provided astronomy training for 20 teachers at the Nebraska Star Party in Valentine, NE
- Undergraduate students at College of St. Mary conducted science experiments in the classroom for over 850 elementary students and teachers through the Science Education Outreach project

- Funded the Wacky Wednesday Afterschool Robotics Challenge at the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora, Nebraska for 220 students.
- Participated in science outreach at Nebraska's Science Festival

Diversity Initiatives:

- To date in FY 2014, 46% of fellowships were awarded to females and 30% to underrepresented students.
- The Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC) Weather Stations and Climate Change Research Project has increased the research capabilities for NICC. Weather stations were set up at each NICC campus where the students and their faculty mentor have been collecting data.
- Michaela Lucas is the faculty advisor for UNO's Women in STEM (WiSTEM) and UNO's Women in Aviation Maverick chapters. These groups provide STEM education outreach to hundreds of students each year.
- Supported five students to attend the Women in Aviation International Conference in Dallas, and nine students to attend the National Society of Women Engineers Conference in Los Angeles.

NASA Nebraska EPSCoR

The overarching goal of the NASA Nebraska Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program is to develop the state's research infrastructure to facilitate and support long-term, self-sustaining, and nationally competitive research capabilities in aerospace and aerospace-related research. The program administers a mini-grant program that elevates the aerospace-related research being conducted in Nebraska to support future infrastructure building and workforce development opportunities. This mini-grant program prioritizes capacity-building research projects with strategic importance to NASA's mission and to the state of Nebraska. We also help Nebraska researchers develop the capabilities to be successful in securing funding through competitive proposals to NASA and other federal, state, or private organizations.

Achievements:

- NASA awarded the NASA Nebraska EPSCoR \$125,000 in FY 2015 funding for the Research Infrastructure Development program which seeds NASA-related research in Nebraska
- Awarded a nationally competitive \$750,000 grant for the project, "Highly Permanent Biomimetic Micro/Nanostructured Surfaces by Femtosecond Laser Surface Processing for Thermal Management Systems"
- Awarded a nationally competitive \$100,000 grant for a project that will fly on the International Space Station: "Investigation of Fatigue Due to Solar Neutron and Other Radiation Absorption in New Materials for Neutron Voltaic Devices"
- Submitted a proposal to the national competition for a project, "Large Volume Crystal Growth of Superoxide Dismutase Complexes in Microgravity for Neutron Diffraction Studies"

AVIATION INSTITUTE

The Aviation Institute is a nationally recognized leader in developing tomorrow's aviation professionals. Awarded the prestigious Loening Trophy in 2012, the Aviation Institute continues to lead collegiate aviation in ways that measurably enhances the lives of our students and others we serve through our instructional, research, and service programs. The Bachelor of Science in Aviation, Air Transport Administration concentration is accredited through the Aviation Accreditation Board International.

Student Achievements

- The UNO Flight Team, The Flying Mavs, participated in their sixth straight National Competition in Columbus, OH and place 15th in the nation.
- This year we sent 13 students to the University Aviation Association Seminar on Establishing Aviation Policy in Washington DC and six students attended the Women in Aviation International Convention in Dallas, TX.

Community Partnerships

- Alfonza Davis Middle School
- Omaha Burke High School
- Civil Air Patrol
- Mid-America Council, Nebraska Business Aviation Association
- The Institute completed its 18th year of hosting the Aviation Explorers Post. We taught a group of young men and women about careers in aviation which included tours of Jet Linx Aviation, Eppley Airfield, Duncan Aviation, the UNO Flight Simulation facility, and a Discovery Flight in collaboration with Advanced Air at the Council Bluffs Airport.

National Partnerships

- The Institute and Envoy Air have partnered to develop a career path from student to Regional Airline Pilot. This program gives the pilot a secured position at Envoy while building time towards the Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) minimum flight experience requirements. Not only does the program provide this streamlined career path, but pilots are guaranteed an interview with American Airlines once completing requirements at Envoy.
- The Institute joined ExpressJet's Airline Pilot Pathway Program (AP3) which allows our students to begin a screening process early in their academic careers to set them on a clear track to becoming an airline pilot. Through highly structured and competitive requirements, the AP3 ensures that participating students achieve the highest levels of safety, proficiency and education that will prepare them for a position as a first officer at ExpressJet.
- In July of 2014 we received formal authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration to award the Restricted Airlines Transport Pilot Certificate at 1000 hours.
- Women in Aviation, International Chapter
- Airports Council International
- Alpha Eta Rho Professional Aviation Fraternity
- American Association of Airport Executives
- Aviation Accreditation Board International

- Council of Space Grant Directors
- National Intercollegiate Flying Association
- National Council of Space Grant Directors
- Section on Transportation Policy and Administration
- Transportation Research Board
- University Aviation Association

Faculty

- Dr Rebecca Lutte conducted research on the impact of the ATP regulatory policy change on the U.S. pilot supply which included a nationwide survey of students in collegiate aviation programs. She also participated in the National Pilot Supply Summit at Ohio State University.
- In the Fall of 2016, Ms. Lisa D'Allura will officially join the faculty of the Institute as Special Faculty Development Instructor.

Fall of 2015 will mark the 25th Anniversary of the Aviation Institute.

GRACE ABBOTT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The School houses the program, Support and Training for the Evaluation of Programs (STEPS) which has employed seven graduate student workers and worked with four CPACS faculty. Major research grants this year include:

- Awarded 3-year federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant of \$1.3 million.
- Heartland Family Service (evaluator for U.S., Administration of Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau)
- Nebraska Families Collaborative (evaluator for U.S., Administration of Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau)

School faculty worked on several other grants with community organizations, including:

- Avenue Scholars Foundation
- Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates Association
- Nebraska Children's Home Society
- Building Bright Futures
- Greater Omaha Attendance and Learning Services (GOALS) Center
- Phoenix Academy
- United Way of the Midlands / Financial Success Program
- Summer Works
- Children's Scholarship Fund
- Region 6 Behavioral Health
- Omaha Community Foundation

Articles and Papers Published:

- *Methodological Considerations for Field Research with Sex Workers in China*. International Consortium for Social Development.
- *Beauty & the Beast: a visual metaphor for eating disorders*. National Association of Christians in Social Work.
- *Sex Work in South China*. Traffic School, Price of Life Campaign, Christ Community Church.
- *Clinical Social Work With Individuals: Introduction to Practical Skills*
- "The Winnebago Educare Program: Be Strong and Educate My Children," *Journal of Family Strengths*.
- *Mi Riconcito en el Cielo*
- "Social responses to animal maltreatment offenders: Neglect and hoarding," in *Animal maltreatment: Forensic mental health issues and evaluations*.
- "Hoarding in older adults," in *Handbook of social work in health and aging*.

- “Community interventions,” in *Oxford handbook of hoarding and acquiring*.
- “Hoarding disorder,” in *Obsessive compulsive disorder and its spectrum: A life-span approach*, and in *Translating research into practice: A desk reference for practicing mental health clinicians*.
- “Quality of life for older adults: An integrated conceptual model,” in *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*.
- *The Needs of Those Aging With HIV/AIDS: In Their Own Words*, Southern Gerontological Society
- “Citations and Convictions: One Community's Coordinated Response to Intimate Partner Violence & Efforts Toward Offender Accountability,” *Social Sciences*.
- *Psychiatric Space & Design Antecedents: the John G. Kerr Refuge for the Insane*. Psychiatry and Chinese History. Studies for the Society for the Social History of Medicine series.
- Three book chapters:
 - “Exploring the Engagement and Partnership Process: Owning the Work”
 - “Doing Research: Gathering Visual Evidence in China,” *Practicing as a Social Work Educator in International Collaboration*
 - “Social Justice in India: Reflections.”

International and Community Service

- Together with the University of Nicaragua at Leon, we offer courses for 22 students MSW in Leon:
 - Social Work in the Third Age: 40 hour intensive course on social work with older adults.
 - Social Work with Children: 40 hour intensive course on child development, children with special needs, Attachment Theory, Social Learning Theories.
- Training social workers in China. On-going collaboration and planning with China’s Ministry of Civil Affairs.
- A newly released documentary will be shown on campus in early October to highlight awareness of the plight of Native Americans in Whiteclay Nebraska. “Sober Indian | Dangerous Indian” follows the journey of four alcoholics living on the streets of Whiteclay, Nebraska, less than 300 yards from their homes in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. It explores the harmful effects of alcohol abuse on tribal reservations including high rates of fetal alcohol syndrome, cirrhosis, teen suicide, and high-risk sexual behavior. The filmmaker, John Maisch, will meet with classes and host a panel discussion after the film showing.
- “Bridging Generational Gaps in the Workplace & Classroom.” Wellness Seminar for Faculty and Staff. Sponsored by UNO Human Resources and the University’s Wellness Committee.
- “Successful Service Learning Strategies: Sustainable Partnerships.” Faculty development workshop sponsored by the UNO Service Learning Academy.

Highlights and Events, Workshops and Conferences

- *Chuck Powell Faculty & Student Excellence Award in Scholarship/Research*, UNO Gerontology Department (December 2014)
- Co-sponsor, “Children of the Civil Rights Movement”
- Conducted comprehensive strategic plan
- Alumni wine and cheese event, Kaneko Library

- Social Work faculty presented with faculty from UNO's Department of Gerontology and School of Communication in the series "Begin with the end in mind." There were two workshops involving Social Work faculty: "A global model for facilitating necessary conversations," and "Creating opportunities for discussing end of life planning."
- More than 80 faculty and students attended Nebraska Legislative Day in April 2015
- Sold out panel discussion Film Streams regarding the death penalty April 2015
- Bridging the Generational Divides, 2014 Annual Nebraska-Iowa District Kiwanis Convention.
- Learning about Stuff: A Unique MSW Seminar to Enhance Intervention Capacity, Council on Social Work Education.
- "Understanding Hoarding," and "Too Much Stuff: An Experiential Workshop to Help with Hoarding," International Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Foundation.
- Community Task Forces: An Intervention for Public Health and Safety Risks Created by Hoarding Disorder, Canadian Psychological Association.
- Second annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Workshop. Sponsored by Partnerships in Caregiving Grandparent Resource Center.
- Helping to plan the fifth biennial "Aging with Passion and Purpose: A Conference on Aging, Working Across Generations." with the Department of Gerontology, Immanuel Communities, Care Consultants for the Aging, Art of Aging, Mass Mutual, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill—Nebraska.
- Mental Health: Our call to increase hope and reduce the stigma. NAMI-NE and King of Kings Church.
- "The Many Faces of Caregiving." Biennial Practicum Luncheon.
- "Bridges of Hope-- Dealing with Depression and Helping Suicidal Persons." NAMI-NE FaithNet Program presented at Countryside Community Church Stephen Ministry Leadership Team.
- "Bridges of Hope-- Referrals to Mental Health Professionals." NAMI-NE FaithNet Program presented at Countryside Community Church Stephen Ministry Leadership Team.
- Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska Collaboration, Wayne State College, Kearney NE, & Omaha, NE, "The Journey From Survivor to Professional." Suicide Awareness & Prevention, at several area high schools and UNO
- Film Streams Event: Running From Crazy, KIM Foundation, Film Streams Theater, Film Streams Event: Running From Crazy. Selected panelist to discuss mental health and suicide after showing of film.
- Off-campus BSSW program at SCC, Lincoln NE was approved
- The MSW/CRCJ certificate program was implemented
- Sixty new members joined the Phi Alpha Honor Society

Editorial boards and committee memberships

- Association of Social Work Boards
- Editorial Board Member and Reviewer, *The Gerontologist*.
- National Association of Social Workers – Iowa
- Human Service Advisory Council
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Metro Area LOSS Team
- Theta Epsilon Phi Alpha Honor Society.
- Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
- International Society for Quality of Life Studies

- Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work
- National Association of Social Workers, Specialty Practice Section in Aging
- Gerontological Society of America
- Council on Social Work Education
- Society for Social Work Research
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)-Nebraska.
- Advisory Council, Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska.
- Magellan Quality Improvement Committee, State of Nebraska.
- HELP Adult Services, Advancement Subcommittee.
- Nebraska Family Support Network.
- Avenue Scholars Program Human Services Explorers, Discussion with high school students about potential career paths and college opportunities.

Service to profession

- Women's Fund of Omaha leadership research
- *Journal of Social Work Education*
- *Research on Aging*
- Applied Research in Quality of Life
- *Journal of Applied Gerontology*
- *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*
- College Ambassador Conference, Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska
- University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Careers in Aging Week events planning in partnership with the Department of Gerontology
- "Begin with the End in Mind" Workshop Series.
- Nebraska Humanities Council, "Growing Older in Nebraska" Initiative.

Comings and Goings

- Dr. Christiana Bratiotis resigned May 2015
- Jacque Reiser retired May 2015
- Dr. Karen Rolf faculty development leave 2015-2016
- Liam Heerten-Rodriguez, special faculty development program starting August 2015
- Valerie Lutz hired November 2014
- Jeanette Beda took a PT position in WGST at UNO November 2014
- Kaleigh Rogers, academic advisor hired November 2014

DEPARTMENT OF GERONTOLOGY

Two major highlights for the Department include:

- The Department received a very generous gift from Dr. Betty Foster to establish the Dr. Chuck Powell Professorship.
- We established a new bachelor's degree in Gerontology in October 2014 and have 38 majors as of May, 2015.

Research

Faculty authored eight journal articles and book chapters this year. Some titles include:

- "The aging personality and self: Diversity and health issues."
- "Older adults' training needs and preferences for everyday technologies."
- "A cost-effective way to care for an aging population,"
- "Senior hunger in Nebraska."
- "Preparing corrections staff for the future: Results of a two-day training about aging inmates."

Conference papers included the following:

- "Alcohol consumption as a predictor of intra-individual variability and level of cognitive decline."
- "Examination of age and gender differences in cognitive and emotional empathy in young, middle-aged and older adults."
- "Connecting Generations: Evidence from Community Engaged Intergenerational Learning."
- "Formal and informal caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease: Exploring common areas of competencies."
- "Begin with the End in Mind: A global model for facilitating necessary conversations."

Students

Our programs have grown significantly. We have increased by 10.3 % the total number of students in our programs and 36 students are fully online, an increase of 100% from the previous year. In addition to the new bachelors program, our other programs are very healthy:

- We have 100 minors at UNO and UNL, 74 undergraduate and graduate certificate students and 16 students pursuing the PhD specialization in Gerontology.
- We have 50 students in the Masters in Social Gerontology, a 47% increase.
- We publicized our programs at the American Society on Aging Conference in Chicago, the Home Instead convention, and the Nebraska Health Care Association and Leading Age of Nebraska.
- We were part of a week-long program on career planning at Westside High School.

Awards

- Alayna Zach received the first ever departmental award at the student honors program.
- Lyn Holley was named a service learning fellow for the spring 2015 semester.
- Julie Masters received a five-year teaching recognition from the UNL Parent Association and the Distinguished Graduate Award from St. Pius X/St. Leo School.
- Dr. Lesa Huber was the 2015 alumni recipient. She is a faculty member at Indiana University whose interest is in the area of technology and aging.
- The Department was featured in the September issue of *New Horizons*, the magazine of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

Intergenerational Service Learning Community Partnerships

- Adams Park Senior Center-Blackburn Alternative School Culinary Arts Program
- Celebrate Elder Poets Network of Omaha
- Community 360 (UNO Athletics Department, DOROT Foundation)
- Intercultural Senior Center (Bhutanese/Hispanic) - Marrs Magnet After School Program
- Intercultural Senior Center-South High After School Programs
- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc.- Liberty Elementary School
- Omaha Chinese Christian Church, OPS-Mandarin Institute Language Program
- Nebraska Writers Collective/ Louder Than A Bomb, Omaha
- AARP Information Office, Omaha- Lewis and Clark Middle School After-School Program

Service

Our community partners are vital to so many of our efforts. These partners include:

- AARP
- Aging Legislative Coalition
- Aging Partners
- AseraCare Hospice Foundation Board
- Community 360 Board of Directors
- Elder Rights Coalition
- Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging
- Florence Home – Board of Directors
- Home Instead Center for Successful Aging
- Leading Age – Education Committee
- Nebraska Department of Corrections
- Nebraska State Unit on Aging
- Nebraska Transportation Coalition
- Partnerships in Caregiving
- Tabitha Health Care
- Vetter Health Services

University of Nebraska System Partnerships

- UNO Program in Biomechanics, College of Information Science & Technology and the Service Learning Academy.
- UNMC Department of Geriatrics, Department of Psychiatry, and College of Nursing.
- UNL College of Law and Department of Interior Design

Service to the Profession

- Editorial Boards of the following journals: *Journals of Gerontology: Series B: Psychological Sciences*, *Current Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.
- Treasurer, Southern Gerontological Society
- Accreditation Committee: Standards and guidelines, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education

Community Presentations

- Ron Levine, "Prisoners of Age"
- Alzheimer's Association Safety conference
- Western Nebraska Community College
- Heritage Communities
- AseraCare/Southeast Community College
- UNO Alumni Association
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman conference
- Visiting Nurses Association
- Aging Partners
- Nebraska Health Care Association
- O'Neill Health conference.

Sigma Phi Omega honorary society

- *Be A Santa to a Senior*. In its fifth year, Sigma Phi Omega partners with Home Instead Senior Care in obtaining holiday gifts for home-bound elders.
- *Athletes and Elders*. This partnership is completing its fifth year in coordination with UNO athletics, Community 360, and area assisted living facilities in ensuring elders receive visits from UNO athletes.
- Intergenerational Poetry Contest Winners Reception and Slam.

DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES

UNO's online Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree is nationally ranked by *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015 Edition of Best Online Education Programs.

2014 –15 Academic year highlights

- The BGS degree is ranked #7 in the nation for military and veteran students by *U. S. News & World Report* (2015).
- During the 2014 calendar year, 310 students graduated with a BGS degree and 4296 academic advising appointments were held.
- As a result of DCS-sponsored courses (online, at Offutt AFB, and off-campus) offered to all UNO students during the 2014 calendar year, 19,136 student credit hours were produced.
- Total enrollment in DCS-sponsored online courses during 2014 reached 5181.
- Initiation for *Alpha Sigma Lambda*, the National Honor Society for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, was held on Friday, November 7, 2014. Twenty students were initiated into the UNO/DCS Eta Beta Chapter. Marti Rosen-Atherton, DCS Academic Advisor, and Dr. Owen Mordaunt, Professor of English, were inducted as Honorary Members. For the first time, the initiation was held in the fall during Nontraditional Student Week.
- Eleven BGS students were recognized at the 2015 UNO Honors Convocation and the DCS Outstanding Student Awards Luncheon.
- For Fall 2014, 207 BGS students were named to the Dean's List and 37 students were named to the Chancellor's List.
- The DCS Offutt Office administered 1,482 CLEP and DSST exams in 2014.
- The DCS Ambassadors student group was established and successfully completed its first year. The Ambassadors assisted with recruitment and outreach events; participated in community service events; assisted with DCS and UNO programs; participated in leadership development activities; developed a mentor program for new students; and provided feedback about the UNO and DCS experience. The DCS Ambassadors Graduation Banquet was held in April 2015 to recognize the students who were part of the inaugural year of this organization. Members and officers for the 2015-16 academic year have been identified and this new group of Ambassadors is off to a strong and solid start.
- During *National Non-Traditional Students Week (November 3-7, 2014)*, the Division of Continuing Studies honored the hard work and accomplishments of adult students at UNO with academic support programs, daily refreshments, prizes, and student recognition. BGS student winners of a drawing had the opportunity to enjoy lunch with Chancellor Christensen and Senior Vice Chancellor BJ Reed.
- During the 2014-15 academic year, the Division of Continuing Studies participated in professional development opportunities (conferences, webinars, meetings, etc.) offered by the following organizations:

- Greater Omaha Chamber Young Professionals (YP) Summit
- Council of College and Military Educators (CCME)
- National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)
- University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA)
- American Council on Education (ACE)
- Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology | Women's Leadership Conference
- 2015 Adult Student Integrated Marketing Conference | STAMATS
- National Conference on Students in Transition
- New business and community partnerships were established with Methodist Health System, the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Cabela's, Maximus, ConAgra, and Goodwill Industries.
- DCS led campus-wide efforts to organize and co-sponsor UNO's first Etiquette Dinner presented by nationally known etiquette expert and modern manners authority, Diane Gottsman.
- The DCS Faculty Appreciation Dinner was held for DCS faculty, UNO department chairs, and UNO academic administrators. The purpose of the dinner was to thank DCS faculty and to provide an opportunity for networking and relationship building.
- Thanks to Dr. Jaci Lindburg, several "UNO Days" were held at Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC). This gave WNCC students an opportunity to learn about the BGS degree and other academic options available at UNO.
- The Division of Continuing Studies participated in numerous recruitment and outreach events to promote the BGS degree and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. A number of these events were co-sponsored by Online Worldwide and other UNO departments:
 - Aksarben Farmers Market
 - Offutt Airshow
 - Latino Center of the Midlands Event
 - Midtown Crossing, End of Summer Concert Series
 - Energy Expo
 - Bellevue Earth Day
 - El Grito Days in South Omaha
 - UNO Dual Enrollment Events
 - River City Rodeo
 - Metropolitan Community College (MCC) Week
 - Single Parent Conference at MCC
 - Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conference
 - Omaha Young Professionals (YP) Summit
 - Local Hero's Night Hockey Game

Staff Changes

- Molly Cowgill was hired as Manager of the DCS Offutt Office.
- Dr. Jaci Lindburg transitioned from Assistant Director of DCS for Academic Affairs to Academic Affairs Associate. Jaci and her family relocated to Colorado, from where she now telecommutes for DCS. Jaci continues to recruit for and promote the BGS degree and UNO in western Nebraska. She is also responsible for the creation and implementation of the new professional development and training program required of all DCS faculty.
- Andrew Faltin was hired as Assistant Director of DCS for Academic Affairs.
- Joey VanderHelm and Nellie Beyen were hired as full-time DCS Academic Advisors.
- Amy Johnson was promoted to Office Associate.
- Shauna Nilsen, BGS Student and DCS Ambassador, was hired as a DCS Student Employee.
- Tara Augustin was hired as a DCS Graduate Assistant.
- Taylor McCoy was hired as Staff Assistant and Test Administrator at the DCS Offutt Office.
- Marti Rosen-Atherton retired from UNO a second time in December 2014. Marti served as a part-time Academic Advisor in the Division of Continuing Studies for three years (2011-14) after retiring from her full-time position as Director of UNO's Counseling Center.
- 2015 DCS Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients: Karen and Jim Ressegieu

GOODRICH

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Academic Achievements

- Six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort: 58.2%
- The retention rate for 2012 - 2013 freshman/sophomore was 94.1%
- During the Spring 2014 semester, 15 students were on the Chancellor's List and 100 on the Dean's List. In the Fall 2014 semester, 32 were on the Chancellor's List and 127 on the Dean's List.
- Goodrich faculty and staff processed 846 scholarship applications in the 2014 application season and interviewed 354 applicants.
- Gabriel Gutierrez was awarded UNO's top 2015 undergraduate honor, the Senior Vice Chancellor Outstanding Undergraduate Award.
- Erik Brousseau was the Undergraduate Major Honoree for Management Information Systems.
- Daisy Gomez was selected for the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program at UNMC.
- In 2014-2015, three students were selected for Study Abroad Awards (Nene Field Scholar, Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance Ambassador Summer Scholarship Program, and the Rider University Language of Lieder Program).
- One student was awarded funds from the Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experience: Abbie Harlow, "Discovering Nebraska: A History of the Glacier Creek Preserve"
- The Dendinger Award was presented to nine seniors with 3.5 or higher GPA.

Community Engagement

- Six students participated in the pilot internship program at Boys Town.
- Nine students completed the Stephenson-Harrington Internship.
- Student Government leaders include five UNO Ambassadors, three members of the Freshman Leadership Council, three Student Senators and two UNO Global Diplomats.
- Goodrich Organization (GO!) outreach included the Adopt-A-Family for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Midlands, BBBS Bowl-A-Thon, Mav Food Pantry and Autism Awareness.

Faculty

- Faculty published four refereed journal articles, presented at nine professional conferences, and received two external grants.
- Two faculty led the Goodrich Rural Nebraska Service Learning Initiative in Central City, NE.
- Dr. Troy Romero created the Goodrich Study Abroad initiative that will take a class of students to Costa Rica this summer.

Alumni Connections

- Elizabeth Skinner: a 2015 CPACS Alumni Award Winner
- The GoodrichNet Alumni Speaker Series included Goodrich alums Kirk Sims, Jermaine Ballard, Kimberly Sherrod-Nichols, Andrew and Jake Stodola
- Matt Nelson was the Sophomore Awards Luncheon Keynoter

Community Engagement

Goodrich hosted the 2nd Annual Futures Fair in partnership with p4k (Partnership 4 Kids) where we engaged 230 8th graders from many middle schools including Lewis and Clark, Marrs, Monroe, King Science, Beveridge, Norris and McMillan. The student population of p4k includes:

Student Population	92% of the students served by Partnership 4 Kids programs qualify for free and reduced lunch, an indicator that their families are living at or below the federal poverty line.		
	The average median household income of the zip codes of students served by our organization is below \$34,000. These areas served by the Partnership are well below the median household income for the city of Omaha, which is above \$50,000.		
	While the racial composition of our students is mixed, African American and Hispanic students compose the majority of students participating in P4K programs.		
	Demographics	African American	49%
		Latino	27%
Caucasian		12%	
Other		12%	

CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH

The Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) celebrated the 25th anniversary of its designation as the lead agency of the Nebraska State Data Center by the Governor. In addition to its 25 years of service to the state of Nebraska and the Omaha area, the NSDC sponsored its 25th Annual Data Users Conference. We were nominated for national State Data Center of the year.

CPACS Diversity Initiative

CPAR was established in 1963 as the Center for Urban Studies. Its initial mission was to address urban problems and information needs. During the past year, CPAR began to reexamine its historical urban mission within the current operating environment. Issues of diversity and social problems are key components in this effort. Activities include:

- Strengthened relationships and developed collaborations with Black Studies and Office of Latino/Latin American Studies.
- Worked with CPACS, other UNO faculty and staff and community organizations that have similar interests in the issues of diversity and social problems. With funding provided by the CPACS Dean's Office, administered and helped select eight Urban Research grants for CPACS faculty and staff, many working with community partners.

Applied Research

- Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee
 - 2014 Report: *Database and Policy Briefs*
 - Selected Characteristics for Nebraska Legislative Districts from the 2009-2013 American Community Survey
 - Selected Characteristics for Nebraska Counties from the 2009-2013 American Community Survey
 - Nebraska Legislative District Quick Facts
 - Selected Characteristics for Census Tracts in Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster and Hall Counties, Nebraska, from the 2009-2013 American Community Survey
- Completed the 2015 update of the Nebraska Energy Burden Study.
- Published results from the Nebraska Metro Poll.
- Funded research with other CPACS, UNO, and NU faculty
 - Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Assistance Grant-Phase II
 - Nebraska Rural Transit NU Development and Support Grant
 - RFI, Catalyzing the Role of Micropolitan America in the Future of Rural America
 - HRSA, Project Network
 - OPPD, Solar Energy Development

- Other funded research: DOT, Fast Forward Electronic Media
- Proposals submitted with other CPACS, UNO, and NU faculty include:
 - Sex Offender Registry Program Research Methodology proposal (not funded)
 - Native American Drug Free Communities (under review)
 - Evaluation of Basic Youth Education Program in Rural India (under review)

CPAR Publication Archive

The CPAR publication archive is available at <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/cpar>. All publications have either been uploaded or have been submitted for inclusion. We have a total of 513 documents currently available; receiving 8,612 downloads between April 2014 and April 2015.

Materials from Annual Data Users Conference for the past 6 years are available at <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/datausers>. There are 55 documents included in this collection; receiving 499 downloads between April 2014 and April 2015.

State Data Center Program

- As the lead agency for the Nebraska State Data Center, CPAR continued to manage the program that also consists of a network of 23 state and local agencies.
- [facebook.com/unocpar](https://www.facebook.com/unocpar)--We post most days and have 325 likes, but posts often reach several hundred additional people with our work and insight.
- Prepared special reports, data tables, and power point presentations using the 2010 Census, American Community Survey, intercensal estimates and other sources and placed them on CPAR's website. (<http://www.unomaha.edu/cpar/>)
- CPAR's redesigned website using the new CMS went live on July 28, 2014. Since then there have been 6,469 pageviews, averaging 1:35 minutes per session (July 28, 2014 – April 27, 2015). CPAR's previous website had 1,878 pageviews, averaging 3:30 minutes per session (April 28, 2014 – July 27, 2015).
- Sponsored the 25th Annual Data Users Conference. For the fourth consecutive year we used Adobe Connect. We had 190 in-person and 30 web participants from throughout the U.S.
- Worked on numerous Census-related projects including:
 - Summarized Nebraska's poverty data by a variety of geographic areas and demographic characteristics, including an analysis of the new Supplemental Poverty measure.
 - Compared birth rates by race/ethnicity over time.
- Worked with state media including, the *Omaha World-Herald*, *Lincoln Journal-Star*, *Grand Island Independent*, *Norfolk Daily News* among numerous other newspapers and with radio and TV stations (e.g. KFAB and KIOS) on demographic information from the census and other sources. Interviewed by Univision and Fox News Latino.
- Made over 20 data-related presentations throughout the state, with more than 750 contacts.
- Made numerous presentations to UNO classes on using Census and other data.
- Responded to approximately 400 information requests from throughout the state and nation, although mostly from the Omaha area. Many of these requests are from the offices of Nebraska state legislators.

CPACS Support

- Coordinated the Certificate in Fundraising Management program. Over 150 individuals have earned the Certificate in the 15 years of the program. In 2014-2015, there were 12 courses held, averaging 13.5 participants per class. There were 79 unique participants, most taking multiple courses. Six participants received the Certificate in Fall 2014 and seven participants are expected to receive the Certificate in Spring 2015.
- CPACS Websites Technical Support: Provide technical assistance to 4 non-CPAR website along with assisting several units with online form creation and management.
- CPACS Website Conversion Project: CPAR provided logistical support to all units during the website conversion. CPACS sites went live in July; and all sites completed conversion by end of December.
- Planning Committee for upcoming Aging with Passion & Purpose Conference.
- Moderate NASPAA listserv.

Survey Research:

CPAR staff provided technical assistance and advice on conducting surveys to CPACS and UNO faculty and students, nonprofit, and government agencies.

Consortium for Organizational Research and Evaluation (CORE)

Completed

- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Year-3 Evaluation: Community Substance-Abuse Survey and Capacity-Building Assessment
- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Evaluation of Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Program, Year 5

In Progress

- Omaha Public Library, 2-year evaluation of Community Engagement: Creating a Culture of Collaboration funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS).
- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Evaluation Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug-Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (ATOD) Year-4," an evaluation of a continuing substance-abuse prevention.
- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Evaluation of Soaring over Methamphetamine and Suicide Program (SOMS) Year-56" an evaluation of a continuing substance-abuse and suicide prevention.
- The Impacts of Gun and Neighborhood Violence on Public Health: Views of Victims and Witnesses (A Multi-media Documentary Program).

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LABOR STUDIES

INSTITUTE

The first year in the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center was a great one for the Institute for Labor Studies. Being on campus has opened doors for building ties to the UNO community and increasing opportunities for the Institute to present material to people outside the labor movement.

Mike McDonnell joined the Institute as a labor educator in August. He hit the ground running and used his relationships with the Omaha labor movement to plan contract classes and increase attendance at our annual Promoting the General Welfare conference. Mike is also building ties between Boys Town and organized labor in the Omaha metro area. Terry Moore, President of the Omaha Federation of Labor (OFL) has asked Mike to chair a committee tasked with revising the OFL's by-laws.

The April, 2015, "Promoting the General Welfare" conference was held for the second year in the CEC and was the best attended ever. Tefere Gebre, the Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO was this year's keynoter.

In addition to meeting the Institute's statewide mission its educational offerings have been requested by unions from around the U.S. and Canada. This academic year the Institute presented or will present classes in British Columbia, Florida, Minnesota, Nevada, Ontario, and Washington State.

Course Offerings and Participants

CONTRACTED	
Number of Courses	20
Number of Participants	1,123
INVITED	
Number of Courses	34
Number of Participants	2,031
OPEN	
Number of Courses	3
Number of Participants	131
GRAND TOTAL	
Number of Courses	57
Number of Participants	3,285

Educational Presentations for Unions

AFL-CIO, Nebraska
American Association of University Professors, UNO Chapter
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association
Bellevue (Nebraska) Firefighters
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
Central Nebraska Central Labor Council
Communication Workers of America
International Association of Fire Fighters
International Association of Machinists 31
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Lincoln Central Labor Council
Lincoln Firefighters
LiUNA 1140
Minnesota Police & Peace Officers Association
Mississauga Fire Fighters Association
NAPE/AFSCME
National Association of Letter Carriers
Nebraska State Association of Letter Carriers
Nevada Professional Firefighters Association
Nebraska State Education Association
Omaha Federation of Labor
Ontario Professional Firefighters Association
Office Professional International Union
Plumbers Local Union 16
Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers
Steamfitters & Plumbers
Transport Workers Union
United Steel Workers of America

Other Educational Presentations

Boys Town
Coalition for a Strong Nebraska
Metro Community College
Nebraska LEAD Fellowship Program
Nebraska Alliance for Retired Americans
Omaha Mechanical Contractors Association
Omaha Public Schools & Ralston Public Schools
Platte Institute, Forum on Minimum Wage
Preparation for Legislature Issues
View Point Television