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NEWS

Biological anthropologist named 2002 Kansas Professor of the Year



Dr. Peer Moore-Jansen

Peer Moore-Jansen, associate professor and chair of anthropology, now has the recognition many of his students and colleagues say has been long in coming. He is the 2002 Kansas Professor of the Year.

The award, given by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Standards in Education, recognizes professors who epitomize "extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching."

he stayed in Texas and married Cathy, then completed his bachelor's degree in anthropology at Texas Tech University. While a master's student at the University of Arkansas, Moore-Jansen became interested in dental anthropology and morphology. He then attended the University of Tennessee for his PhD program and shifted his focus to general scale anthropology with an emphasis in forensic anthropology. This is his specialty field today.

RECOGNITION AS A TEACHER

Moore-Jansen admits that he always felt a pull towards teaching. His mother was a teacher and nurse. Moore-Jansen's father knew when Peer was seven that he would be a professor. It makes his selection as Kansas Professor of the Year more meaningful.

For Moore-Jansen, the award is about teaching and his students. "The most rewarding part of teaching is when students ask me serious questions after a lecture: it's evident that they've thought about the material," he said. "They are turned on about the material, sometimes at a level where they will read books I suggest that are not part of the required reading."

Moore-Jansen is especially impressed with students who work hard and put in a lot of hours in the lab. "It takes a lot on their part to stay involved and work on their own," he said.

Being Kansas Professor of the Year is an intrinsically and extrinsically rewarding experience. "This is recognition that I'm not in isolation and that others do notice what I am doing. Everyone has been kind, friendly and supportive," Moore-Jansen said. Recently, a colleague from Kansas State University attended the same conference as Moore-Jansen in Chicago. At the end of his presentation, he announced to the group that Moore-Jansen (who was sitting in the audience) was the Kansas Professor of

the Year, and he also recognized his affiliation with Wichita State University.

Locally, recognition also has come from Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Sedgwick County Coroner Dr. Mary Dudley, and Sedgwick County District Attorney Nola Foulston. The best recognition, Moore-Jansen said, has come from students and colleagues.



Moore-Jansen holds one of many skulls found in the anthropology lab.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Much of the selection process for Professor of the Year awards depends on student recommendations and support. Moore-Jansen has plenty of both.

Miranda Calaway, senior in anthropology, wrote one of the letters supporting Moore-Jansen's nomination. "Dr. Moore-Jansen's teaching extends far beyond the classroom, and this is where he has the most impact," she

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- Gary Brudvig, Yale University, "Photosynthetic Oxygen Evolution." Brudvig applies both biophysical and bioinorganic techniques to the study of the plant enzyme photosystem II that catalyzes the light-induced oxidation of water to dioxygen and reduction of quinones to quinols.

The Watkins Foundation also made it possible for Fairmount College to offer summer fellowships to area science educators. These fellowships allow recipients to research areas of interest and enhance their teaching abilities. Four teachers received fellowships in 2002.

- Heather Giesen, West High School, assisted **Mark Schneegurt**, biological sciences, with the study "Evaluation of Chemical and Biological Assays as Indicators of Toxic Metal Bioavailability in Soils."

- Gary Hestand, Bethel College, worked with **Dennis Burns**, chemistry, on the project "Initial Studies in the Synthesis of a Selective Bacterial Membrane Receptor for the Preparation of Novel Antibiotics."

- Amber Lane, Bishop Carroll, assisted

Michael VanStipdonk, chemistry, with the project, "Preparing Science Teachers to Teach Chemistry *sans* Anxiety."

- Karrie Rathbone, McPherson College, helped **William Hendry**, biological sciences, with the project "Extraction of High Molecular Weight DNA from Hamsters."

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said. "He keeps an open door to all students of any major for help, guidance or just conversation."

Graduate student **Nathan Harper** also speaks highly of Moore-Jansen's ability as professor and mentor. He said, "His mentorship helped me gain a Fulbright Fellowship to Cyprus, something that would not have been possible without his guidance." Harper continued, "I would like to think his impact upon my life is unique, but I know I am only one of thousands of students he has reached. I will always look to Dr. Moore-Jansen as the measuring stick of an outstanding teacher, mentor and friend."

Moore-Jansen begins his 14th year of teaching at Wichita State this fall.

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services and programs possible for our students, faculty, staff and alumni. Supporters built Fairmount College to provide a solid liberal arts and sciences education for its students. It the mission we adhere to today.

Sincerely,

William D. Bischoff
Dean

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William Bischoff, dean, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
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DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dean Bischoff

Dear Fairmount College Community:

We have many good things to celebrate as this academic year closes.

First is the recognition of **Peer Moore-Jansen**, associate professor and chair of anthropology, as 2002 Kansas Professor of the Year. This distinction is quite an honor as it is awarded based upon student recommendations, academic achievements and community service. We celebrate also that WSU's former Kansas Professors of the Year, **Mel Kahn**, political science, 1989, and **Erach Talaty**, chemistry, 1999, are members of the Fairmount College community.

Community recognition is as important as academic recognition. **Carol Wolfe Konek**, professor of women's studies, is one of two recipients of the 2003 A. Price Woodard, Jr. Award, given by the National Conference for Community and Justice. She is a world-known champion for women's rights and social acceptance of all people.

Wichita State recognized several Fairmount College faculty with awards at the 2003 Honors Convocation. Five faculty received awards for effective teaching, scholarship, creative activity and research.

After a two-year review process, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and the Commission on Peer Review granted formal accreditation to WSU's Master of Public Administration degree. Formal accreditation recognizes that the Master of Public Administration degree is in conformance with national standards as established by NASPAA and is granted for a seven-year period.

Fairmount College is experiencing increased enrollment for the Spring 2003 semester. At 77650 credit hours, we are up 4165 hours in comparison to the Spring 2002 semester. This is the third consecutive spring semester college enrollment has increased.

I am delighted with these pieces of positive news. It is celebrations and achievements such as these that sustain faculty and staff morale and keep productivity high. They are rays of light upon the dreary budget days Kansas faces.

As the college (and the university) navigates through the uncertainty regarding fiscal year '04 budget issues, we will strive to offer the best

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Konek is recipient of 2003 Humanitarian Award

Carol Wolfe Konek, professor of women's studies, is one of two recipients for the 2003 A. Price Woodard, Jr. Award. The National Conference for Community and Justice – Wichita gives the award.

"I am very happy and pleased that Carol is honored in this way," said **Ramona Liera-Schwichtenberg**, chair of women's studies and religion. "She is an outstanding member of the community and is recognized for her efforts to promote acceptance, understanding and respect for all people."

Sandra Harrison, special events coordinator for NCCJ, said the award honors "those whose contributions through education, civic service and actions advance understanding and

respect among the people of our community."

Konek received the award at the 53rd NCCJ Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner in March.



William Bischoff, dean, and Ramona Liera-Schwichtenberg, associate professor, women's studies, congratulate Carol Konek, center, for her award.

Fairmount College faculty recognized for teaching, research and creative activity

Fairmount College faculty won five of nine possible awards at the 2003 Wichita State University Honors Convocation held May 5.

• **Jeanine M. Hathaway**, professor, English, won the award for Excellence in Creative Activity. This award recognizes a faculty member who has established an exemplary record of creative activity that brings recognition to the University. Creative activity can include work in musical compositions, visual arts, choreography, writing and performance. Hathaway is a nationally recognized poet.

• **W. Bartley Hildreth**, Regents Distinguished Professor of Public Finance, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, is the recipient of the Excellence in Research Award. It recognizes a faculty member who has established an exemplary record of research that has advanced the University's research mission.

• **Pawan K. Kahol**, associate dean of the graduate school, chair and professor, physics, won the Academy for Effective Teaching Award. Alumni and current upper-division and graduate

students make nominations and the full academy makes the final selection for this award.

• **Gregory J. Meissen**, professor, psychology, won the Community Research Award. It recognizes a faculty member who has established an exemplary and demonstrable record of scholarship extended to external constituents resulting in significant outcomes for individuals, organizations or the community in problem solving or development.

• **Daniel C. Russell**, assistant professor, philosophy, is the recipient of the Young Faculty Scholar Award. It recognizes faculty members who are between their third and eighth year of service and have records of excellence in teaching performance and substantial achievement in research and/or creative activity. The WSU Board of Trustees gives this award.

The convocation address, "The Magic of the Academic Environment: A Focus on Teaching, Research and Service," was given by **Rhonda K. Lewis**, associate professor, psychology.

Mock homicide case gives students chance to practice skills

What happened and whodunit?

The physical clues: A large pool of blood on the floor, a muddy footprint on the desk and a ceiling tile askew. A preliminary report from the coroner's office states that Dean William Bischoff "died" from blunt trauma to the head. According to his calendar, he held two late afternoon appointments after he dismissed his office staff due to inclement weather.

"Mock investigations like the class exercise above give students an idea of what to expect when they investigate a crime scene," said **Brian Withrow**, assistant professor of criminal justice. "Students learn about the complexities of an investigation and realize there is more to consider than what is seen." The mystery makes learning fun for the class.

The class, CJ 381W, *Homicide Investigation*, investigated the staged death over the length of

Brian Withrow supervises crime scene investigators in Dean Bischoff's office.



the semester. Students acted in roles as police, detectives, media and bystanders. "Police" cordoned off the crime scene area and secured points of entry. "Detectives" interviewed staff members in the dean's office, collected evidence and took photographs. Class members also assisted with the "media" and prevented "bystanders" from entering the crime scene.

Meanwhile, Dean Bischoff was really alive and well, safely working in his geology office when the initial investigation took place.

Who did "kill" the dean? Look for the surprising ending in the Fall '03 newsletter.



A muddy shoe print was found on Dean Bischoff's desk.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

The Drs. Adamsons partner in life, teaching and commencement

For **Carl** and **Ginette Adamson**, MCLL-German and French, respectively, it's one adventure after another. They married in 1966 and their daughter Stephanie was born in 1972. They started teaching in the same department at Wichita State in 1972 and finished their doctoral programs through Washington University in 1975. They've traveled extensively through Europe and have lived in France and Germany for months at a time.

Now they're completing their academic careers with the public roles of co-commencement marshals for the Fairmount College commencement ceremony.

As the faculty and graduates enter the arena, the Adamsons will lead the academic procession and officially open the ceremony. They will carry the Wichita State University mace. The Adamsons also will close the event and lead the procession out of the Coliseum.

The Adamsons will retire in Strasbourg, France a few weeks after the ceremony.



FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE CEREMONY

5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 17, 2003
Kansas Coliseum
1229 E 85th N
Valley Center KS

Fairmount College responds to displaced workers

It was a tough year, 2002. Experts suggest 2003 may not be any better.

Economic recession and job layoffs have affected South Central Kansas and Wichita heavily.

Chuck Koeber, assistant professor of sociology, studies the social costs of layoffs and how workers react during these periods. Koeber is the author of the new displaced worker manual, *"I've Been Laid Off – What Should I Do?: A Manual for Displaced Workers of South Central Kansas,"* which he wrote with assistance from sociology graduate student **Skye Stanley**.

"The aircraft industry is the major base of Wichita's economy," said Koeber. "It has been hardest hit by a decrease in new plane orders and significant numbers of layoffs. This, in turn, affects other portions of Wichita's economy."

According to research by Janet Harrah, Director of the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University, "third-quarter wage and salary employment in the Wichita metro area in 2002 was down 2.8 percent, a net job loss of 8100, compared to third-quarter 2001." As of now, it is not clear if the U.S. economy will experience a second recession or slow economic recovery in 2003. Job creation will be slow. This, coupled with continuing layoffs, will create a fiercely competitive job search environment.¹

"There is no such thing as job security"

"We've reached a point in our society where it is very unlikely for anyone to work for the same organization for 20 or more years," said Koeber. "Individuals may experience involuntary job change one or more times in their lives. There is no such thing as job security."

As such, it will become a more common societal experience to lose one's job. Communities may respond and create resources such as work force development centers and use Koeber's manual to help lessen the blow.

Although the Wichita economy may turn less grim than expected, it is prudent to plan for rough times. Based on his research and expertise, Koeber offers the following advice.

- Don't take layoffs personally. They occur for economic or business reasons.

- Read appropriate material. Most mainstream publications address the psychological and emotional aspects of job loss. Although acknowledging and coping with the feelings associated with the loss are important, Koeber

also suggests displaced workers spend time reading "how to" resources on job searches and career exploration.

- Don't blindly jump at the first job offered. Before accepting a new job, consider the pay, whether the job is appropriate for your skills and the time commitment.

- Consider a transitional job. A transitional job may be on a wish list—one that's not really your first choice, but acceptable. It can be an area you've wanted to get into or something to financially sustain you. It differs from a "panic job" in that it's chosen after a rational, thoughtful method of job selection.

- Make a budget that accounts for your reduction in earnings and stick to it." Carefully scrutinize spending choices and savings habits. Be prepared to change your current lifestyle. Are major purchases really necessary? Can your kids get by without designer name jeans? Can you spend more time cooking with your spouse?

- Meet with financial or credit counseling professionals and be willing to adjust lifestyle choices. Avoid making large financial decisions. Some of the most harmful mistakes displaced workers make are financial. They may run up credit card debt, sell possessions or cash in pension funds (that may carry significant tax penalties). All this can work against the future.

- "Don't spin your wheels in education and retraining without a plan." Employers may offer education plans as part of a severance package. Thoroughly explore retraining opportunities and determine if they will increase your chances of finding a suitable job. Plan education choices carefully and with the end in mind. Education may require student loans, a time commitment, and, where small children are involved, day care.

- Make the job search a full-time job and get help from employment professionals. Finding an appropriate job may be tough.

Koeber encourages all displaced workers—regardless of their skill level or education—to use a local workforce development center. These are open on a regular basis and available to all workers to find out if they are eligible for trade adjustment assistance and retraining opportunities. Workers may apply for unemployment benefits, learn how to write resumes and find support throughout the job search process.

¹<http://webs.wichita.edu/cedbr/Forecast2003.pdf>

FACULTY PROFILE



Chuck Koeber

Chuck Koeber earned his bachelor of arts in journalism and his master of arts in sociology, both at the University of Wyoming. He completed his PhD at SUNY-Binghamton with sociology of work and labor markets as his areas of emphases. Koeber's current research areas are the social impact of job loss and the employment change of displaced workers.

Koeber is a Nebraska native. He is married and is the father of two young children. His other interests include water skiing, guitar playing and home brewing.

Career Related Classes at WSU

Fairmount College offers two career related courses which may be helpful to displaced workers.

Topics in Career Exploration, LASI 102, involves students in career and life planning strategies. It explores personal values, interests and skills as they relate to college major and career path choices. In this two hour course, students learn how to write a resume.

Majors and Career Paths, LASI 150D, is a Friday night and all-day Saturday workshop. Participants focus on the decision making process used when selecting a major or career path. The course is offered for one hour credit.

See WSU's online *Schedule of Courses* for information about class scheduling:
<http://secure.wichita.edu/registrar/index.asp>

WSU support for laid off Fairmount College alumni and students

Jill Pletcher, director of career services, sees an increase in the number of laid off alumni and students seeking assistance with job search activities. Her office provides services to aid with career exploration and job searches.

"Looking for a job is as difficult as holding one," Pletcher said. "The maxim 'it's a full-time job to find a job' is true, particularly when the job market is tight."

Pletcher's office provides free services to students enrolled in a minimum of one credit hour. For alumni, the fee is \$40 per hour. Services include career counseling, job search assistance, resume guidance and critiques and use of the career library.

For a registration fee of \$35 for six months, alumni will be included in resume referrals, campus interview opportunities and the online Web Resume Book. They may also browse an online listing of available positions.

Preparation throughout the job search process is paramount. "During times of economic recession, the job market is highly competitive," said Pletcher. "With many more applicants for each position, employers can afford to be selective about things they might previously have overlooked."

Will an employer notice a coffee stain on a jacket during an interview or a misplaced comma on a resume? Pletcher says yes. "Someone who pays careful attention to detail with an eye for excellence in every aspect of the job search will make a strong impression."

The Career Services Office is open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday during the regular academic year. The office is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. during the summer sessions and university break periods. Please call (316) 978-3435 for more information.

DISPLACED WORKERS MANUAL

"I've Been Laid Off – What Should I Do?: A Manual for Displaced Workers of South Central Kansas"

Displaced workers may use this free guide to successfully manage a career setback. It is appropriate for a wide variety of people with varying degrees of education. The comprehensive manual examines developing a plan of action, claiming unemployment benefits, managing health and money, conducting job searches and assessing special considerations for executives, older or disabled job seekers.

The manual is an initiative of the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas and it received support and funding from Wichita State University. Displaced workers may pick up copies at local Workforce Development Centers and the United Way Help Center.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR DISPLACED WORKERS

DISPLACED WORKERS ASSISTANCE CENTERS

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Workforce Development Center
402 E. Second
Wichita, KS 67201
(316) 266-8600

United Way Help Center

1925 E. Douglas Ave.
Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 267-4327
Open monthly. Workers must call in advance to make an appointment.

BUTLER COUNTY

Workforce Development Center
2318 W. Central
El Dorado, KS 67042
(316) 321-4030

COWLEY COUNTY

Workforce Development Center
22215 Tupper
Winfield, KS 67156
(620) 442-8124
(620) 221-1000

INTERNET

<http://careers.wichita.edu>
<http://www.usworks.com/WorkforceAlliance/>
<http://www.wichita.gov/cdc/>
<http://www.nationjob.com/wichita/>

Watkins Foundation support enhances science programs at Wichita State

The Watkins Visiting Professorship roster reads like a list of Who's Who in Science. It includes Robert Baaker, Bob Ballard, Jean Michel Cousteau, Niles Eldredge, Jane Goodall, Steven Jay Gould and Eugene Shoemaker. Nobel Peace Prize winners Igar Giaever and Ahmed Zewail and National Academy of Sciences members Mario Capecchi, Wallace Cleland and James Crow also are on the list.

In 1974, the Watkins Foundation created the Watkins Visiting Professorship program. **Roberta Watkins Adams** announced "the sole project of the foundation shall be the support of the Watkins Visiting Professorship at Wichita State University." The foundation's generosity makes it possible for four to six scientists to visit campus each year. Each delivers a general public lecture on their area of study and a scientific lecture suitable for professionals and students during their visit. The department of their discipline hosts the professors: biological sciences, chemistry, geology or physics. At times, a university entity such as the Forum Board or, as with Jane Goodall, the Sedgwick County Zoo, jointly sponsors the guest.

During the 2002 calendar year, the Watkins Foundation made it possible for six scientists to visit Wichita State.

- **Judith Totman Parrish**, University of Arizona-Tucson, "Climate Changes of the Earth." Parrish researches the causes and effects of global climate change and analysis of earth's ancient climates as recorded by evidence in the rock record.

- **Arthur Epstein**, The Ohio State University, "Conducting Plastics." Epstein is the world's leading expert in electrical conductivity of electronic polymers. In 1985 he co-discovered the first organic materials-based magnet known to mankind.

- **Jerry and Nancy Jaax**, Kansas State University, "Unsettling Times." The Jaaxes are experts regarding current bioterrorist threat possibilities. They helped identify and contain the 1989 outbreak of the Ebola virus in a monkey quarantine facility in Reston, VA.

- **Stuart Sealfon**, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, "Genomics." Sealfon's research includes GnRH receptor signaling, molecular mechanisms of dopamine and cellular responses to hallucinogens at 5-HT2A receptors.

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Fairmount College in the Media

When Fairmount College faculty talk, the media listens.

During the Fall 2002 semester, several media sources across the United States quoted Fairmount College faculty. More than 6.8 million newspaper subscribers nationwide may have read articles quoting Fairmount College faculty.

They were cited for their expertise in areas ranging from Native American ancestry to the DC area sniper case in a variety of newspapers such as the Aberdeen American News and the national edition of the New York Times.

Quotes from **Ken Ciboski**, political science, and **James Snyder**, psychology, appeared most often in newspapers on a national basis. Ciboski commented on the Kansas GOP race and Snyder received coverage for his research on children. **Delores Craig-Moreland** was quoted extensively regarding the Washington DC area sniper case.

Jay Price, history, led on the statewide level. A number of newspaper articles featured Price's commentary on roadside history in Kansas. Ciboski and **Jim Sheffield**, political science, were quoted 16 times for their insight into Kansas election bids. Kansas publications as diverse as The Ninescah Valley News and The Wichita Eagle carried articles on topics

such as the paleodemographic survey of the cemetery in Fairview and Kansas tax policy. Approximately 1.8 million subscribers of Kansas newspapers received these articles.

Local television stations drew most heavily upon the expertise of two professors. Ciboski gave commentary on different aspects of the governor's race and candidate accountability. **Brian Withrow**, criminal justice, provided an assessment on various stages of the Carr brothers' murder trial. An estimated one million audience members viewed 49 hours and 26 minutes of footage related to Fairmount College faculty and their academic disciplines.

Media professionals recognize the level of expertise and quality of research many of our faculty possess. The Kansas Press Clipping Service and WSU's University Communications gathers information and copies of articles featuring Fairmount College faculty and programs. Numbers given above do not include newsstand purchases, multiple readers per subscription or multiple viewers. The actual number of people reached may be much greater. Information for radio broadcasting and Internet publication as it relates to Fairmount College is not currently available.

STUDENT ACCOLADES

- **Jason Bennett**, biological sciences, served as an intern for U.S. Senator Pat Roberts during the Spring 2003 semester. His primary duties included addressing constituent concerns, attending committee meetings for the Senator's staff, assisting with policy issues and leading U.S. Capitol Building tours.

- **Patricia Conard**, **Michael Grey**, **Jon Lee** and **Elizabeth Levy**, English, presented papers at the Southwest Texas Pop Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- **Sze-Chieh Ng**, computer science, won first place in a poetry recitation contest at the 5th Annual Mid-America Japanese Language Contest. He will participate in the Japan Festival in Kansas City in September.

- **Monica Turner**, geology, received \$500 from the Kansas Geological Foundation for her thesis research on Pennsylvanian paleosols. She also won the best presentation award from Sigma Gamma Epsilon in the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America. The title of her poster presentation, "Micro-variability of flood-plain paleosols in the Snyderville Shale Member, Oread Limestone Formation (Upper Pennsylvanian), Southeast Kansas", was co-authored with **Wan Yang**, assistant professor and **Michael Bruemmer**, student. Her abstract was selected to be presented in the SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) Student Poster Award Session at the 2003 SEPM-AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geology) meeting in Salt Lake City.

Faculty accolades

- **Kevin Hager**, assistant professor, Elliott School of Communication, won two awards for "Ready to Respond," a program he produced in cooperation with the Sedgwick County Department of Emergency Management. The video, broadcast on KWCH last year, shows people how to prepare for disasters, whether it be severe weather or a terrorist attack. Hager received the Award of Excellence from the Broadcast Education Association's International Festival of Film, Video & Media Arts. The program also took first place in a video competition of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

- **W. Bartley Hildreth**, Regent's Distinguished Professor of Public Finance, Hugo Wall School of Public and Urban Affairs, recently returned from China where he joined a five-member team of nationally known municipal finance and urban planning experts. The group consulted with Chinese officials on the use of municipal bonds in meeting demands for local infrastructures. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations asked Hildreth to serve on the committee.

- **Rhonda K. Lewis**, associate professor, psychology, is the recipient of the Urban League of Wichita's Up with People Award. She was recognized for her volunteer work with the Boys & Girls Clubs, Family Service Institute, Wichita Center for Health and Wellness and Knox Center. Lewis is the creator of the Risk Reduction Project to promote healthy lifestyles among African-American and other at-risk youths.

- **Daniel C. Russell**, assistant professor, philosophy, won the American Philosophical Association's Jean Hampton Prize, which recognizes junior level philosophers. Russell, who knew Jean Hampton, said "It is no exaggeration that I probably would not be a philosopher today if it had not been for Jean Hampton. It is especially meaningful for me to receive the award that was established by the APA to honor her memory."

- **Mark Schneegurt**, assistant professor, biological sciences, is part of a team of scientists establishing a microbial observatory at the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge in northern Oklahoma. The National Science Foundation awarded a collaborative grant of approximately \$1 million to Schneegurt, William Henley and Robert Miller (Oklahoma State University) and Mark Buchheim (University of Tulsa).

WSU emeritus professor publishes war memoir

by Bruce Erickson

Emeritus professor **Glenn Fisher** has written a book about his war experience, describing his journey to and from a muddy German beet field where green American troops attacked one of Hitler's best SS Panzer divisions. Fisher was wounded in the assault.

Glenn Fisher, Regents Professor Emeritus of Urban and Public Affairs, has published an account of his experiences as a drafted foot soldier in World War II titled "Not to Reason Why: The Story of a One-Eyed Infantryman in World War II."

The book explores what Fisher thought about the war experience as it happened and in retrospect.

The title says a lot. His was not to reason why; only to do or die and he came perilously close to the latter. After being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943, a few years after graduating from high school in Hannibal, Mo., Fisher lost his sight in one eye in a training mishap and was later shot in an assault on German lines. At the time he was shot, he was lost, mired in mud and his rifle was inoperable.

Although Fisher describes in eloquent detail the battle in which he was wounded and most of his fellow soldiers were either killed or wounded, "Not to Reason Why" is more than a war story.

He describes his personal experience with candor and humor, but he does so in historical context and with a sociologist's eye for American culture and society of the time. With war fresh on the horizon, Fisher reminds us of how war always changes us.

As one reviewer said, "Fisher and many of his American contemporaries were exposed to completely unfamiliar perspectives about issues as divergent as racial segregation and opportunities for higher education."

So long, Nancy!



For young men and women who served in the war, the experience opened a Pandora's box of opportunities for the world beyond the farms, towns and cities from which they came. All came away from the experience changed men and women.

"Millions of war veterans have not shared the most important experience of their lives with those nearest to them," Fisher said. "What was it like to leave home at 17 or 18? What was it like to be shot at? What was it like to see your buddies die and to kill another human being?"

"Conventional wisdom says that veterans find it painful to talk about combat experience. That wisdom is often wrong, or at least incomplete."

Veterans will often discuss their experiences with other veterans, but they are likely to fear that others, even their own family members, will misunderstand.

"The veteran is speaking about things that happened in a different time, a different culture," he said.

After a year in hospitals and rehabilitation, Fisher went on to earn his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees with assistance from GI bill benefits at the University of Iowa, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Wisconsin in Madison and to become an author and expert on the subject of state and local government and taxation.

He was recruited to Wichita State University in 1970 as Regents Professor of Urban and Public Affairs after 10 years at the University of Illinois.

In addition to "Not to Reason Why," Fisher is the author of six books and more than 100 articles on his specialty of public policy and taxation.

The book is available through major bookstores and online through xlibris.com, amazon.com and other booksellers.

After 17 years of service to four deans, **Nancy Dorsey** has moved to California.

As assistant to deans **Phillip Thomas**, **Skip Loper**, **David Glenn-Lewin** and **Bill Bischoff**, Nancy fulfilled many administrative and supervisory duties essential to the efficient functioning of the college. This required her involvement with candidate searches, department chair evaluations and the college tenure and promotion process.

"Nancy fulfilled her duties in a pleasant and effective manner. Her service to our office is missed," said Bill Bischoff, dean.