



COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT: 2017 - 2018

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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 and 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 ten programs ranked in the top 30 in the nation. Our faculty ranks are among the finest in their disciplines. Moreover, 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 (SCCJ) prides itself on delivering high quality education that emphasizes the critical role of science in informing criminal justice policy and practices. Our faculty members are actively engaged in research with our criminal justice agency and community partners in Nebraska and across the U. S. Our goal is to be an innovative leader in providing a high quality, 21st century criminology and criminal justice education through research excellence and community engagement. This vision focuses on enhancing the learning opportunities available through the SCCJ while maintaining our position as a valuable and accessible resource for our community partners.

Retaining our prominent role as a well-respected leader among criminology and criminal justice programs is critically important and reliant upon the fantastic successes of our SCCJ students, faculty and alumni. Our reputation helps open additional doors for our students as they take their first steps as the next generation of criminal justice professionals. Our ongoing emphasis on delivering high quality education at the bachelors, masters and doctoral level has resulted in significant recognition as one of the most affordable programs, and one of best programs in the country. Opportunities for learning both inside and beyond the classroom are outstanding thanks to our broad network of partners. We are particularly proud of the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings that listed our online master's program 3rd in the country. Our bachelor's program received high accolades as well. Currently, we educate over 900 undergraduate majors on the Omaha and Lincoln campuses, and over 100 graduate students in Omaha.

The SCCJ is engaging in an important initiative to launch our first of four Signature Areas of Excellence focusing on Youth and Adult Victimization. Building upon our existing program strengths and community partnerships, we will broaden our student learning opportunities in this area through new coursework, bolster our capacity for engaged research through the addition of two new faculty members beginning fall 2018, and enhance our position as a resource to the greater Omaha community and beyond.

This year, we continued to experience growth among our faculty and students. The SCCJ was fortunate to add a new faculty member Dr. Justin Nix who is a nationally recognized expert in policing research. We received a federally funded grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) won by Dr. Ben Steiner and Dr. Joe Schwartz totaling almost \$900,000. Graduate students will also have the opportunity to participate in this important research that will better inform the field regarding physiological reactions to stress among corrections professionals.

We continued to enhance our relationships with alumni, many of whom are leading successful criminal justice careers. These alumni remain engaged with our students and faculty as representatives of their agency, as guest lecturers, by attending at our professional development events, as a participant in our fall golf tournament fundraising event, and attending our spring SCCJ Awards Luncheon.



HIGHLIGHTS

New faculty addition – Dr. Justin Nix

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Honors

- Ranked #3 in U.S. for Online Master's Program by U.S. News and World Report
- Ranked #15 in U.S. for Doctoral Program by U.S. News and World Report

Faculty and Staff Honors (selected)

- SCCJ Graduate Student Organization Faculty Mentor: Emily Wright
- Advisor Karen Fulton received the UNL Parents' Recognition Award
- CPACS SCCJ Outstanding Alumni Award receipts included Kim Retzlaff and Sheryl Lohaus
- Anne Hobbs of the Juvenile Justice Institute testified in support of LB 869 introduced by Sen. Pansing Brooks
- Robert Houston received the ASCA 2018 Louis L. Wainwright Award
- Justin Nix was the invited keynote speaker at the Bureau of Justice Assistance Innovation Suite Researcher-Practitioner Fellow Academy in Chicago, IL. He presented on Procedurally Just Policing

Doctoral Student Placements

- **Rita Augustyn**, University of Alaska
- **Timothy Barnum**, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- **Calli Cain**, Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton
- **Joselyne Chenane**, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- **Danielle Slakoff**, Loyola University in New Orleans
- **Starr Solomon**, Kent State University (Ohio)

Research Successes – Grants, Contracts and Publications

- **\$1,782,330 in external funding of grants and contracts received**
- More than **64** peer reviewed journal articles were published or accepted during this academic year
- Highly ranked journals including *Criminology*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Criminal Justice and Behavior*

Encouraging our students to engage in professional development and networking opportunity with our community partners

- The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice proudly presented a series of workshops that explored opportunities for criminal justice reforms and changes expected to generate these reforms. The following workshops reached over 250 individuals:
 - *Body Worn Camera Technology*
 - *Jail and Prison Litigation Workshop*
 - *Military Veterans in the Criminal Justice System: From Arrest to Reentry in Douglas County*
 - *Brain Injury and Domestic Violence*
 - *Women in Criminal Justice panel and networking* reached over 163 students and community members

UNO SCCJ Organizational Growth and Successes

New Faculty Additions this academic year

Dr. Justin Nix joined the SCCJ as an assistant professor in August 2017. Nix earned his Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina in 2015. His research interests revolve around policing; in particular, police legitimacy, procedural justice, the “Ferguson Effect,” and police use of force. He is a member of the Crime and Justice Research Alliance expert panel, specializing in procedural justice, police legitimacy, and police use of force. Dr. Nix’s work has appeared in many of the top peer reviewed journal article and book chapters including *Justice Quarterly*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. His work has also been featured in the London School of Economics *United States Politics and Policy Blog (USAPP)*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Huffington Post*.

Success in hiring faculty for the 2018-2019 academic year

Dr. Tara Richards joins the faculty in August 2018. Her primary areas of research includes intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and the role of gender in criminal justice system processes. Richards’ current research focuses service utilization among survivors of intimate partner violence and suggested best practices for campus sexual assault. Dr. Richards also serves as a co-investigator on a process evaluation for Colorado’s Domestic Violence Offender Management Board. Some of Richards’s previous research has examined intimate partner homicide and capital punishment, and the role of social support in adolescent dating violence perpetration and victimization. Richards’s recent research has been published in *Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Law and Human Behavior* and she is the co-editor of the book, *Sexual Victimization: Then and Now*. Her research on media presentation of intimate partner homicide was a finalist for the “2013 article of the year” in the journal *Violence Against Women*.

Teresa C. Kulig is an incoming Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Her research focuses on a range of issues including human trafficking and child exploitation, theories of victimization, examining rape myth acceptance, evaluating public perceptions of sexual misconduct allegations against President Trump, and analyzing racial bias in laws named after crime victims. She has published in *Justice Quarterly*, the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, *Victims & Offenders*, and the *Journal of School Violence*. Teresa is currently studying human trafficking in 22 of the largest U.S. cities to identify incidents of sex and labor trafficking. The goal is to illuminate the nature of the trafficking enterprise so as develop evidence-based methods of prevention.

Active Funded Projects: Grants and Contracts

New this year

- Ligon, G., Derrick, D., Armstrong, G., & Kilinc, R., Interactionist Org Recruiting Study. U.S. Department of Homeland Security. \$100,000
- Armstrong, G., NDCS Doctoral Research Fellowship. Nebraska Department of Corrections. \$36,723
- Armstrong, G., & Nix, J., Evaluation of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) Web-based Gang Database Project. City of Omaha. \$25,000
- Hobbs, A., Detention Utilization Student. Nebraska Office of Probation Administration. \$8,000
- Hobbs, A., Evidence-Based Nebraska. Nebraska Crime Commission. \$322,500
- Steiner, B. & Schwartz, J., Examining the Role of Physiological and Psychological Responses to Critical Incidents in Prisons in the Development of Mental Health Problems among Correctional Officers. National Institute of Justice. \$787,902

- Spohn, R. & Wright, E., Douglas County Juvenile Justice Prevention Needs Assessment. The Sherwood Foundation. \$137,484
- Spohn, R., Vocational and Life Skills Initiative Evaluation. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. \$342,221
- Spohn, R. Douglas County Operation Youth Success Evaluation. The Terra Luna Collaborative. \$20,000

Continued Funding:

- Spohn, R., Minority Health Initiative. \$18,423
- Spohn, R., Steiner, B., & Wright, E., Douglas County Department of Corrections. \$312,658
- Spohn, R., 2015-17 Project Safe Neighborhoods. Bureau of Justice Assistance. \$30,000.
- Spohn, R., Douglas County Juvenile Justice Alternatives to Detention Evaluation. Sherwood Foundation. \$72,311
- Wright, E., & Steiner, B., Iowa Department of Corrections PREA Project. Iowa Department of Corrections. \$100,633

Research Presentations and Invited Webinars

Faculty, graduate students, and staff presented research papers at the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the American Psychology Association conferences. In addition to these presentations, other prominent presentations included:

- Doctoral student Steven Windisch and his co-authors were invited to participate in a workshop on the Modus Operandi of Right-Wing Terrorists in Oslo, Norway at the Center for Research on Extremism. Their audience included the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Spohn, Ryan, Ken Kanger, and Michelle Waymire. "Violence Reduction through Community Engagement." Innovations Suite Researcher-Practitioner Fellows Academy, Bureau of Justice Assistance. Chicago, IL.
- Johnson, Doug, Shawne Coonfare, Ryan Spohn, and Margaret Vacek. "Achieving Positive Outcomes for Crossover Youth through Youth and Family Engagement." National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference.
- Coonfare, Shawne Johnson, Dan Jackson, Nick Juliano, Ryan Spohn, and Emily Wright. "A Research and Practice Partnership to Improve Outcomes for Crossover Youth: Douglas County, Nebraska's CYPM Evaluation." Georgetown's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform.
- Spohn, Ryan, Emily Wright, Nick Juliano, and Darci Poland. "Cost-Benefit Analysis in Crossover Youth Research". Georgetown's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform.

Academic Engagement and Accomplishments

Special academic opportunities for our undergraduate students

- London Study Abroad trip in May
- Participated in Thompson Learning Community and Student Success Academy
- UNO Honors course
- New undergraduate "research internship" to encourage interest in research and graduate education

- Our internships placed increased emphasis on participation through classroom visits and advisor recommendations. More than 50 agencies participate on a regular basis.

Opportunities outside the classroom

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness month in October 2017, Danielle Slakoff, a doctoral candidate teaches a course entitled Women, Crime and Justice, offered her students a chance to participate in Omaha's 5th Annual March to End Domestic Violence. The March, founded by domestic-violence survivor Heather Duhachek-Chase, is a way to bring awareness to an issue many people would prefer to ignore.

Encouraging our students to engage in professional development and networking opportunities with our community partners

- Internship information panel session
- Career series:
 - Omaha Police Department panel and application information session
 - Federal careers panel
 - Beyond Police, Court, and Corrections career panel
- State of the Agency lecture series:
 - Sen. Laura Ebke
 - David Bundy
 - Tom Cassady
 - Danielle Conrad, Nebraska ACLU
 - John Bolduc, Nebraska State Patrol
 - Roslyn Cotton, Nebraska Parole Board
- Women in CJ Careers Networking Mixer and Panel Discussion
- Invited Speaker Series
 - Dr. Jim Lynch, University of Maryland and former Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Graduate School Information Session and Research Colloquium

Teaching new skill sets needed by 21st century educated CJ professionals: New courses for the upcoming year are planned

- Conflict Resolution Tactics
- Effective Communication for CJ professionals
- Law Enforcement and the Black Community course (in partnership with Black Studies)

Graduate students are active in research and education

Twenty doctoral students were actively engaged in research projects supported by graduate assistantships from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, the Nebraska Center for Justice Research, Iowa Department of Corrections, Douglas County Corrections, Center for Collaboration Science, Juvenile Justice Institute and internal grants.

SCCJ's Ph.D. students:

- Published numerous peer-reviewed papers in academic journals, book chapters, encyclopedia entries and technical reports
- Received a scholarship for participation at the 2017 Doctoral Student Summit in New Orleans, LA
- Received UNO GRACA awards for research that will be conducted during the summer and fall of 2017
- The incoming 2017 Ph.D. cohort will have 4 students from across the country – Texas, Florida

The Master of Arts will have six new students who will be actively engaged in research with faculty members bringing the total number of MA students to 11 and the Master of Science program is going strong with over 60 active students online and in person.

Community and Professional Engagement Activities

The School presented a series of workshops that explored opportunities for criminal justice reforms and changes expected to generate these reforms. Each workshop emphasized the importance of a healthy criminal justice culture driven by excellence in policy development, carefully crafted training, and inspired leadership. Panelists engaged the audience in discussions surrounding leadership and how core practices can generate significant improvements in agency performance.

Body Worn Camera Technology: A two-day workshop was co-sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and Arizona State University at UNO.

Jail and Prison Litigation Workshop 52 participants, included Judge Laurie Smith-Camp and Harold Clarke, NE ACLU Director.

Military Veterans in the Criminal Justice System: From Arrest to Reentry in Douglas County provided participants with a working knowledge of both the Douglas County Department of Corrections Veteran's Housing Unit and the Douglas County Veteran's Treatment Court.

Brain Injury and Domestic Violence was held in partnership with the Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska featuring panelists from the Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska, University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Neuropsychology, and the Women's Center for Advancement. Participants learned about the prevalence of domestic violence, brain injury and co-occurring conditions, brain injury screening tools, and community resources.

The SCCJ continued their involvement and support of other community organizations and events including the First Responders Foundation 9/11 Memorial Benefit Event, Metro Chief's Association, and the Omaha Police Foundation Officer of the Year luncheon. The UNO SCCJ Awards Luncheon held on April 13, 2018 attracted record attendance of over 250 people from the university, criminal justice agencies and community organizations.

The 22nd annual fundraiser "Jailhouse Scramble" was a huge success. The September 15 event held at Tiburon Golf Course drew more than 80 golfers and netted almost \$7,000 for student scholarship support. More teams competed than in years past. We gained new corporate sponsors and realized higher levels of sponsorship from many of our loyal sponsors who have been supportive of the SCCJ. Some of the funds raised from the event were used to endow the Dennis Roncek Memorial Fellowship fund.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

We are a powerhouse of innovators, thinkers, academics, and social entrepreneurs ready to take on today's challenges in the public and nonprofit realm. The School of Public Administration has nationally-ranked and accredited graduate degrees. We are home to two innovative undergraduate programs: Aviation and Emergency Management. We offer three professional programs: Nebraska Certified Public Manager Program, Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy, and the Supervisory Leadership Certification Program.

Faculty & Staff

- By the Numbers
 - Faculty participated in 73 editorial and review activities, and created 53 publications
 - Faculty and staff served on 212 department, college, university, professional and public service committees
 - SPA faculty presented over 60 times in the community and at conferences this year
- Appointments
 - Dr. Jodi Benenson is serving as the new Academic Director for the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Institute on Civic Engagement at UNO
 - Dr. Maher to speak at the International Conference on Municipal Fiscal Health
 - Dr. Angela Eikenberry is serving as the President-Elect for the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
 - Dr. Christine Reed served as the Interim Director of UNO's Center for Urban Sustainability
 - Megan Nelson is Staff Advisory Council President
 - Dr. Angela Eikenberry is the incoming President of the UNO American Association of University Professors
- Awards and Honors
 - Dr. Jooho Lee received the Best Poster, Runner up, at the Digital Government Society
 - Dr. Rebecca Lutte received the Laursen Award for outstanding contribution to aviation education, University Aviation Association
 - Dr. Craig Maher was named a Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
 - Ellen Freeman-Wakefield received the Institute Director Award of Excellence at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference
 - Dr. Ethel Williams was honored with the 2018 ASPA-Nebraska Chapter's Lifetime Achievement Award

2018 U.S. News & World Report Rankings

- School of Public Administration: Ranked #28 Nationally
- Concentration rankings:
 - Finance and Budgeting: #6
 - Public Management Administration: #25
 - Nonprofit Management: #11
 - Local Government Management: #15

Alumni Spotlight

- Dr. Rebecca Lutte was a 2018 recipient of the UNO Alumni Outstanding Teaching Awards
- Dr. Benjamin Kalinkowitz had three articles featured in the PA Times
 - <https://patimes.org/morally-and-fiscally-responsible-health-care-policy/>
 - <https://patimes.org/opioid-epidemic-aca/>
 - <https://patimes.org/workmans-compensation/>
- Aaron Burnett was Named Manager of the Year by Iowa League of Cities:
<http://www.thehawkeye.com/news/20171005/keokuks-aaron-burnett-named-manager-of-year-by-iowa-league-of-cities>
- Graduates John W. Ewing, Jr. and Viv L. Ewing, Ph.D. were awarded the Hubert Locke Award for Distinguished Public Service at the 2018 CPACS Alumni Awards Celebration
- Alum, Alec Gorynski, MPA, was one of the 2017 Ten Outstanding Young Omahans (TOYO!) award recipients

Master of Public Administration Program

- 52 new students enrolled in 2017-2018
- A total of 49 students have graduated from the MPA program this academic year
- The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management was approved
- Richard Larson elected as UNO's Student Government Graduate Representative
- Christina Mayer was a NASPAA Competition Award Winner for 2018
- Board of Regents KUDOS Award was given to MPA Student, Yuriko Doku
- MPA student, Kyle McGlade was elected to the Council Bluffs School Board
- Meagan Van Gelder was elected to the Westside Community Schools Board of Education

Master of Science in Urban Studies Program

- Seven new students enrolled in 2017-2018
- One of the largest Urban Studies classes graduated this May, with 8 students
- In partnership with the Nebraska City Managers Association we hosted the 2nd annual UNO alumni reception in San Antonio
- Urban Studies students provided evaluations for 10 area community based-organizations:
 - Benson Neighborhood Association
 - Blackstone Business Improvement District
 - Charles Drew Center
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Omaha By Design
 - Omaha Economic Development Corporation
 - Omaha Municipal Land Bank
 - One Omaha
 - Tip Top Community Store
 - Youth Emergency Services

PhD Program

- 35 active PhD students
- 11 students received Graduate Research and Creative Activity Funding
- PhD students presented research at 21 conferences including American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), ARNOVA, NASPAA, and PA Theory Network
- 23 publications in 2017-2018 alone
- PhD students Del Bharath, Abhishek Bhati, and Anthony Starke secured fellowships
- 30 out of 38 (80%) of our PhD graduates are in academic positions. The remainder are in professional positions in nonprofit, government or for-profit agencies
 - Some placements include:

- Florida International University
- Purdue University
- Sun Yat-Sen University (P. R. China)
- University at Albany, SUNY

Emergency Services Program

- Emergency Management hosted the first-ever UNO Campus Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) kick off in October 2017
- Students
 - The Emergency Management Program now has over 150 majors
 - Fifteen students graduated in May 2018, making it our largest class yet
 - May 2018 graduate, Hameidah Alsafwani, is the 2017/2018 UNO Student Body Vice President. Hameidah plans to pursue her MPA with a concentration in Emergency Management at UNO
- Awards
 - Dr. DeeDee Bennett was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for the 2018 Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women
 - Koehl Simmons received the Undergraduate Emergency Management award at UNO's Student Honors Convocation
 - Academic Advisor, Lyndsey Rice was named the 2018 NACADA Region 6 Excellence in Advising - Advisor Primary Role Award
- Community Engagement
 - UNO's Tribal Management and Emergency Services Program hosted its 3rd annual Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference in April
 - Instructor Tyler Davis led a team of interns in creating a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan for Mosaic International

Professional Programs

- Certified Public Manager program (CPM)
 - Eight students graduated from the CPM program in December 2017
 - The 2018 CPM cohort began in January, with another eight students enrolled
 - Ethel Williams received the Distinguished Service Award for her many contributions to the program
 - Currently working on self-study for reaccreditation through the National CPM Consortium
 - Ellen Freeman-Wakefield was selected as President-Elect of the National CPM Consortium, and will serve as President in 2019
- Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy
 - Over 200 attended the Clerks Institute and Academy this year in Grand Island
 - There are currently 102 Certified or Master Municipal Clerks in the State of Nebraska
 - Nebraska is the largest Institute and Academy in the nation
 - Eight Clerks from Omaha attended the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Conference in Norfolk, VA this year
- Professional Programs Achievements
 - The Emerging Nonprofit Leadership Certificate is now accepting applications. The first class begins June 22
 - Future plans include development of a Certificate in Performance Management

Overall SPA Impact

- **Community impact, volunteerism, leadership**
 - Out of 342 graduates of our **MPA, CPM, and Ph.D.** programs, we know that at least 183 are leading and managing in public, nonprofit, or other organizations in Nebraska
 - The annual **Nebraska Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy** trains people in at least 173 cities, towns, or villages across the State
 - A total of 2,775 internship hours were completed in Public Administration courses this year
 - We estimate that over the past two years, our faculty, instructors, and staff have volunteered for at least **44** local, state, regional or tribal, or national boards, committees, or similar
 - The time they volunteered was more than **2,625 hours**; valued conservatively at over **\$58,000**.
- **Grants**
 - Over the past two years, faculty and staff have received or helped to secure funded grants or contracts amounting to **\$9,431,908**, supporting 69 graduate assistants and staff.
- **Social Media and Website Reach**
 - The SPA website had over 20,000 views this academic year
 - SPA digital publications on ISSUU had 8,406 total reads and 31,075 impressions
 - Total SPA Facebook page likes: 1,062; Twitter Followers: 586

Retirements

- Dr. Ethel Williams
 - After 30 years of service, our fearless leader is retiring, and moving closer to family in Texas
- Dr. Pat O'Neil
 - Our beloved Dr. Patrick O'Neil retired in May and moved to Maui with his wife, Joyce

AVIATION INSTITUTE

Since its inception in 1990, the Aviation Institute has soared to great heights, offering students flight instruction and education in the many other facets of aviation such as air traffic control, airport management, ground operations and security.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Flying Mavs placed eighth in the national competition
- The Aviation Institute hosted the 2017 National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Regional Competition, the Flying Mavs, UNO's intercollegiate flight team, dominated the competition (including University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, and Kansas State) at NIFA Regionals, placing first.
- Rebecca Cheek, Aviation Institute student, was selected as a recipient of the Claire Parker Phi Delta Gamma Scholarship for 2018-2019
- In the spring 2018 we had the highest number of majors (170) and graduates (23) in Institute history
- Scott Tarry serves on the Executive Committee of the FAA Center of Excellence for Technical Training and Human Performance
- A new concentration in Unmanned Aircraft Systems was approved and the search for a new faculty member was successful as Victor Huang was hired.
- Becky Lutte was awarded the University Aviation Association Award for Teaching Excellence and the CPACS Alumni Teaching Award
- Institute's Restricted Airline Transport Pilot (RATP) program designation was re-certified by Federal Aviation Administration
- Students in UNO's Alpha Eta Rho Chapter raised \$2250 for Special Olympics through their participation in the Polar Plunge
- Rob Britton, former Managing Director of Advertising for American Airlines gave the Durham Lecture
- Becky Lutte had peer-reviewed articles published in the *Journal of Aviation and Aerospace Education and Research* and in the *Collegiate Aviation Review*
- Michelle Lo, a senior in the Air Transport Administration concentration, was recognized with the CPACS Dean's Award for Academic Excellence as the most outstanding student in the college

FLIGHT TEAM

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Flight Team, The Flying Mavs, competed in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) 2018 National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) hosted by Indiana State University. The competition was held the week of April 30, 2018. The Flying Mavs have been competing in NIFA since 1992 and this was the 9th consecutive year they earned a stop at the national competition.

The team performed exceptionally well earning the team's first top 10 finish in the National Championship Trophy at 8th. The top 10 schools for the National Championship were:

1. Embry Riddle Aero. Univ. - Prescott
2. University of North Dakota
3. Southern Illinois University
4. Embry Riddle Aero. Univ. - Daytona
5. LeTourneau University - Longview
6. The Ohio State University

7. Western Michigan University
8. **University of Nebraska - Omaha**
9. United States Air Force Academy
10. San Diego Christian College

Several students performed exceptionally well with the following students earning top 10 finishes in their respective events.

Aircraft Preflight Inspection – Philip Wier 9th Place
Ground Trainer Event – Adam Recker 9th Place
IFR Simulated Event – Adam Recker 7th Place
Navigation Event – Adam Recker and Leighton Kaluza 5th Place
Navigation Event – Tate Beller and Joel Heaps 7th Place
Flight Events Champions – 5th Place
Ground Events Champions – 9th Place

Individual Achievements

Coach of the Year – Ryan Guthridge
Top Pilot – Adam Recker 9th Place
Men's Achievement Award – Philip Wier 2nd Place

NASA NEBRASKA SPACE GRANT & EPSCoR Program

HIGHLIGHTS

- Michaela Lucas, Associate Director, was elected to the Board of Directors of Women in Aviation International
- We were awarded \$760,000 for NASA Space Grant for 2018-2019
- We were awarded \$750,000 for NASA EPSCoR Research Award for Modular Robotic Suits as an Exercise System for Maintenance of Muscle Strength of Astronauts during Long-Term Space Missions (Raj Dasgupta, UNO IS&T, Science Investigator)
- We were awarded \$125,000 in Research Infrastructure Development funds from NASA EPSCoR
- Scott Tarry is serving on the Board of Directors of the National Space Grant Alliance
- Crystallography experiment scheduled for launch to International Space Station in 2018 (Gloria Borgstahl, UNMC Buffett Cancer Center, Science Investigator)

GRACE ABBOTT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The faculty and staff of the Grace Abbott School of Social Work (GASSW) had a most productive year, with the launch of our Continuing Education Program among the highlights. Also, the proposal to offer an online Master of Social Work (MSW) program was approved. GASSW will offer the MSW program in three formats: the face to face program on the UNO campus, the weekend format of partial online and partial face to face courses taught on the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) campus, and the totally online MSW program beginning in fall 2019.

Enrollment remains strong for current Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) and MSW programs, and we graduated 18 rurally based MSWs from the off campus program in addition to 37 BSWs and 52 MSWs this academic year. Since the inception of the off campus MSW program in 2009, GASSW has added over 60 behavioral health practitioners to rural and underserved areas in Nebraska.

Hail and Farewell

- Kristina Faimon, Ph.D. joined us from the University of Wyoming
- Aaron Banman, Ph.D. joined us from the University of Chicago
- Hilary Bond, MSW became the MSW advisor in August 2017
- Lequisha Sims, LCSW and Ph.D. candidate will join us in August 2018
- Yadira Hernandez became the Student Services Administrator in January 2018
- After 43 years at UNO, Ann Coyne, Ph.D. will retire from teaching

Academics

- In May 2017, GASSW began a 12-month MSW program, offering core courses each semester on UNO and UNK campuses
- Practicum placements for students ranged from 106 to 133 each semester (512 hours each)
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranking climbed from 91 to 75 this year
- Faculty taught courses for the Success Academy, the Honors Program, and over one third of on-campus courses contained components of Service Learning by partnering with the Service Learning Academy
- Snapshots of faculty papers and presentations included:
 - Society for Social Work Research • Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting • National Association of Social Workers Nebraska Chapter (NASW-NE) Annual Conference • 21st Annual International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress • Behavioral Health Education Center for Nebraska (BHECN) Conference • American Evaluation Association • National Title IV-E Roundtable • National Council on Family Relations • GenderWorks Conference for Professional Transgender Resource Network (PTRN)

- Faculty published 12 articles, three book chapters, and one monograph
- Grants and sponsored research: 30 grants awarded from DHHS, The Weitz Family Foundation, Douglas County Department of Corrections, Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska, HRSA Project Network, Children’s Scholarship Fund, Online Worldwide, Heartland Family Services, Nebraska Families Collaborative, Eastern Nebraska Community Active Partnership, Partnership 4 Our Kids, Dreamweaver Foundation, Legal Aid of Nebraska, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and additional funders
- GASSW awarded \$ 37,705 in scholarships to MSW and BSW students at our Annual Scholarship event in April 2018, with several donors and students’ families in attendance
- Service activities of faculty and staff included:
 - 21 International agencies, boards and coalitions
 - 22 National boards of directors/advisory committees
 - 31 Local agencies
 - 28 Professional service activities (other than research)

Faculty service includes: Association of Social Work Boards • Council on Social Work Education • National Association of Social Workers • Nebraska AIDS Project • Lungs 4 Life National Association • Royal Family Kids, Inc. • Nebraska Foster Care Review Board • Professional Transgender Resource Network • Nebraskans for Peace • Dove’s Nest • Midlands Sexual Health Research Collaborative • American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists Advisory Committee • National Alliance on Mental Illness • American Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation • Planned Parenthood of the Heartland • Older Adult Mental Health Coalition • Nebraska Supreme Court Office of the Public Guardian Advisory Committee • Omaha Women’s Fund • School Social Work Association of Nebraska • American Association for Suicide Prevention • Behavioral Health Education of Nebraska Board • International Association of Schools of Social Work • Human Services Advisory Council of Iowa • Proud Horizons

Support and Training for the Evaluation of Programs (STEPS)

STEPS promotes evidence-informed decision making through research and evaluation. We use a collaborative, utilization-focused approach to support social service programs and policies that transform and improve lives. Website: www.steps.unomaha.edu. In the last year, STEPs has served more than 20 community partners, including Omaha-area nonprofits and Nebraska DHHS programs, and offered nine training workshops for local agencies.

New Ventures

The School’s Continuing Education Program collaborates with former social work students, area agencies, and national organizations to provide trainings, seminars, and professional development workshops, as well as opportunities to network, mentor, and strengthen professional community alliances. A well-trained and educated workforce of mental health providers can better serve the individuals who need it. With more than 18 events on the calendar for 2018, GASSW’s Continuing Education Program will reach more than 1000 mental health professionals through in-person trainings.

2018 Workshops | Trainings | Continuing Education Opportunities

- BHECN Sexual Health Webinar (4-part series)
- BHECN 2-day Seminar – Nebraska Behavioral Health Training Programs Collaborative

- Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards Lutheran Family Services
- Gottman Couples Therapy Level 1 and 2
- Immigrants and Refugees (4-part series) with Project Harmony
- Invisible Wounds: Brain Injury and Domestic Violence with Brain Injury Alliance
- Legislative Day w/ Nebraska Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Military Social Work
- Nebraska Social Work Licensure Q&A
- Promoting the General Welfare Conference with the William Brennan Labor Studies Institute
- Protecting Children: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow w/ School Social Work Association of Nebraska
- Serving Older Adults with Mental Health Needs with Region 6
- Seeds on the Sidewalk: Serving Undocumented Youth in Public Schools
- Sexual Diversity Leadership Training
- STEPs Qualitative Research 101 and 102
- Summer Speaker Series (3-part series)

Spring 2019 includes:

- Gandhi Symposium – Social Justice/White Privilege
- Military Social Work – Medical and Mental Health
- Nebraska Social Work Licensure

Practicum

Practicum remains the signature pedagogy of social work education, and our students participate in 512 hours of practicum at the BSW, Foundation and Advanced Standing levels of the program.

DEPARTMENT OF GERONTOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF GERONTOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Paul Hogan (Home Instead Senior Care) - Chairman
- Thomas M. Belford (John A. Gentleman Mortuaries & Crematory)
- Heath Boddy (Nebraska Health Care Association)
- Eric Gurley (Immanuel Communities)
- Mark Higgins (Schemmer)
- Ronald C. Jensen, J.D (Baird Holm Law Firm)
- Jane F. Potter, M.D. (UNMC – Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology)
- Joann Schaefer, M.D. (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska)
- Revonna White – (Vetter Health Services)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2018 Alumni Award Recipients: DD Lauderville (Salvation Army) and Dr. Tim Dickel (Creighton University)
- UNO Student Employee of the Year. Abi Heller
- UNL Parents Association Recognition for Contribution to Students, Bede Bolin and Julie Masters

ENROLLMENT 2017-2018

- 70 Undergraduate certificate students
- 163 Minors
- 58 Bachelor students
- 30 Graduate certificate students
- 41 Master of Arts students
- 12 PhD students

PRACTICUM SITES – 44 practicum sites served as educational opportunities for our students. Several of our students have secured employment because of this experience.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FOR RECRUITING

- Leading Age
- Nebraska Health Care Association
- Gerontological Society of America - International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics
- Olsen Women's Conference
- Home Instead Senior Care Annual Franchise Owners Convention

Community Recruitment – Do You Have the Courage to Care?

- Be a Mav Day (UNO)
- Red Letter Days (UNL)
- Career Fair (UNK)
- Omaha Health, Wellness and Fitness Expo
- Dual Enrollment Basketball Blowout
- Futures Fair
- Aksarben Farmer's Market

- UNO Health and Wellness Fair
- College Day – Westside High School and Millard Horizon High School

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT - Alzheimer's Association UNL

STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (UNO RESEARCH FAIR)

- Angie Helseth, Rachel Brodsky, and Abi Heller

Conference Presentations:

- Beadle, Janelle, Heller, "Role of empathy on a social decision making task relevant to NASA space missions"
- Beadle, Janelle, Turkstra, Lyn, Mutlu, Bilge, Duff, Melissa, "Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury on Social Network Size, Life Satisfaction & Loneliness"
- Beadle, Janelle, "Brain Networks Associated with Loneliness in Youths"
- Beadle, Janelle, Heller, Abi, Wilson, Tony, Calhoun, Vince, Stephen, Julia, Wang, Yu-Ping, "Brain Networks Associated with Adolescent Loneliness,"
- Boron, Julie Blaskewicz, Emerick, Eric, Willis, Sherry L., Schaie, K. Warner (Author Only), "BMI, Cognition, and Exercise Relationships in the Seattle Longitudinal Study"
- Boron, Julie Blaskewicz, Koehler, Karsten, Smith, Teresa, Pinard, Courtney, Lee, Jung-Min, Bice, Matthew, Stevens, Jeffrey, "Differential Relationship between Habitual Physical Activity and Consumption of Key Dietary Factors"
- Holley, Lyn Meridew, Patton, Matthew, Marx, Matthew, "Community-Engaged Service Learning Helps Recent Refugee Elders Reconstruct Identity and Worth"
- Holley, Lyn Meridew, Kelly, Christopher, "Weaving a Tapestry of a Livable City: How to Craft Town and Gown Connections with Citizens, Neighborhoods and Community Partners"
- Thomas, Benjamin, Kercher, Kyle, "Modeling and Predicting Infrequent, Serious CWBs Using Improved Analytic Methods"
- Masters, Julie & Bartle, John, "Transforming an Academic Unit from Good to Great: The second life experience of a department of Gerontology"
- Masters, Julie, Hubner, Sarah & Wylie, Lindsey. Advance Directive Completion in 2017: "Are Nebraskans Avoiding the Inevitable? A preliminary review of the NHPCA EOL Survey".
- Morgan, Jennifer Craft, Kelly, Christopher, Kemp, Candace, Haviland, Sara, Fossum, Mariann, "Are Bad Jobs Inevitable? A Comparative Study of Aged-Care Occupations and Training,"
- Brodsky, Rachel, Heller, Abi, Beadle, Janelle, "Social Decision Making Across the Lifespan"
- Haavisto, Wonjeong, Boron, Julie, Beadle, Janelle, Kelly, Christopher, "Do Multiple Constructs Explain Incongruent Associations Between Subjective Memory and Cognition?"
- Heller, Abi, Beadle, Janelle, "Effects of Empathy on Task Performance in a Social Context"

PUBLICATIONS

- Beadle, J. N., Paradiso, S., and Tranel, D. Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortex is Critical for Helping Others Who Are Suffering. *Frontiers in Neurology: Applied Neuroimaging*.
- Boron, J. B., Schaie, K. W., Willis, S. L. The Aging Personality and Self: Diversity and Health Issues
- Kelly, C., Morgan, J. C., Kemp, C. L., Deichert, J. A Profile of the Assisted Living Direct Care Workforce in the United States. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*,
- Kelly, C., Morgan, J. C., Jason, K. Training requirements for home care workers: A content analysis of state laws
- Koehler, K., Boron, J., Courtney, P., Smith, T., Lee, J.-M., Brice, M., Stevens, J. Differential Relationship between Physical Activity and Consumption of High vs. Low Energy Density Food Items. *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*
- Masters, J., Toller, P. W., Holley, L. M., Kelley Gillespie, N. Begin with the End in Mind: A three part series to facilitate end of life discussions with members of the community.

GRANTS

- Drs. Lyn Holley and Christopher Kelly, University of Nebraska – Global Perspectives on Aging
- Drs. Chris Kelly, Nancy Kelley and Paul Falkowski, CPACS Urban Research Grant
- Drs. Julie Boron, D. Slivka, J. French & R. Bulbulian, University of Nebraska – Food for Health
- Drs. Janelle Beadle, Jeff French, Lyn Holley & M. Duff, NASA Space Mini-Grant
- Dr. Janelle Beadle, NSF Summer Undergraduate Research program
- Dr. Julie Masters, Immanuel Vision Foundation

STUDENT GRANTS

Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) – Christine Embury, Taylor Leeder, Angie Helseth

NSF REU Summer UG Research Grant – Mallory Feenstra

Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experiences (FUSE) – Summer Research – Rachel Brodsky

SERVICE

Community Membership

- Accreditation Task Force, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
- AARP
- AseraCare Foundation Board
- Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion
- Community 360
- Dementia Care Conference
- Dementia Friendly Nebraska
- Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, Advisory Council and Senior Companion Program
- Elder Rights Coalition
- Florence Home Assisted Living
- Home Instead Center for Successful Aging
- Leading Age Nebraska Education Committee
- Midlands Eldercare Network,
- Office of Public Guardian
- Older Adult Mental Health Coalition
- OPS Native American Achievement Council
- Respite Advisory Committee
- St. Gregory the Great Seminary Board of Trustees
- Tabitha Health Care
- UNL Veteran's mentorship program
- Westside Schools Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) Health Services

COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

- Be A Santa To A Senior (UNO and UNL Campuses)
- Begin with the End in Mind
- Careers in Aging Week – Career Fair
- Dr. Chuck Powell Lecture – Sarah Rowan
- In partnership with the Schwalb Center for Israel and Jewish Studies – Successful Aging in Israel and Nebraska with Dr. Israel Doron – University of Haifa, Israel
- Get Global with Aging, Everybody Does. Drs. Alina Zurek and Gregorz Zurek, University of Wroclaw, Poland

SERVICE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Senior Prom

- Intergenerational Poetry Contest
- Blackburn Alternative High School
- Adams Park Senior Center
- Intercultural Senior Center
- Native Indigenous Cultural Excellence Program, Liberty Elementary School
- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition
- Juan Diego Community Center
- GIVE After School Program, Lewis and Clark Middle School
- AARP Omaha Information Center
- OPS Mandarin Language Program
- Omaha Chinese Community Association
- Ralston Middle School Character in Action After School Program

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- "Caregiver empathy and patient outcomes" Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging
- "Who Knew it was a Mrs. Smith's Pie? The Value of Communication Among Family Members as Parents Age," Home Instead Senior Care Corporate Office, Omaha, Olson Women's Conference, UNMC and UNO
- "The Privilege of Aging in the 21st Century: There is so much more than the rocking chair," Immanuel Village, Omaha
- "Honor and Privilege of Aging in the Twenty-First Century," Southlake Village, Lincoln
- Public Guardian Commission Monthly Meeting, "Hot Topics in Aging," Public Guardian Meeting, Lincoln NE
- Caring for the Caregiver, "Caregiver Education Program," Respite Network, Beatrice NE and Caregiver Coalition Annual meeting, Lincoln NE
- Taking Care of Me Caregiving Program, "Taking Care of You," McCook Respite Network, McCook NE
- Nebraska Health Care Association Social Service Designee Training, "Social Service Designee Training," Nebraska Health Care Association, Lincoln
- St. Michael Lutheran Church Monthly Meeting, "The Power and Potential of an Aging Population: What we can learn from our elders," St. Michael Lutheran Church, Omaha
- "The Power and Potential of an Aging Population: What we can learn from our elders," Notre Dame Sisters Associate Meeting, Omaha

GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE HOME OF RESILIENT STUDENT SUCCESS

Locally and Nationally Recognized for Academic Achievement, Community Engagement, and Leadership Development

ACADEMICS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Goodrich Scholarship Program has a 6-yr graduation rate for 2011 cohort of 80% (UNO's: 47.7%), our freshman/sophomore retention rate is at 93% (UNO's: 76.2%). Our spring 2017 semester had 27 on the Chancellor's List and 116 on Dean's List. The fall 2017 semester had 26 on Chancellor's List and 118 on Dean's list

- 2017/2018 Senior Vice Chancellor's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Antonio Campbell
- Study Abroad Award Winners: Clarice Dombeck, Eneris Bernard Santos (US Department of State, Gilman Scholarship Recipient), Scholarship), Amy Dinh (International Student Exchange Program Scholarship Recipient), Cameron Brown (India Immersion Experience Grant), Leigha Little (Martha C. Page Scholarship)
- Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems Scholarship: Faith Walker
- Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experiences (FUSE) awardee for Student Research and Creative Activity: Emily Bradley, Maggie Edwards, Halee Keller, Andrew Stone, Henamari Ybay
- Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Scholar: Halee Keller
- Vaya Stergiou Distinguished Scholarship in Biomechanics: Claudia Cortés Reyes
- Innovative Prosthetics and Orthotics Student Fellowship 2018: Claudia Cortés Reyes
- UNMC Summer Health Professions Education Program: Brianna Nelson
- Undergraduate Major Honorees: Colleen Anderson (Goodrich); Antonio Campbell (Mathematics, College of Arts & Sciences); Tyler English (Finance, College of Business Administration); Jennifer Grisso (Management, College of Business Administration); Lyle Kwiatkowski (School of Communication, Journalism)
- Dendinger Award Winners (Graduating Seniors with 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA): Colleen Anderson, John Beal, Jessica Becker, Antonio Campbell, Sarah Chadwell, Troy Chase, Cassidy Conrad, Katherine Grace Dworak, Tyler English, Daisy Gomez, Jennifer Grisso, Tori Hudson, Vanessa Klein, Lyle Kwiatkowski, Rachael Lapacek, Jessica Latch, Kajal Patel, Roni Shelley Perez, Nolan Retzlaff, Xavier Royer, Lauren Sauma, Chinyoung (Pak) Schuhmacher
- 5th Annual Futures Fair in partnership with p4k (Partnership 4 Kids) where we engaged approximately 200 8th graders from many middle schools including Lewis and Clark, Marrs, Monroe, Norris and McMillan

STUDENT POPULATION

- 91% 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 \$35,418. These areas served by the Partnership are well below the median household income for the city of Omaha, which is \$61,024.
- While the racial composition of our students is mixed, African American and Hispanic students compose the majority of students participating in P4K programs
 - African American 47%
 - Hispanic 31%
 - Caucasian 14%
 - Other 7%
- Stephenson-Harrington Internship: De'Janae Brown, Antonio Campbell, Leslie Flores, Tori Hudson, Jasmine Marr, Lorenzo Saldana, Jamaih Tyndall
- Distinguished Goodrich Alumni Presentations:
 - 2017/2018 Information Day keynoter Destynie Sewell
 - 2018 Sophomore Awards Celebration keynoter Maunka Morgan
- GO! Outreach: included Adopt-A-Family for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Midlands Bowl-A-Thon, Mav Food Pantry and Mentor Program

2017-2018 University Student Leadership

- Kylee Askew, Collegiate Panhellenic Council, Director
- Jessica Becker, Pre Physician Assistant Student Organization, Treasurer
- Imani Brown, Goodrich Student Organization, Director of Mentoring
- Jazmine Duff, UNO National Council of Negro Women, Treasurer
- K Grace Dworak, UNO NSSLHA, Treasurer
- Tyler English, Dance Marathon, President
- Chéamera Gaines Liwaru, UNO National Council of Negro Women, President
- Andrew Heithoff, UNO Mav Motors, Treasurer
- Abishai Javier, UNO Admissions, Navigator, Ambassador
- Sunkist Judson, Karen Student Organization, Vice President and UNO AIGA, Photographer
- Mackenzie, Jung, Alpha Xi Delta, Chapter Life President
- Halee Keller, FOCUS, Student Leader and Chi Omega, Personnel Chair
- Katrina Kroeze, Pre Physician Assistant Student Organization, Co-President; Freshman Leadership Council, Board Member; Parking Advisory Committee, Student Representative
- Jackie Lira, Association of Latino American, Students President and Chi Omega Eleusinia, Chair
- Liz Luke, Math Club, Secretary
- Lizeth Martinez, Habitat for Humanity, Fundraising Chair
- Noah Milbourn, Scott Campus Housing, Resident Assistant
- Gabriella Moore, Zeta Tau Alpha, Chair of Alumni Events
- Brianna Nelson, Alpha Xi Delta, Facilities Management Director
- Maria Nevada, Maverick Students for Life, PR Officer
- Jimmy Nguyen, UNO Students Against Hunger, PR Officer and South Sioux City Student Association, President
- Juli Oberlander, Maverick PR, Account Executive

- Humayra Rahmanzai, Goodrich Student Organization, Co-Vice President
 - Timothy Saqueton, Chemistry Club, Secretary
 - MooLay Shee, Karen Students Association, Treasurer
 - Anahi Soto-Gama, Dodge Campus Housing, Resident Assistant and Gama Goodrich Student Organization, PR Officer
 - Hannah Vankat, Public Health Honor Society, President
 - Henamari Ybay, Goodrich Student Organization, President
 - Aya Yousuf, UNO Student Government, Freshman Senator
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- Faculty contributions included 3 grants (one external and two internal), 5 peer-reviewed scholarly publications (4 journal articles and one book chapter), and 8 peer-reviewed presentations at national or regional academic conferences
 - 2018 Applicants: 931 applicants, compared to 868 last year

CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH

The Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) was established in 1963 as the Center for Urban Studies. Its initial mission was to address urban problems and information needs. It became part of CPACS when the college was created in the early '70s. Over the years CPAR has gone through several name changes and personnel changes that have modified its mission. In October 2017, a periodic program review of CPAR was conducted with a recommendation that CPAR be retained.

In 2017-18, CPAR received more than \$550,000 from grants and contracts. In addition to CPAR staff, these grants and contracts provided summer funding, course buyouts, and/or travel funds for 5 faculty members, funding for 2 doctoral students, and funding for 8 graduate student workers.

During the past year, CPAR continued its work with Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) focusing on rural transit in Nebraska and also continued its State Policy Initiative with the Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee. As part of its NDOT grant, CPAR maintains an office at the Innovation Campus in Lincoln. 2019 will mark the 30th anniversary since CPAR took over as the lead agency for the Nebraska State Data Center program.

New employees—Tara Grell, graphic designer; Matt Harrington, communications specialist

Retiree—Jerry Deichert, 40 years in the NU system—30 years at UNO and 10 years at UNL

Awards—2017-2018 Largest Award Amount, Office of Research and Creative Activity

Jerry Deichert, Nebraska Legislative Resolution 474 honoring his retirement

Jerry Deichert, Chancellor's medal to be presented at the December 2018 Commencement

State Data Center Program

1. CPAR is the lead agency for the Nebraska State Data Center, a cooperative federal/state program to disseminate and promote the utilization of government statistical products. In Nebraska the program consists of a network of 23 state and local agencies. CPAR was designated as the lead agency by the Governor in 1989.
2. facebook.com/unocpar--We post most days and have 444 likes, but posts often reach several hundred additional people with our work and insight.
3. 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/>).
4. CPAR's homepage had 1,245 page views between April 17, 2017, and April 16, 2018.
5. Sponsored the 28th Annual Data Users Conference. We had more than 220 participants from throughout Nebraska and the U.S. The 29th Annual Data Users Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2018 in the CPACS Building. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.
6. Worked on numerous Census-related projects including:
 - Analyzed increase in Black/African American households living alone.
 - Analyzed decreasing gaps in non-Hispanic White and minority fertility rates in Nebraska and the U.S.

7. Worked with state media including numerous other newspapers and with radio and TV stations on demographic information from the census and other sources. Made 30+ data-related presentations throughout the state (including the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting), with more than 3000 contacts.
8. Made numerous presentations to classes within CPACS and UNO on using Census and other data.
9. Responded to more than 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.

Applied Research

1. Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee
 - Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee 2017 Report: Database (With Public Administration and Dean's Office for the eighth year).
 - Selected Characteristics for Nebraska Legislative Districts from the 2012-2016 American Community Survey
 - Selected Characteristics for Nebraska Counties from the 2012-2016 American Community Survey
 - Nebraska Legislative District Quick Facts
 - Selected Characteristics for Census Tracts in Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster and Hall Counties, Nebraska, from the 2012-2016 American Community Survey
 - Developed a dashboard looking at poverty in Nebraska.
 - Developed dashboard looking at agricultural and economic characteristics for Nebraska.
2. Completed Population Projections for the Louisville school district.
3. Funded research with other CPACS, UNO, and NU faculty
 - Financial Sustainability Study for the U.S Virgin Islands
 - Rural Futures Institute (RFI), Catalyzing the Role of Micropolitan America in the Future of Rural America
 - US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Project Network
 - Pupil Transportation
4. With funding provided by the CPACS Dean's Office, administered and helped select 5 Urban Research grants for CPACS faculty and staff, many working with community partners.
5. Nebraska Rural Transit NU Development and Support Grant
 - Coordinated the annual National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) conference in Omaha with 350 attendees.
 - CPAR planned and successfully held the 4th annual Nebraska Public Transit Week April 8-14. Participation by rural transit agencies went up 20% this year and staff visited 31 agencies across the state.
 - Completed Nebraska Intercity Bus Study.
 - Completed and submitted Title VI plan for NDOT to the Federal Transit Administration.
 - Developed enhancements to the transit manager portal for NDOT.
 - Completed the plan for DBE outreach for the NDOT Office of Civil Rights.

CPAR Publication Archive

The CPAR publication archive is available electronically at <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/cpar>. All publications have either been uploaded or have been submitted for inclusion. We will be entering into a partnership with Library Archives to house the CPAR archive and to audit the holdings to assure that all publications are available in Digitalcommons.

We have a total of 646 documents currently available; receiving 6,265 downloads between May 2017 and April 2018 from more than 110 countries.

Survey Research

1. CPAR staff provided technical assistance and advice on conducting surveys to CPACS and UNO faculty and students, nonprofit, and government agencies.
2. Along with other CPACS faculty, we plan to conduct an Omaha Conditions Survey in the summer of 2018.

CPACS Support

1. Coordinated the Certificate in Fundraising Management. The 2017-2018 session was the 18th year CPAR has offered the program. Offered 12 classes, with 63 unique participants, most taking multiple courses. 15 participants received their certificate. At total of 239 people have earned the certificate since it began in 1994.
2. CPACS Web Asset Technical Support:
 - Manage Certificate in Fundraising Management websites.
 - Manage 2 non-CPAR websites (CPACS and Bibliophiles).
 - Manage college Formstack account; and assist with form creation and management.
 - Manage CPACS News Center and CPACS Facebook.
 - Moderate NASPAA listserv.
3. Planning Committee, Aging with Passion & Purpose Conference

DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES

For over 80 years, the Division of Continuing Studies (DCS) has been dedicated exclusively to the needs of adult and contemporary learners by *meeting students where they are*. This is our guiding philosophy – from the way we engage with our students to the structure of our degree program – our goal is to connect where our students have been with where they want to go. We offer one degree with two pathways and over 50 areas of concentration. Through our collaborations with the colleges, schools and departments across the institution, the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies continues to be a high quality academic program that honors the individual needs of our diverse student population.

YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year, our Division focused on communicating and enculturating the change in the degree name from the Bachelor of General Studies to the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies. The updated degree name more accurately reflects our program that extends UNO's commitment to provide a breadth and depth of learning that leverages the knowledge and expertise of our campus faculty. The BMS degree continues to be **nationally ranked** by *U.S. News & World Report's* 2018 **Best Online Programs**.

OUR STUDENTS



45% | 55%
female | male



327
students self-identify as first generation college students



1085
unduplicated student head count enrolled in Fall/Spring



43
number of AOCs* our students are currently pursuing



1/5th
DCS student population are military affiliated

*AOC = areas of concentration



3000+
number of appointments at Dodge street campus



\$30,263
fee scholarships awarded to military affiliated students

18-65+

age range of students enrolled in the BMS degree program



30
number of military students awarded book scholarships



1000+
CLEP/DSST test administered at Offutt AFB testing center

Graduates: Spring 2017: 141, Summer 2017: 80, Fall 2017: 118

STUDENT HONORS & AWARDS

In addition to campus-wide recognition events, student achievements were celebrated in a series of college- and division-sponsored gatherings.

Undergraduate Major Honorees:

- Alex Freburg
- Angie Balsarini
- Ben Cruz
- Cody Jenkins
- Gretchen Carroll
- Maxine Stuhlmiller
- Mike Monical
- Noelle Hoeft
- Sarah Norton
- Stephanie Miranda

Dean's Award and Senior Vice Chancellor Outstanding Student Leadership Award:

- Gretchen Carroll

CPACS Alumni Award for Excellence in Public Service (DCS)

- Victoria Novak

OUR TEAM

Welcome to Our New Colleagues

- Hailey Boland, Staff Assistant/Test Administrator: Joined DCS in October 2017
- Neil Lulla: Academic Advisor: Joined DCS in November 2017
- Christine Billings, Director: Joined DCS in March 2018

Awards

- Karen Kempkes, Office Supervisor: 2018 Spirit of Service Award

OUR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- DCS Student Ambassadors: Through a series of fundraising events, including a silent auction, they raised over \$3,000 in scholarship funds and awarded \$1,000 to DCS students
- Nontraditional Student Week: A series of activities and events during the week of November 5-11. This week-long celebration concluded with the 2018 Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL) induction ceremony. Twenty-six DCS students were inducted into ASL
- Sponsorships & Partnerships: Activities included participation in Nebraska's Official Veteran's Day Parade, Bellevue Public Schools Essay Contest sponsorship, presenting to the Mid-Plains Community College Area Coordinators, and presenting to Union Pacific employees enrolled in Business 101 (CBA Executive Education)
- Marketing: With the change in degree name, all digital, electronic and print collateral were updated to heighten awareness of the BMS degree. A marketing campaign targeting the communities of Norfolk, Columbus, Beatrice and Grand Island featured local students enrolled in the BMS program

OUR COMMUNITY

While the students are at the center of why we are committed to our work, our people are at the heart of our enterprise. In addition to supporting the day-to-day operations of our office, our staff adds to the richness of our unit, our college, our campus and our broader community. These organizations include:

- Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society for Adult Learners
- American Red Cross
- American String Teacher's Nebraska Chapter Board
- Annual Coffee Drive for the Omaha Stephen's Center
- Bellevue-Offutt Kiwanis Club
- DCS Student Ambassadors
- Great Plains Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association Board
- International Women's Association of Omaha
- Metropolitan Community College Early Childhood Education Community Advisory Board
- NACADA Conference
- Nebraska Children's Home Society, Project Elf
- UNO Black Employee Network
- UNO Chancellor's Transition Advisory Team
- UNO Homeless Advocacy Committee
- UNO Sister-to-Sister group
- Youth Emergency Services of Omaha

WILLIAM BRENNAN LABOR STUDIES INSTITUTE

The need to both train labor leaders about the knowledge and skills required to promote and defend meaningful workplace democracy continues to grow across the state of Nebraska. Moreover, the history of the labor movement's many contributions to the well-being of wage earners inside and out of the labor movement grows as well.

We faced a challenge to effectively and efficiently perform those duties with a reduced staff. The full-time educator position remained unfilled this year and when our administrative assistant Susan Hayes retired, the position was eliminated for budget reasons.

When one door shuts, another opens. The Institute has entered into contracts with Metropolitan Community College (MCC) and Labor United, Inc. to help provide a labor history curriculum for MCC students taking classes in their Construction Education Center building. We are also investigating the possibility of offering shorter lectures to Omaha Public Schools students who show an interest in career education.

The Institute conducted educational the following presentations from July 2017 to early May 2018.

Open Enrollment class:

19th annual "Promoting the General Welfare" conference with 81 attendees

<u>Invited Presentations</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
Understanding Organized Labor	Boy Scouts of America	26
What's Next for Everyday Wage Earners	Lincoln Central Labor Union	30
How to Effectively Talk Union	Omaha Federation of Labor	96
Labor Day 2017	Labor Central Labor Union	27
The Importance of Values to Messaging	United Way Worldwide	78
Looking at Organized Labor	KETV-7	
What's Labor Got to Do with It?	Mind & Soul 101.3FM (podcast)	
Union Members Are Their Microphones	Omaha Salute to Labor	500
Union Contributions to the Employment Relationship	UNO-Aviation Institute	48
Teaching that Labor is a Public Good	Omaha Federation of Labor	26
Teaching that Labor is a Public Good	Lincoln Central Labor Union	28
Unions: Critical Players in Our Economy	NE/SW Iowa Apprentice Dinner	87
Why Political Engagement	NE State Federation of Labor	81
Unions in Aviation Post Deregulation	UNO-Aviation Institute	50
Rethinking Unions as a Public Good	Lincoln Central Labor Union	27
Rethinking Unions as a Public Good	Omaha Federation of Labor	31
Sexism, Harassment, and Organized Labor	Lincoln Central Labor Union	31
Conservative Liberal Dialogue Panelist	1 st Unitarian Church	28
Sexism, Harassment, and Organized Labor	Omaha Federation of Labor	26
Finding the Core of Organized Labor	Lincoln Central Labor Union	41
Finding the Core of Organized Labor	Omaha Federation of Labor	19
Supply and Demand Side Economics	Lincoln Central Labor Union	29

Unions 101	UNO-GASSW	38
Public Sector Workers Under Attack	Omaha Federation of Labor	23
Unions as Anti-Poverty Programs	UNO-School of Social Work	27
Unions: A Misunderstood Institution	Nebraska LEAD	57
Unions as Anti-Poverty Programs	UNO-School of Social Work	26
Labor Dialogue	Nebraskans for Peace	35
<u>Government and Public Education</u>	<u>Omaha Federation of Labor</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Invited Presentations: 29	Total Participants: 1,447	

<u>Contract Courses</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
How to Effectively Talk Union	Nevada State AFL-CIO	48
Preparing for Collective Bargaining (5 sessions)	Omaha Education Assoc.	17
Labor History (2 sessions)	UA 464 1 st year apprentices	16
Labor History (2 sessions)	UA464 2 nd year apprentices	14
Labor History (2 sessions)	Ironworkers Union	11
Understanding Unions as a Public Good	SEIU 226	21
Steward Training	BCTGM 50G	40
How to Effectively Talk Union	Lincoln Central Labor Union	32
Labor History (2 sessions)	IBEW 265	61
Orientation to the Labor Movement	Montana PFFA	43
<u>Labor History (2 sessions)</u>	<u>SMART 3</u>	<u>17</u>
Total Contract Courses: 14	Total Participants: 320	

GRAND TOTAL: 44

GRAND TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 1,848